



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



3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday

5th May 2019 Year C / Weekdays Year 1



From the Pastor's Desk

The Third Sunday of Easter focusses our attention again, as it should, on the resurrection. The scene of the fishermen-disciples at the Sea of Tiberius is akin to a group of friends at Lake Taupo who, after a seismic event in their lives go back to what they know best. In this instance fishing. They're all at a loose-end and without the direction of the Master amongst them they've returned to the safe place and, for most of them, the place where they had been called to discipleship.

Into this familiar scene comes Jesus, the maker of breakfast! It is a delightful presentation of the servant-master. Not foot-washing today, but breakfast making; a pot of coffee, a hearty breakfast and, in the midst of this the divinity of God. It is so wonderfully ordinary and so divinely human. This interplay of revelation, resurrection, food, work, vocation and ordinariness is important for us who believe. While we search for God in the extraordinary God finds us in the ordinary!

The breakfast continues the food, feeding and dining motifs of scripture. These are the key motifs of the ministry of Jesus because they are instances of fellowship. The meals are the pastoral work of Jesus, it is how the Jesus of the scriptures connects with people. It is not the only way, but it is the principle way. Jesus continually invites people into relationship with him as a person, through the medium of the shared meal.

"As once for the disciples, so now for us, he breaks the bread and shares the cup of blessing" (Eucharistic Prayer for Occasions) captures it beautifully. The invitation to breakfast on the shore, the invitation to Mass today, the invitation to some one's home later for coffee, brunch or dinner is all a moment of fellowship.

Though, as once for the disciples and now for us, the invitation is to care for the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock. This command to Peter, as representative of the twelve is bound to the invitation to love. Love is the heart of service, wherever that service may be given. The vocation to love is often not considered, but it is a fundamental element of the vocation to Christianity. Christians who profess Christianity without love of neighbour profess an empty Christianity.

Love draws one to serve and there is a price to be paid for this type of love. Parents often know this price as they let go of their children in love, so that the child may become an adult. To love another person is to accept the consequence of that love, no matter what happens; it is to accept the truth that one cannot experience the call to love another person and then walk away from them, without thought, when hard times hit. The consequence of love is being connected to the beloved irrespective of what happens. Wherever the beloved goes, the lover's love is there with them.

When the lover is God and you are God's beloved, the relationship is

created in the life and giving of God, of which you are the recipient. As the beloved of God, the loved person is the beneficiary of everything God does. The beloved of God will discover themselves to be accompanied throughout life by God in generous and life-giving ways; in ways that are ordinary and often nonintrusive. God, the lover, isn't the problem solver or the "dial-a-friend" for the hard times. No, the hard work of growing up and developing in wisdom, faith and knowledge is our task. We can't just pray more prayers or go to more masses, as if this alone will solve all our problems, we also have to go fishing, we have to engage with the community, we have to work for the blessings of others, we have to serve.

In giving, we receive; in listening, we hear; in working, we rest; in loving we are loved.

Joe Grayland

E te wharekarakia.

E te Kura o te Matou Wahine O Ruata

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

To the church

To OLOL school

Greetings to you all

Ko ngā titira o te Moana te pae maunga Ko Mawhera te
awe Ko Mawhera te kainga

My mother's family comes from the West
Coast of the South Island

Ko Del tōku mama

My mother's name is Del

Ko Russell tōku hoa rangitira

My husband's name is
Russell (25 years!)

Ko Matthew rāua ko Joshua ōku tamariki

We have two sons, Matthew and Joshua

Ko Caroline ahau

I am Caroline

Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Musta, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Mālō ni, Greetings to you all...

It is so lovely to be here at Our Lady of Lourdes. It was 20 years ago that I was here teaching as a part time teacher under the care of our wonderful Mrs Cousins. It is an absolute privilege to be the next servant leader moving our school into a 21st century learning environment. There is a feeling of returning home to the Mercy Charism as I had attended St Bernadette's school and Villa Maria College in Christchurch and then John Paul II in Greymouth. For the last twenty years I have been working in Catholic education in Fielding, the Diocesan Centre, and for the last three years as principal at St Joseph's in Levin.

I am looking forward to being part of this parish and will enjoy meeting with you all over the coming weeks ahead. Together let us be

"The compass...goes round its circle without stirring from its centre. Now our centre is God from whom all our actions should spring as from their source." Catherine McAuley

Blessings to you all

Caroline Gilligan

May is the month of Mary, our Lady. Mary is known by many names and titles, The Mother of God, the Seat of Good Counsel, the Comfort of the Sick. In all this she is also our Patroness, and we ask her prayers for our pastoral communities.



First Eucharist sessions begin for children and parents on May 5th after 9:30am Mass sessions on Sessions 2—19th May and Session 3—2nd June. First Communion will be celebrated on 9th June, Pentecost Sunday at 9:30am Mass.

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.

