



## Priest Ministers

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## OLOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)

9:30am Sunday

Mon & Thurs Liturgy of Word & Communion

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:00am

## SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

## ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

## ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

## RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

## 4th Sunday of Lent—31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

### From the Pastors Desk

The impact of the massacre in Christchurch, on what had been a peaceful Friday afternoon, has been huge. Violence against innocent people is always shameful. When it is done against innocent people at prayer it is a crime that calls to heaven. The response of heaven, in Christian theology, is to look at the cross and to learn to forgive “those who sin against us”; those who “do not know what they are doing”. This is a uniquely Christian response, based in the revelation of Christ, the Son of God.

In the scriptures, we are called to forgiveness grounded in prayer. The Our Father is originally a pattern of prayer. It is a way to pray; “Lord, teach us to pray” and it is Jesus’ response.

“Father in heaven”, acknowledges the divinity of the one you are addressing. “Holy is your name” acknowledges the sacred nature of God, only God is holy. “Your kingdom come, your will be done”, speaks of God’s kingdom as the place where the will of the holy one, who is divine, is the determining driver. “Give us today the bread we need” is an awareness that we live from the mercy and the generosity of God. “Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us”, indicates that sin is ever present in human living and forgiveness, and the willingness to forgive, forms an attitude of life that brings peace and mercy to our world. “Do not put us to the test and deliver us from the evil one”, acknowledges that our sinfulness is not equivalent to the goodness of God, neither are we able to live if God abandons us to our sinful selves.

Living in a world where violence frames our thinking and our society is not new. Nowadays it is more internationalised than perhaps a century ago. The path to violence is littered with the abandonment of truth and trust. It is potholed with lies and becomes for many the normative behaviour. Generations become disinherited from their own truth and live out of the failure of previous generations to resolve their issues in adult ways. Intergenerational violence becomes the hallmark of many societies and these societies are manipulated to live in ways that support, nurture and protect the desires of the powerful to have control, and to form a world in their image and likeness.

In some situations God is used to justify violence and war. This is a manipulation of the truth of God and the manipulation of faith, the substance of religion. This reality is easily seen across the face of

the globe and it is often the substantive reason for famine, massacres of innocents, inter-tribal wars and the rejection of the refugees. The response of many people and nations is to build higher walls, both figuratively and actually, to protect, or defend themselves. The walls, while giving protection to the ones behind them signal to those on the other side a denial of love or mercy.

Mercy is not an emotion or a romantic concept, it is an attitude of living that defines and underpins a way of living and a way of responding to violence, hatred or exclusion. Mercy acknowledges that it must respond in a way that is different to the presumed responses. Mercy moves towards the sinner in more profound ways than the sinner themselves will even realise. Mercy returns the sinner to their place in the human community, and mercy challenges the onlookers, with their self-centred perspective, to think again. And if they can’t, then to realise that where mercy calls them, they cannot, yet, go.

Fr Joe

### Thanksgiving Mass

for Jacinta Cousin’s Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes School.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm Mass followed by supper.**

Jacinta Cousins has been leading our parish school for 21 years and now she’s retiring.

While we’re sad to see Jacinta go, we do this with thanksgiving for her ministry at the school in the role of Principal. It is a key role of leadership in the parish and one that we have all benefitted from.

I invite you all to celebrate this moment of transition at the 5.30pm Mass on April 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by a supper.

If you wish to contribute to a gift for Jacinta, please include an envelope, with the words “for Jacinta” in the collection basket, or in the basket at the back of the Church, or bring it to the parish office.

Jacinta’s last day is April 12<sup>th</sup> and this will conclude with an Assembly. Again, everyone is welcome to attend to acknowledge this important event.

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**Reminder of the Readers Workshop with Lynette Roberts King, today Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 3:00pm in the Church . All readers invited.**

**Citywide Reconciliation Rite 2  
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit - 11th April 7:00pm**

**LOLO Church Rite 1  
LOLO Holy Thursday 18th April—4:00pm—5:00pm**

**Lenten group in the Church foyer, Tuesdays during Lent 2:15pm-3:00pm April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners, including pre-schoolers, are welcome. Cuppa included. Ph Patricia Daws 021 023 83006.**

**Caritas Collection for the first 3 Sundays of Lent—\$911.00**

**Prayer service of peace and remembrance on Palm Sunday evening, 7:00pm at the OLOL Church for the Christchurch slain.**

**Anointing Mass at OLOL April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am and St Marys Foxton 4<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am. Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea after Mass.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Guild Next Meeting 3rd April 2:00pm Games afternoon with housie. Usual flower comps. Please remember the sales table.**

**Chant is the primal voice of prayer.** The second of 3 prayer-shops on singing chant for liturgy and prayer will be held in the Church **Wednesday 3rd April 7:00pm-8:00pm**. The prayer-shops will be an opportunity to sing and explore your voice as the primary instrument of worship and prayer. This is for those who like to sing and want to learn and experience their own voice. It is not a professional singing lesson or an audition for a choir! **The 3rd one will be Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April. Facilitator: Joe Grayland**

**Men's breakfast Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 6.45am—8.00am, OLOL meeting room.** Cereal, toast etc supplied. Come and be fed. The perfect way to start your day. All welcome. Info John Hammond 027 6887750.

