



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: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

EUCARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—3rd March 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1

Ash Wednesday Masses—6th March

OLOL 10:00am and 7:00pm

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

7:30am, 12:05pm and 7:00pm

St Mary's 9:00am and 12:00pm

St Mary's Foxton 7pm



Oranga Tamariki, National day of Prayer for Children.

Today we pray for our children. Help us to support and encourage families and communities in the love and protection of their children. May children everywhere grow up feeling accepted, safe and loved. Amen.



“Living our Lives with Love”

Te noho tahi me te aroha – Pope Francis

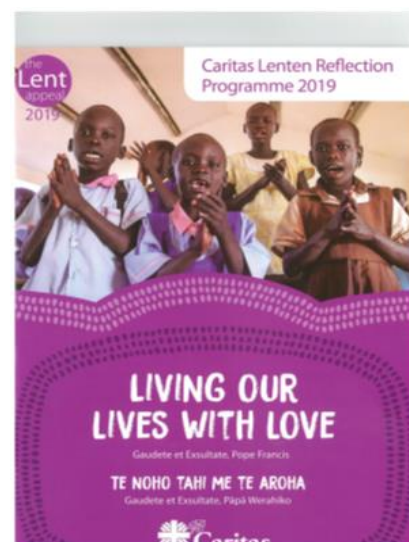
The theme for Lent 2019 reflects on new beginnings, patience, compassion, mercy and love.

2019 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.



You are invited

to a Lenten group in the Church foyer,

Tuesdays during Lent
2:15pm-3:00pm. March

12th - April 9th.

All parishioners, including pre-schoolers, are welcome.

Come once or every time. Cuppa included.

Ph Patricia Daws

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First Sacraments

This year we will combine all the sacrament preparation into the Lent/Easter Season and prepare everyone together.

Preparation meetings will be after Masses, twice a month.

This links the preparation to Sunday Mass and community.

Meeting next Sunday 10th March after Mass in the Church

Key Dates to keep free:

- **First Reconciliation April 10th at 5:00pm.**
- **Baptism, Easter Vigil (20th April) beginning at 8.30pm or Easter Sunday (21st April) Morning Mass, 9:30am**
- **First Holy Communion, Pentecost Sunday, 9th June, 9:30am.**
- **Children's ministry Mass, June 23rd.**

Please sign up in the gathering area or contact the parish office. Thank you.

Each year Caritas sends material to Catholic schools for children to work through lessons and workbooks (Year Group appropriate).

These resources are also available on the Caritas website (caritas.org.nz). If your children are not attending a Catholic school and you would like to have these lesson/worksheet resources please contact the Parish Office and we will print them for you.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs have been distributed today at Mass.

You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option.

NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2019 will be sent receipts for the 2018/2019 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2019/2020 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.”

There are some copies available of the Pope's Lenten message in the gathering area today. If we run out just contact the office and we will print some more out.

THE PLACE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN A CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

The ritual place of Christian initiation contains more than just a font. It is also the place of the oils and the community. Indeed, the Rite of Baptism's first consideration is the gathering of the community. The photo (left) shows a font in Gleisdorf, Austria,



installed in 17th century church. The priest is in the font and holds the baby aloft. Although there is no single, explicit liturgical directive that directs where the place of initiation is to be located within the church building, there are several key liturgical principles that can guide our decision-making:

1. active or actual participation of the community during initiation;
2. the relationship of the font to the mensa Domini (eucharistic table) and the mensa-Verbi-Dei (table of the Word);
3. the capacity of the font for *immersio* or immersion of adults;
4. the desire for living, flowing water and;
5. *transitus* or movement into the font and out the other side.

These principles constitute a theology of initiation that should guide us in our design and construction. The design is primarily for adults and young people, capable of saying their "yes" to baptism. This is the paradigm of Christian Initiation. In the photo below-left the priest is again in the font with the catechumen. In this way the priest acts *in persona Christi*, but this time as quasi mid-wife to the new person.



FONTS FOR ADULTS, INFANTS AND A HOLY WATER STOOP

Fonts need to facilitate three functions: 1) adult baptism, 2) infant baptism and 3) a place for holy water us to bless ourselves, which is why the font, at the entrance, also function as the holy water stoop. In a perfect world there would be one font. However, practical issues call for more and this means two or more containers of water within the one font. Therefore, the font design needs to express the unity of baptism and integrate the several water containers in a single font. Thus,

the word **font** comes to express, and to name the whole structure, not just the containers for water.

