



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha 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

EUCHARIST ADORATION
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm

RONGOTE A MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year I

Psalm Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

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

LOL ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS Tuesday 21st November at 7:00pm.

This Mass, is an opportunity for parishioners who have suffered a bereavement, to recall in quiet prayer the importance of the recently deceased person to you and to link with God in and through the Eucharist. Those who have lost someone who lived elsewhere or whose death occurred some time ago are also welcome. The spirit of this liturgy is very much in tune with the month of November when we give special mention to the deceased members of our families. A shared supper will follow at the end of Mass—if you can please bring along a plate of finger food it would be greatly appreciated.

LOL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on 14th November 7:15pm in the meeting room.

Please collect your **Planned Gifting and Special Collection** envelopes from the foyer asap. Many thanks.



Thank you for your generous weekly donations to the food basket and your support of the 'Vinnies' shop on Rangitikei St.

Currently we are short on baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, long-life milk, spreads and rice.

LOL COFFEE/PLAY GROUP: Tues 9:00am—11:30am, church foyer. Ph Megan 355 1877.

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office.

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY
Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm—7:00pm LOL.

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7; 2018 Columban Calendar \$12; SVP Christmas Cards \$2.50 per pack of 5. Religious goods and cards cabinets are available every Sunday after 10:00am Mass.



HOLY CROSS SEMINARY
www.holycross.org.nz

CATHOLIC RADIO Sundays 9am
Access Radio Manawatu 999HzAM.



CATHEDRAL 7:30pm—9:00pm Wednesday 8th November.

YOUNG CATHOLIC LEADERS PROGRAMME
2017 Dec 11th—15th for year 12 students going into year 13 who wish to develop their leadership skills from a Catholic values base. If you are an interested student at a Non-Catholic College, or know someone in this situation who might benefit, contact Kathleen kfield@pndiocese.org.nz; 021 509 436 for more information.

MOKOS YOUTH GROUP cancelled Nov 9th.

AOTEAROA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL; KANOHI KI TE KANOHI Dec 1st—4th The Youth Team is taking several vans of 15+ young people to this festival in Auckland, which concludes with a Matt Maher concert. Matt is currently one of the most internationally well-known Catholic Worship composer/singers. Total cost - \$175. Contact Tausilia 027 514 9009. See notice board for concert details.

TE AHI KAA – THE HEARTH-PLACE If you are interested in growing your faith through prayer, service, hospitality, formation, and fun, find out more about our Youth Adult Community House. Situated close to the Cathedral and to town, Te Ahi Kaa is a perfect base for a year of discernment and mission, in a supportive Catholic community. For more Information contact Georgia 022 670 4422; georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com

DIRECTOR, NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE Expressions of interest - The NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) is seeking expressions of interest in the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. In addition to a background in liturgical studies/ministry, the successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills, strong administrative and managerial experience. While currently based in Auckland there is flexibility on the location of the role. For enquiries or a job description contact James van Schie, Executive Officer, NZCBC – jvanschie@nzcbc.org.nz - including a current CV and an outline of your motivation for the role. Final date for acceptance of applications is Monday, 20th November 2017

MARIST CLUB AGM NOV 21ST 5:30PM AT THE CLUB. ALL WELCOME.

FINAL CHANCE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO POPE FRANCIS BEFORE 2018 SYNOD.

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard.

Visit and complete the Synod 2018 survey before **30 November 2017** by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz;
www.catholicenquiry.nz

HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY - St Patrick's Branch 400, Third Quarterly Meeting: 4:00pm, Monday 20th November 2017 Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, PN. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, (06) 3577844 or kfassociates@xtra.co.nz



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PROLIFE FACTS Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or www.voiceforlife.org.nz. See notice board.

We Pray for the Sick: Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feierabend, Thelma Basile, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Toshi Sekizaki, Marie Hubbard, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson and Paul Hughes.

Died Recently

Thelma Basile, Selwyn Healy &
Fr Patrick Cumiskey

Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

Pope at Audience: God Wants Us to Join Him in Paradise

October 25, 2017 Deborah Castellano Lubov [ZENIT](#)

God wants us to join Him in Paradise, so He waits for us to repent, even up until the very last minute.

