



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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LOL MASSES
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)
8:00am & 10:00am
Mon—Sat 10:00am
RECONCILIATION
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

EUCARIST ADORATION
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm
RONGOTEĀ MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm



Fifth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1



Psalm Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

FR VAUGHAN ABSENT FROM THE PARISH
Tue 16th to Wed 24th May attending his Master's Graduation in Washington DC. If you are in need of a priest please contact Fr Manoj or Fr Robin at St Mary's: Ph 358 5614. **Weekday and Sunday Mass times are as normal.**

TAX RECEIPTS Please check the box in the foyer as there may be a receipt for your donations to Planned Giving or St Peter's College Assistance Fund. Any questions regarding these please contact the office from Tues 16th May.

AED TRAINING for parish first aiders: Tuesday 6th June, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the church foyer. **Please note change of date.**

NEXT LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 6th June at 5:15pm.

LOL ANOINTING MASS will take place Wednesday 31st May at 2:00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

For those enrolled in the Sacramental Programme, classes begin this month:

Wed 24th May, 6:30pm
Wed 31st May, 6:30pm
Wed 7th June, 6:30pm
Thurs 15th June, 6:30pm (practise)
Sun 18th June, 10:00am Mass (reception)

CONFIRMATION

Sessions During May

- 14th May 4:00pm-6:00pm
- 28th May 3:00pm-6:00pm Sponsor/Candidate Retreat.

All at the Diocesan Centre and followed by Mass at the Cathedral. Please remember to register online before the next session at <https://goo.gl/forms/cci51HyfBl8q6kDm2>

NEXT YOUTH-LED MASS

6pm, May 28, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Practises will be in the week beforehand. If you are available and interested to help with music, reading or other parts of the liturgy, please contact Kathleen 021 509 436.

SEEKERS @ ST PETER'S COLLEGE

If you attend St Peter's College and you would like to learn more about being Baptised, and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and

First Holy Communion get hold of Lucy 021 509 439 or inglel@stpetererson.school.nz and tell her you would like to join the Seekers Programme which is starting in week five this term. Classes are held during school time, Sacraments are celebrated in your local Parish.

PASSIONIST RETREATS

Youth Retreat –15-18 yrs, Monday 11th-Thursday 13th July, Camp Rangi Woods Pohangina, cost \$90. **"Progress not perfection – who am I? In relation to others? In relation to God?"** Contact Norma Bellamy 027 869 8423
Young Adult – 18-30yrs, Friday 14th-Sun 16th July, Magnificat Community, Featherston, cost \$120. **"Discover and grow in your giftedness with friends."** Facilitated by Tim McDade from Passionist Young Adult Formation Programmes, Brisbane. Contact Nick Wilson 027 354 6171

UNITY SINGERS VARIETY CONCERT

Sunday 11th June, 1:30pm. Regent Theatre, PN. Free admission.

SYRO MALABAR MASS IN ENGLISH

All Parishioners are invited to attend a Syro – Malabar Rite Mass at 6.30pm on Friday 26 May at St Brigid's, Feilding. Founded in Kerala, India by the Apostle Thomas, these Catholics speak Malayalam and worship as one of the 22 Eastern Rites in full communion with the Roman Rite to which most Catholics in New Zealand belong. The Mass on this occasion will have the prayers in English with the Malayalam songs' translation up on the power point. This is a special opportunity to encounter another way of being Catholic and experiencing the rich spiritual and liturgical heritage of the ancient faith which unites us. The Mass will be approximately one hour and a quarter long.

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY

St Patrick's Branch 400 First Quarterly Meeting followed by AGM: 5:30pm, Monday 15th May, in the Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Ave, PN. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, (06) 3577844 or kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Please call Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office. No request is too big or too small.

CATHOLIC RADIO Sundays 9am Access Radio Manawatu 999HzAM

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7.

JOSHUA MEN'S GROUP next meeting Tuesday 16th May, 7pm St Mary's Church Foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Supper to follow. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 www.joshua.org.nz

THE ROSMINIAN COMMUNITY at Palmerston North would like to invite you for an introductory programme to know Rosmini and his spirituality on 14th May at 5:30pm in St Mary's Presbytery. All welcome.

PRO-LIFE FACTS Three political parties have signalled their intentions to "liberalise" (decriminalise) abortion: Greens, Labour and Act. The Conservative party has an unshakeable respect for human life, therefore the Conservatives' policy is to modify, not repeal the present abortion law, which does provide important safeguards. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz



ST VINNIES SHOP NEWS The reorganised Main Shop was opened on Thursday morning by Bishop Owen Dolan, Spiritual Director for St Vincent de Paul. The Main Shop now sells: Furniture, "Collectables, Clothing, Linen, Books, Kitchenware etc. and has a special area for children. Come and see our new layout.

We Pray for the Sick: Thelma Basile, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Vinnie Carroll, Joan Lambourne, Liam Stone, Graeme Younger, Marie Wenman, Aileen Ryan, Helen Taylor, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune, Katherine Denby, Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Marie Hubbard, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson, Peggy O'Donoghue & Paul Hughes.

Died Recently

Pat Murphy & Joseph Ang

Anniversaries

William Leslie

Requiescant in Pace

Pope Francis 'On Mary, Mother of Hope'

'We are not orphans: we have a Mother in Heaven, who is the Holy Mother of God' - [ZENIT](#)

This morning's General Audience (10th May) was held at 9:25 in St. Peter's Square, where the Holy Father Francis met with groups of pilgrims and faithful from Italy and from all over the world.

