



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



6th Sunday of Easter Sunday

26th May 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2-9 June 2019

Dear friends

This week we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The unity of Christian churches is not usually something that is top in our minds in our daily lives. We tend to focus our time and energy within our own faith community.

Over the last 100 years there have been startling developments in the movement of the Christian churches towards one another. There are doctrinal differences, and differences in styles of worship and prayer. But compared to the animosity of previous centuries, we have made huge strides in learning to work together, especially in assisting the disadvantaged and in joint worship.

The Week of Prayer extends until Pentecost Sunday next weekend. You may have the opportunity to take part in an ecumenical service in your area - don't miss that opportunity. You can use the Eight Days of Prayer for Christian Unity leaflet (www.catholic.org.nz) for personal prayer or in a group, or simply pray in your own way for unity. Consider a practical action, for example, making contact with someone from another denomination, maybe just for a cup of coffee. Other Christians are just like us, followers of Jesus Christ, committed to his way, his truth and his life.

No action is too small in the work of promoting Christian unity. Our small actions are often multiplied by the Holy Spirit in amazing ways.

John A Cardinal Dew

Archbishop of Wellington

Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism

Please note there are resources available at the parish office for personal or group prayer during Christian Unity Week. If you would like to arrange a group prayer session in the church or your home, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Dear Everyone,

As many of you will have heard Mons Brian Walsh, our Vicar General, some days ago had what was described as a 'cardiac event' while returning from his holiday in South Africa. He collapsed at Sydney Airport and was taken to St George's hospital which is a teaching hospital with a very good reputation relatively near to the airport.

Tests have shown that deep vein thrombosis caused two blood clots to travel to his lungs and this in turn impacted negatively on his heart. Mons Brian is still in intensive care and further tests need to be undertaken to determine how the heart has been affected. In the meantime, the tubes have been removed from his mouth and he is now able to sit up in a chair and chat. His brother Michael assures me that his humour has returned too and the quips are flowing freely!

Many messages of prayer and care have come into my office and into the Cathedral parish office and elsewhere. Thank you very much for these and please do continue to keep Mons Brian in your prayers. I intend to fly to Sydney for a couple of days myself to see Brian and to hear first-hand from the Doctors how progress is likely to unfold.

This news came as a big shock to all of us but things are now tracking in a positive direction. Thanks be to God.

+ Charles

Up From the Waters. A one-day retreat for men.

Led by Fr Joe Grayland and Fr Robin Kurian.

Covering: Baptismal Spirituality and Calling, Adult Faith, and Discernment of Spirits.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St, Palmerston North.

Saturday 27th July 8am to 6.30 pm. Koha on the day to cover costs. Hosted by Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship PN.

Registrations and or enquires to John Hammond

jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com

(Please see the poster on our notice board)

Fr Joe is away on Retreat from Sunday PM 26th May until Saturday PM June 1st. Mons David Bell at the Cathedral and Fr Robin Kurian at St Mary's will be looking after the Pastoral needs of the city during this time. Please contact the Cathedral 357 2891 or St Mary's 358 5614 in an emergency.

Marian Month Friday 31st May is the feast of the Visitation.

First Holy Communion June 9th, Pentecost Sunday, is a great day and we'll celebrate with families and those receiving Communion for the first time. Please mark it in your diaries and come along. All parishioners are welcome to bring a plate of food or a bottle of drink to share.

Cards and gifts for First Holy Communion will be available from the religious goods cabinet from next Sunday.

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild Annual Meeting Wednesday 5th June at 1.30pm in the Gathering Area. Usual flower competitions and please remember your booties for the craft table. All welcome.

HELP PLEASE The friendly Hospitality team has sadly dwindled and we are in urgent need of more volunteers to serve tea and coffee after Sunday Mass each week. If you have a spare 45 minutes and would like to join us please contact Dianne Jordan 356 9333 or the Parish Office 358 3667.

Passionist Family Groups Anyone young, old, family or on your own, who would like to join a new group in the next couple of weeks and have not yet completed a form, please give Mary Dorn a call on 329 6816 leave a message with your name and phone number and I will get back to you in two weeks time.

We will welcome St Peter's Students and the Chapel Band to the parish on Saturday evening, 15th June at 5.30pm Mass.

Sunday June 23rd Children and School Mass (9.30am) On this Sunday we have the children's ministry mass – they will look after all the ministries. This is a school mass as well and we will welcome our new Principal, Caroline Deazley-Gilligan. It is an opportunity to meet the school staff and the children too!