Font The new font is being finished and will be installed for Pentecost. The original joiner wasn't able to finish the font before Easter. We had to find another joiner and decided not to rush the work. The temporary font will be removed shortly. Thanks for your support and patience. Joe

UPDATE Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Working Bee and to the Easter preparation and celebrations. This weekend the Passionist Family Movement are celebrating in the parish at the 9.30am Mass and afterwards as well. All welcome.

Christian Initiation This weekend will mark the 19th baptism in the two parishes with new members for Rongotea, Foxton and OLOL. Thanks to everyone for making the Easter Sundays so rich and blessed.

In the coming weeks we have the prayers for Vocation and the collection for the Seminary May 12th, Ascension Sunday June 2nd and Holy Communion Sunday at Pentecost June 9th.

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.

Survey The leadership groups for our four Pastoral Communities is meeting on Sunday May 19th to discern the work of leadership over the next few years. The survey is online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQFBSLG>

There is a paper one for those who wish to respond that way.

Please have your responses completed by next Sunday May 12th.



O'Shea Shield - This is being hosted in PN by St Peters and Hato Paora Colleges. There is a Mass for the event at the Cathedral on Sunday May 12th at 12:45pm if you'd like to attend.

Hospitality - if any parishioners would like to help us with catering for the O'Shea Shield Competition next weekend, we would be very grateful. Baking can be dropped at

the school office at the end of next week or we can pick up any baking if necessary. Please contact the school on 354 4198. Thank you.

Rick Field, Director of Religious Studies, St Peter's College.

ROSTERS: May 6th—12th

Church Cleaning: (April 29th) A and F Pabellon and M Codeniera

Counters: (May 7th) Selwyn Brown. **Flowers:** (May 11th/12th) Mary Dorn.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Jeanette Currie and Lesley Wright
9:30am Jenny King

Children's Liturgy: (12th) TBA

Readers: 5:30pm Kathy Gardiner, Rosalie McCann, Rolyenne Grocero
9:30am Wendy Derksen, Clare Cole, Ebele Ezepeue.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Jeanette Currie, Raymond Jones, John Lynch, Judith & Martin Wall
9:30am Stephen Guy, Cyril Xavier, Eric & Jeanette Wright, Shilmy Tom

Altar Servers: 9:30am John Garrovillo and Imogen Gallagher

Hospitality: 9:30am Caroline Bishop

Linen: (May) Dorothy Crombie **Lawns:** (May 11th) Alan Marlow

Religious Goods Cabinet: Rita Auta.

SVDP Basket: (May) Barney O'Connor.

PASSIONIST YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS RETREATS 2019



Registrations are open for this year's Passionist Retreats!

Youth retreat: July 8th – 11th, Camp Rangitiki Woods, Palmerston North. Ages 15+ **Young adult retreat:** July 12th – 14th, Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Ages 18 – 30

Register online at www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats or pick up a registration form from the Gathering Area. For more info contact

Penelope 027 485-3269 (youth) or **Nick 021 822 814** (young adult).

Voice for Life Newsletter is available on the notice board in the gathering area. The local branch needs more committee members so we can reach out to the community with the pro-life message.

PROLIFE FACTS Voice for Life (VFL) is New Zealand's largest and oldest voluntary prolife organisation – with branches all over the country. For more than 40 years, its members have been committed to peaceful advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable and voiceless members of our communities. **For more information please visit the VFL website at** www.voiceforlife.org.nz

Pregnancy Centre information night Tuesday May 7th 6pm
See notice board for full details.

A workshop on interfaith dialogue will be held at the Diocesan Centre 18th May, 10am to 1pm to launch the resource, Promoting Interfaith Dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand. This workshop is for Catholics who want to gain greater insight, training and expertise in interfaith relations. RSVP for catering purposes to Mary Eastham, maeastham23@gmail.com, or Julie Randall, music@pncathedral.org.nz by 3 May.

- **An update on the City Wide Youth Groups** and the upcoming Te Hakarameta o te Whakapumautanga - Confirmation Programme: Below is a link where candidates can register. Please share it around to potential candidates and those who may be interested.
<http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/manawatu-confirmation>
- **Junior Youth Group called 'Friends of Frankie'** (Friends of Pope Francis or F.O.F as they like to be called) begins on Friday 17th May at the Diocesan Centre, 5:30pm-7:00pm.
- **Senior Youth Group called The Manawatu Mokos** begins Friday 24th May at the Diocesan Centre, 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Tui Motu Evening PN Friday 10th May 5.30 pm Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury St. We invite subscribers and friends of Tui Motu to a gathering, starting from 5.30pm with refreshments, and the meeting commencing at 6.30p.m. Come and meet the Board and the Editor and give us your feedback. Everyone is welcome – so bring along interested friends.

Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400 First Quarterly Meeting followed by AGM: 4.00pm, Monday 20th May 2019, Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Ave, PN. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries, Kevin Frost, Secretary, 357 7844 or kfassociates@xtra.co.nz.

Readings 12th May

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30.

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

Mass has been offered for the anniversaries of
Mike Rooney, William & Katherine Gleeson,
Phillip Gleeson, James Robb

And for the recently deceased.
Nancy Weyer and Stephanie Brown.