Taking up again the series of catechesis on Christian hope, in his address in Italian the Pope reflected on the theme: "The Mother of Hope" (Cf. John 19:25-27).

After summarizing his catechesis in several languages, the Holy Father expressed special greetings to groups of faithful present.

The General Audience ended with the singing of the Pater Noster and the Apostolic Blessing.

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In our itinerary of catechesis on Christian hope, today we look at Mary, Mother of hope. Mary went through more than one night in her path as Mother. From her first appearance in the history of the Gospels, her figure stands out as if she were the personage of a drama. It was not simple to answer the Angel's invitation with a "yes": yet she, a woman still in the flower of youth, answered courageously, despite not knowing anything of the destiny that awaited her. In that instant, Mary appears to us as one of the many mothers of our world, courageous to the end when it is about receiving in their womb the story of a new man that is born.

That "yes" is the first step of a long list of obedience — long list of obedience! — that will accompany her itinerary as mother. Thus, Mary appears in the Gospels as a silent woman, who often does not understand all that is happening around her, but who meditates every word and every event in her heart.

In this disposition, there is a very beautiful [demonstration] of Mary's psychology: she is not a woman who gets depressed in face of the uncertainties of life, especially when nothing seems to go the right way. Nor is she even a woman who protests violently, who inveighs against the destiny of a life that often reveals itself with a hostile face. Instead, she is a woman who listens: do not forget that there is always a great relation between hope and listening, and Mary is a woman who listens. Mary accepts existence just as it is given to us, with its happy days, but also with its tragedies, which we would never have wanted to come across — until Mary's supreme night, when her Son is nailed to the wood of the cross.

Until that day, Mary almost disappeared from the plot of the Gospels: the sacred writers let this slow eclipsing of her presence be understood, her remaining silent before the mystery of a Son who obeys the Father. However, Mary reappears precisely at the crucial moment, when a good part of the friends

vanished out of fear. Mothers do not betray and, at that instant, at the foot of the cross, no one of us can say which was the most cruel passion: that of an innocent man who dies on the gibbet of the cross, or the agony of a mother who accompanies the last instants of the life of her son. The Gospels are laconic and extremely discreet. They record with a simple verb the Mother's presence: she "was" (John 19:25), she was. They say nothing of her reaction, if she was weeping, if she was not weeping . . . nothing; not even a brush stroke to describe her sorrow: on these details the imagination of poets and painters would then venture, giving us images that have entered in the history of art and of literature. But the Gospels only tell us: she "was." She was there, in the most awful moment, in the cruellest moment, and she suffered with her Son. "Was" Mary "was," she was simply there. Behold her

again, the young woman of Nazareth, now with greying hair with the passing of the years, still struggling with a God who must only be embraced, and with a life that has reached the threshold of the densest darkness. Mary "was" in the densest darkness, but she "was." She did not go away. Mary is there, faithfully present, every time that a lighted candle must be held in a place of mist and fog. She does not even know the destiny of resurrection that her Son at the moment was opening for all of us men: she is there out of fidelity to God's plan, of whom she proclaimed herself handmaid on the first day of her vocation, but also because of her mother's instinct, who simply suffers, every time there is a son who goes through a passion. The sufferings of mothers: we have all known strong women, who have faced so many sufferings of their children!

We will find her again on the first day of the Church, she, Mother of hope, in the midst of that



community of such frail disciples: one had denied, many fled, all were afraid (Cf. Acts 1:14). But she was simply there, in the most normal of ways, as if it were an altogether natural thing: in the first Church enveloped by the light of the Resurrection, but also by the tremors of the

first steps that it must take in the world.

For this, we all love her as Mother. We are not orphans: we have a Mother in Heaven, who is the Holy Mother of God. Because she teaches us the virtue of waiting, even when everything appears nonsensical: she is always confident in the mystery of God, even when He seems to eclipse Himself because of the evil in the world. In moments of difficulty may Mary, the Mother that Jesus gave all of us, always be able to support our steps, always be able to say to our heart: "Rise! Look ahead, look at the horizon," because she is Mother of hope. Thank you.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings May 21st: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

ROSTERS: May

Church Cleaning: (May 15th) Eileen O'Connor and Mary O'Connor

Counting: Leigh Basile

Flowers: Mary Dorn

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Jeanette Currie and Fiona O'Leary

8am Barrie England and Olympia Green 10am Josie Conlon.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Kerry Hocquard and Paddy Clifford 8am Brian Wilkinson and Kath Rooney 10am Patria Kerr and Barney & Isobelle O'Connor.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm Pat Curran, Hannah Brown, Prue Smith, Denis Jones, Denise Bailey

8am Kieran McCormack, Raymond Jones, Judy Nixon 10am Brendon O'Connor, Paul Darbyshire, Julia Sissons, Mary O'Connor, Mary Dorn.

Altar Servers: 10am Jordan Brown and Maggie Field.

Children's Liturgy: Donna Brown

Hospitality: 10am Patria Kerr and Patricia Daws

Religious Goods/Library: Diane Baucke.

Linen: Judith Wall.

Lawns: Raymond Jones (20th May).