A member of our parish is discerning the call to Religious Life. Please keep this person and their discernment in your prayers over the next three months.

With the changes to the Mass times at OLOL there was an option for a review after one year. We have now reached that point in time. The review sheets are available in the gathering area today.

St Mary's Easter banner Thanks to Dianne Baucke who kindly agreed to make St Mary's a new Easter banner when the old one became threadbare. It is beautiful and helping us to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Great to have city-wide support!

ROSTERS: May 28th—June 2nd

Church Cleaning: (May 27th) Jeanette and Lance Iwikau.

Counters: (May 28th) Leigh Basile.

Flowers: (May 25th/26th) Ann O'Hara and Judy Walker.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Denise Bailey and Kathy Morton
9:30am Ans Haakman

Children's Liturgy: (June 2nd) Madeline & Colleen McHardy, Donna Brown
Readers: 5:30pm Kath Rooney, Rosalie McCann, Caroline Gilligan

9:30am Maree O'Donoghue, Diane Baucke, Jeanette Iwikau.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm John Werder, Brendon O'Connor, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Cecily Finucane
9:30am Colette O'Connor, Clare Cole, Rose Semmens, Mary Dom, Kyra Tikitiki.

Altar Servers: 9:30am TBA

Hospitality: 9:30am Patricia Daws and Claire Devito.

Linen: (May) Dorothy Crombie **Lawns:** Alan Marlow

Religious Goods Cabinet: Diane Baucke.

SVDP Basket: (May) Barney O'Connor.

Te Hakarameta o te Whakapumautanga - CONFIRMATION

There is a whanau information evening for the Confirmation Programme on today, Sunday the 26th May, from 4pm-6pm at the Diocesan Centre for parents, caregivers and candidates. Even come along if you are still discerning whether or not you'll be a part of it. Dates for the whole programme are on a green poster in the Parish Foyer. <http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/manawatu-confirmation>

Junior Youth Group called Friends of Francis or FOF which ranges from years 6-9, the next meeting will be on Friday 7th June 5:30pm-7pm at the Diocesan Centre. Come dressed as a symbol of the Holy Spirit and bring a friend!

Senior Youth Group called the Manawatu Mokos is from years 9-13; the next meeting is on Friday the 21st of June 7pm-9pm at the Diocesan Centre. **The theme of the night will be "Seeking"**

Te Ahi Kaa Young Adults Community:

Discussion on the TRUE MEANING OF EASTER, Sun 26th May at TAK from 4pm. **No event on Sun 2 June due to Queens Holiday.**

Passionist Young Adults Retreat: 18-30 yrs. 14-16 July. Magnificat Community Featherston, cost \$140. Funding provided.

Register online - <https://www.passionistretreats.co.nz/upcoming-retreats/>
Any questions, contact either the organizers Paul & Linda Darbyshires on 022 682 6004. Nick Wilson 021 822 814 or Line Vailua 021811148.

Commission for Justice Peace & Development: The JPD Strategic Hui will be held on Sunday July 14 in the Diocesan Centre from 11-2pm. The Hui is available to anyone who would like to provide input into the JPD's strategic goals for the next three years. Whether it be on housing issues, fair pay, support for refugees, end of life issues, the role of the Church in promoting Catholic Social Teaching and so on. Please bring a plate.
Contact Josh Chandulal-Mackay 027 548 4999 or Line Vailua 021811148.

Protect vulnerable people: Say NO to the euthanasia Bill

If you haven't already signed your name to the petition rejecting David Seymour's Euthanasia Bill, we ask that you consider visiting this link and recording your opposition to it.

<https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/protect-vulnerable-people-say-no-to-the-euthanasia-bill.html>

The euthanasia Bill is fundamentally flawed and dangerous. There are no effective safeguards that can adequately protect vulnerable people from coercion and wrongful deaths. If more than one person in your household would like to sign the petition this is allowed, but each person needs to use a different device (PC, Mac, tablet, phone, etc).

To use Pope Francis' term, 'get off your couch' and be pro-active in building the New Zealand we all want. Last chance now.

Readings 2nd June—The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

OLOL Prayer Chain please phone Eileen O'Connor 329 1801 with your prayer requests.

We Pray for the Sick: Mons Brian Walsh, 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, Gary Meyer, Mary Jefferies, Evie Feierabend, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune.

Mass Intentions

Mass has been offered for John Hocquard, brother of Paul and Kerry Hocquard.