It is usual for baptism of infants to be done through pouring water over their heads or by sitting them in one of the containers of water. Baptism in this way is often a richer experience than pouring water carefully over the head of a fully clothed baby or infant. It seems odd to have all the language of washing, new birth, and not get wet! Normally people don't take baths, or go swimming, fully dressed.



Running water is also a key element of baptismal symbolism because it speaks of life, whereas captured water is dead water. Flowing water or water bubbling in the font is a sign of the life-giving waters of Christ himself.



Captured water was a big thing in the middle ages and so the lid of the font was developed as an innovation to keep the Easter Water clean during the year. This led to an also magic-like quality to the water, rather than see the water as living and available when it was needed, as we do now. The practical issue of keeping the holy water clean is still with us and can be solved through a simple reticulation process. There are many symbols that can be associated with the font and running living water is the key one!

Below is a proposed design for the parish presented by the working group and constructed for our information and feedback. The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will also review this before we can construct it.



PLACEMENT OF THE BAPTISMAL SPACE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

The proposed font has a lower container for adults and children and a top container for infant baptism and holy water. The two containers are encased in a single form and clad to show that they are one unit. The tower will house the water system that will reticulate water in the upper container and fill the lower container. This means that all the plumbing and control is in the one place. The inside of the bottom container will be lined fibreglass.

The outside will be clad in fibreglass. The lower container will probably have lid made of rimu when not in use and open during special occasions. The upper container will be large enough for baptism and be able to have a water reticulation system installed in it.

The oval shape is an ancient feminine form and represents the womb of the Holy Mother Church, an ancient concept of Christian belief. It also seems a very appropriate shape for

a parish dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

The proposed font is smaller and lower than the previous one. The lower container is 500mm deep, 800mm wide and 1.2 meters long. The placement of the upper container closer to the doors will enable greater visibility from the church for baptisms, and its height, position and size will make it easier to gather around the font, carry out caskets, and give visibility from the Gathering Area.



Similar to St Joseph's Hawera (left) our baptismal space is just within the main liturgical space and linked to the gathering space through clear glass walls, which enable the gathering space to be used as an overflow area for the main church. The placement of the font at the entrance to the liturgical space has been retained because it expresses entrance, welcome and new beginnings.

Decoration is important and we need to look at this. In the font (right) the four gospels are represented.

We have preserved as many of the Maori motif tiles designed by Jim Gresham and these will be used in the baptismal area. The decoration of the glass wall between the Gathering Space and the font area contains a reference to the Manawatu River.

Baptism is the sacrament of entry in to the Church and Eucharist is the sacrament of participation in the life of the Church. The font expresses our commitment to the values of Christ, to the Gospel and to God's work or liturgy of salvation.

Each time we come to Mass and bless ourselves we recall our baptismal commitment to actively participate in the salvation of all. We commit to forming a community of welcome and fellowship for all people and to live with faith, hope and love.

Baptism is never a private event or an individual event. At the beginning the priest claims the person for Christ our saviour by the sign of the cross. The person is no longer for themselves, they are for Christ.



I hope you have enjoyed these reflections as much as I have enjoyed writing them.

Fr Joe

**Celebrating 25 years of
Passionist Family Groups at OLOL**
Sunday 10th March 9:30am Mass followed by a
picnic and games in the school grounds or in the hall
if it is raining. Colouring competition sheets are available
today.....please return them next week at the picnic.

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild Next meeting 6th March at 1:30pm
Speaker Fr Joe Grayland on his trip to
Jerusalem and Bethlehem.
Usual flower comps. Craft a small posy bowl.
All welcome - afternoon tea served!

Font donations

We have received financial donations totalling \$6,700.00 and the offer of an old pew from the church for the new font. I wish to acknowledge these gifts and thank the donors on behalf of the parish.

OLOL has launched a new Facebook page!!!!
Check it out and..... Like us on Facebook

Public Address by Raymond De Souza 'The culture of death and the Gospel of Life' PN Cathedral—Tuesday 5th March 7:00pm. Full details on the notice board in the gathering area.

Shining Stars 9:30am Thursday 7th March Cathedral Lounge for parents and pre-schoolers from around the city.

St Mary's Church, PN—24 Hours for the Lord Friday 8th March:
Theme for 2019 is "Day of prayer and penance for victims of abuse and violence". **Reconciliation Rite I—9:30am to 11:00am Friday.**

Leaders of Liturgies of Word with Communion.