Pope Francis stressed this during this morning's General Audience in St. Peter's Square.

As he continued his catechesis on Christian hope, his last catechesis on the theme, the Pope specifically reflected on the theme: "Heaven, the Goal of Our Hope."

"Paradise" is one of the last words spoken by Jesus on the Cross, addressed to the good thief, the Jesuit Pope recalled, encouraging those gathered to pause a moment on that scene. There, on Calvary, Jesus meets this sinner and opens to him the door of His Kingdom.

Francis noted that this is interesting because it's the only time the word "Paradise" appears in the Gospels, namely when Jesus promises it to a "poor devil" who, on the wood of the Cross, had the courage to address to Him the most humble request: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' (Luke 23:42)."

While this thief didn't have good works to assert, he entrusted himself to Jesus, whom he recognizes as innocent, good, so different from himself.

"That word of humble repentance," Francis said, "was enough to touch Jesus' heart."

The good thief, the Pontiff reminded, reminds us of our true condition before God: "that we are His children, that He has compassion for us, that He is disarmed every time we manifest to Him nostalgia for His love."

Francis recalled how often in hospital rooms or prison cells, this miracle is repeated innumerable times. "There is no person, no matter how badly he lived, for whom only despair remains and for whom grace is prohibited," he said, recalling how we all present ourselves before God with empty hands.

"Every time that a man, doing the last examination of conscience of his life, discovers that the deficits are greater compared to his good works," the Pope highlighted, "he must not be discouraged, but entrust himself to God's mercy. And this gives us hope; this opens our heart!"



God, the Father, waits for our return up to the end, like the Father in the Prodigal Son, Francis reminded.

"This is God: this is how He loves us!"

"Paradise is not a dream place or an enchanted garden. Paradise is the embrace with God, infinite Love, and we enter it thanks to Jesus, Who died on the Cross for us.

Where Jesus is, the Pontiff said, there is mercy and happiness, and where he is not, there is cold and darkness.

"In the hour of death, a Christian repeats to Jesus: 'Remember me.' And if there isn't any one who remembers us, Jesus is there, next to us."

The Holy Father said Jesus wants to take us to the most beautiful place that exists.

"And He will bring to the Father's House all that is in us that still needs to be redeemed: the failures and mistakes of a whole life."

Pope Francis said that this marks the end of our existence, namely when everything is fulfilled and is transformed in love.

"If we believe this," the Holy Father said, "death ceases to make us afraid, and we can also hope to depart from this world serenely and with much trust."



November Mass Requests for Holy Souls & Offerings

During the month of November we pray for all the faithfully departed. Masses can be requested for loved ones by completing forms (located in the foyer next to the newsletters) and putting the forms in envelopes (supplied) and then in the box located in the sanctuary marked: 'Holy Souls'.

Mass Offerings

It is customary to make an offering of \$10.00 per Mass requested. Offerings are for the priest who celebrates the requested Mass and should be included in the envelope if you wish Mass(es) for the repose of those mentioned to be the priest's private prayer intention during a particular Mass(es). Intentions can be combined for as many souls as you would like prayed for during the Sacrifice of the Mass.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings Nov 12th. Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13.

ROSTERS: November

Church Cleaning: (Nov 6th) Kathy Morton and a volunteer.

Counting: (7th) Leigh Basile.

Flowers: (11th) Anne O'Hara and Judy Walker.

Greeters: **Vigil 5:30pm** Kathy Morton and Lesley Wright

8am Jim Murphy and Pat Burton **10am** Kapatiran Group.

Readers: **Vigil 5:30pm** Rob Towers and Patria Kerr **8am** Leigh Basile and Moya Booth **10am** Janey Bishop and Diane Baucke.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Vigil 5:30pm** Judith & Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, Lorraine & Dave Marriott

8am Colin Keegan, Clare Cole, John Lynch **10am** Jacinta Cousins, Maria Amey, Denis & Margaret Beckett, Brendon O'Connor.

Altar Servers: **10am** Kaitlyn Amey and Marc Codeneira.

Children's Liturgy: Madeline and Colleen McHardy.

Hospitality: **10am** Kapatiran Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Rita Auta.

Linen: (Nov) Maria Lukkassen.

Lawns: (Oct 28th) Denise Mallon.