#### **First Sacraments**

**Meeting for parents & children Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April after 9:30am Mass**

**First Reconciliation, 10<sup>th</sup> April 5:00pm**

**Baptism, Easter Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30am**

**First Holy Communion, June 9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday, 9:30am**

**Easter Liturgies** – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday - Sign-up sheets for each of the liturgies are now in the gathering area. Please consider volunteering for one of the ministries during this time. Thank you.

**Leaders for Children's Liturgy – Opportunity to help at the 9.30am Mass.** We need new leaders to step up and support this Sunday ministry to younger parishioners. You'll work alongside other leaders. It is open to all parishioners and we'd like high school students to help too, as well as mums and dads and grandparents to consider this. Please contact the parish office.....06 358 3667, lololpn@xtra.co.nz.

#### **ROSTERS: April 1<sup>st</sup>—7<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Cleaning:** (March 18<sup>th</sup>) Wendy Derksen and girls.

**Counters:** (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) Leigh Basile.

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Denise Bailey and Kathy Morton **9:30am** Jenny King

**Children's Liturgy:** (7<sup>th</sup>) Madeline and Colleen McHardy.

**Readers: 5:30pm** Janey Bishop, Kathy Rooney, Rosalie Connors

**9:30am** Katelyn Alexander, Alesha Alexander, Wendy Derksen.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** John Werder,

John Lynch, Hannah Brown, Monica Hammond, Raymond Jones

**9:30am** Mary Dorn, Eric and Jeanette Wright, Stephen Guy, Mary Murrow.

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Gabriel Josafat and Imogen Gallagher.

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Patricia Daws and Claire DeVito.

**Linen:** (April) Margaret Swinbourne. **Lawns:** (Mar 30<sup>th</sup>) Alan Marlow.

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** Mary O'Connor.

**SVDP Basket:** (April) Rose Semmens.

**Greeters please collect your new roster from the gathering area today. Thank you**

## **Easter Timetable**

**Palm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

5:30pm Sat Vigil Mass OLOL. 9:30am OLOL

9:00am Liturgy, Rongotea and Shannon

10:30am Mass Foxton

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00am Liturgy of Word OLOL

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

7:00pm Mass of the Oils, Cathedral

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00am Mass OLOL

**Holy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

8:15am St Peters College Walk of Faith

9:00am Prayer of the Church

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:30pm Night Prayer of the Church

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy OLOL

3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy Foxton

**Holy Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

9:00am Morning Prayer

8:30pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

9:30am Mass OLOL

9:00am Masses Rongotea and Shannon

10:30am Mass St Mary's Foxton

**Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent  
5:00pm St Mary's Ruahine St.,  
7:00pm St Columba's Ashhurst.**



**Our St Vinnie's Shop is busy, busy, busy!** Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated their goods and time. We are in need of some more volunteers who can assist with lifting and sorting the items donated to our shop. Previous retail experience is not required; strong communication skills, a desire to help people, and an appreciation of different cultures is all you need. **We also need books, lots of books! Have you got any you would like to donate? Please drop them in to the St Vinnies Shop, 248 Rangitikei St. We are open from 10:00am.**



**Care Alliance.org.nz:** iCare pins for sale after each Mass today. \$10.00 Each. i-Care is the Care Alliance's major information campaign featuring short videos of 20 New Zealanders who share their disability, palliative care, medical and legal perspectives highlighting the risks and fallacies of the End of Life Choice Bill.

**Are you a post under-graduate age 22-35ish??** Young Catholic Professionals in PN gather monthly to socialise, network, build community and share faith and life. If you are interested, contact Nick Wilson Young Adult chaplain 021822814.

**Jesus4Real Senior Camp, Year 11-13, Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>—Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Junior camp year 8-10, October 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Registrations <http://www.jesus4real.org.nz/>

**Are you 15 years old or older & want to be Confirmed this year?** Please contact Taus McClutchie [tmclutchie@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:tmclutchie@pndiocese.org.nz) or 021509439.

**Are you a Massey student or staff?** Massey Mass for 12:05pm on Wednesday at the Centre, followed by a delicious hot lunch! All welcome! Pancake Night from 7pm Wednesday at the Centre too! Passionist Youth Retreat 8-11 July Passionist Young Adult Retreat 12-14 July To register [paulandlinda@gmail.com](mailto:paulandlinda@gmail.com) or 022 6826004

#### **Readings 7th April**

**Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11**

**We Pray for the Sick:** Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Sheila Evans, Vinnie Carroll, Tony Keenan, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Michael Eades, Joan Lambourne, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Louis Heynen, Michael Quirk, Colin Quirk, Gary Meyer, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.