When: Sunday March 10th 2019

Where: OLOL Church, 96 Shamrock Street, Palmerston North

Time: 4pm to 6pm ending with a simple shared pot-luck meal to follow – bring a (full) plate!

Who: This workshop is for Leaders of liturgies of the Word and Communion in the parishes of Manawatu and Taranaki. It is for those who already have experience leading worship and wish to hone these skills and offer their insights. It is also for those who are wanting to develop these skills or have been asked to be leaders of Liturgy.

Content: The workshop has two parts: First, the theology of the baptised and their role in ministry within the Assembly; and second, the practical issues of leading the Assembly though modelling a liturgy itself.

This workshop is part one-of-a-two-part process. The second workshop is a follow-up to discuss the logistics and practicalities.

Readings 10th March
Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13.

ROSTERS: March 4th—10th

Church Cleaning: (March 4th) Linda Darbyshire and Ann Nation.

Counters: (March 5th) Leigh Basile. **Flowers:** No flowers during Lent.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Catherine and Tom Edwards 9:30am Jenny King.

Children's Liturgy: (3rd) Children's Mass (10th) Narelle O'Connor

Readers: 5:30pm Kath Rooney, Rosalie Connors, Janey Bishop
9:30am Diane Baucke, Martin Boyle, Helena Pedley.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm John Werder, John Lynch, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Cecily Finucane 9:30am Mary Dom, Clare Cole, Colette O'Connor, Julia Sissons, Eileen O'Connor.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Tyler and Madison Gilberd.

Hospitality: 9:30am Dianne Jordan and Susan Ingram.

Linen: (March) Maureen Murphy

Lawns: (Mar 2nd) Kevin Long.

Religious Goods Cabinet: Diane Baucke.

SVDP Basket: (March) Rose Semmens.

Diocesan Youth Team news

- We welcome Line Vailua as the new Te Ahi Kaa Co-ordinator. If you are a new tertiary student to the Manawatu or a young, post-secondary school adult, 18+, we would love to hear from you vailua@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 811148 or Nick Wilson, Tertiary and Young Adult Chaplain Manawatu nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021 822814.
- Academic Mass 3rd March, 6:00pm @The Cathedral. The Te Ahi Kaa Community will be commissioned and there will be a special blessing for those in our community who are lecturers or students this academic year. All welcome.
- Te Ahi Kaa Inaugural Gathering – Ever wondered about Te Ahi Kaa? 10th March after 6:00pm Mass come on over and meet the community, see the space we use for welcome, hospitality and formation of our young adult Catholic community.

Heading off to university in a new town? Check out this link with all the welcome events for each New Zealand university!

www.pndiocese.org.nz/tertiary2019. There are tertiary chaplains who are there to welcome you & support you in this new chapter of your life!! If you need any help, or have any further questions, please contact the PN Catholic Tertiary Chaplain at nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or 021822814.



All citywide PFG members (and Parishioners interested in Passionist Family Groups)

You are invited to a fabulous opportunity to deepen your knowledge about PFGs, belonging, and living Life more purposefully.

Come to Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St for 9.30am Mass, followed by morning tea and interesting sessions in the OLOL hall on Sunday 5th May – led by Fr Brian Traynor (from Australia).
Activities and care will be provided for children of attendees.

Please bring a plate to share for lunch on 5th May. Contact Jenny with any questions. Please confirm your attendance by 30th April to Jenny on 027 4187 906 or email doidgefamilly@xtra.co.nz.

Interested in attending Oberammergau Passion Play 2020? There is still room on Monsignor Bell's tour in June 2020 but tickets to the play need to be booked now. I have a small group of 14 people but if others interested there is place for 2 – 3 others. But be quick.

E. mondbell@gmail.com or ph 021 257 6771.
In "Welcom" this month this and Fr. Chris Friel's tour slightly later in year is advertised.



WelCom

- Cardinal John Dew's directive and pastoral letter to Archdiocesan parishes about a 'radical review of priorities'
- Bishop Charles Drennan – 'From Facebook profiles to loving Communion'
- Summit of Safeguarding in Rome.

Pick up your free copy today

We Pray for the Sick: Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Fr Peter Carde sm, Sheila Evans, Vinnie Carroll, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, 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.

**Please remember in your prayers parishioners
who have recently died**
Vicky Ormsby

Mass has been offered for
Ron Gleeson