



Priest Ministers

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OLOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)

9:30am Sunday

Mon Liturgy of Word & Communion

Tues—Sat 10:00am

SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 11th November 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

From the Pastor's desk

A gift has meaning, because the gift, and the act of giving, represent more than the size or value of the gift given. Most importantly is the spirit of generosity with which the gift is given, which is its truest value. The greatest gift we celebrate is the gift of life; God's life to the world and the meaning it brings to human living and human history.

In celebrating God's life we automatically celebrate our own. We are each *gift to ourselves and to the world*; you are God's unique and wonderful gift to creation. As they say, "there'll never be another you!" For this we give thanks each day.

Reverence for human life from its beginning to its end is a foundational belief of Christianity. We reverence people, both born and coming-to-birth, irrespective of their gender, creed, colour, sexual orientation and ethnicity. In fact, we do more! We reverence this diversity, we embrace it, we welcome it, because it is the diverse face of God present in humanity. This is the basis of our continuous ethic of love and justice towards all people; it is the basis of our love of God and of our neighbour. For this we give thanks each day!

Each Sunday, our worship takes us to the place of thanksgiving through the stories of faith, through prayers of intercession and through our shared communal worship and fellowship. Each Sunday, we give of ourselves to others. The best gift we give the community on Sunday is being here!

We have a great tradition of generous service in our Pastoral Communities of St Mary's, St Joseph's, Sacred Heart and Lourdes. Each weekend baskets are filled in each church and offered by the community to God's work of feeding the needy, without judgement or question. In each community the Word of God is proclaimed by Clergy and Laity, and the Holy Eucharist is carried to people at home, in rest homes and hospitals. This is the wonderful world of service that we have inherited, and for which we are responsible. This is the tradition of faith we pass on to the youngsters among us, because this is their work too.

The story of Jesus at the treasury in today's Gospel takes up Mark's theme of radical discipleship; that radical giving of oneself for the sake of the Gospel. The radical gift is to give of one's all, not just from one's surplus. It is a challenge: "what is my all, and what is my surplus?"

Mark is concerned to show that discipleship is active, present, real and engaged. His concern is to teach us, his community in 2018, that the values he and his community of late antiquity held dear, are as valuable today as they were for him 60 years after the resurrection. Discipleship is not easy, if it were, everyone would be doing it, but not everyone is, so we have to be aware that our calling is a unique one and one that we shouldn't shrink from. We owe it to future generations to rejoice in our

faith tradition; to enjoy its great depth of spirituality; to be welcoming of all, generous to all faith traditions and proud of our own.

The Gospel story uses a commercial metaphor, but that's not the point. The giving of the poor widow illustrates how those with little social value and little financial worth are able to be free to be poor, in contrast to the wealthy, who are often held hostage by their wealth and give from what they don't need. In this Mark illustrates the nature of discipleship. The disciple gives radically from what they have not just from their surplus.

It's the difference between loving the person you're with, without reservation or having your eye on the door for the next attraction to walk through the door. It's the difference between being fully engaged in the life of the family, or just turning up to family events. It's the difference between turning up for an exam, having never studied and turning up for an exam for which you have given your all.

The radical call to be engaged challenges us, especially when we're used to just skimming off the top. Radical discipleship takes radical discipline – be radical, but be radical in your way, because this is part of your search for meaning as a believer.

Joe Grayland

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 gathering area) 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.

We Pray for the Sick: Ryan Marsden, Bridget Dorn, Michael Quirk, Dan O'Donoghue, Sheila Evans, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, William Harrison, Fred Winter, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Philippa Frost, Mark Richards, Trevor Wilson, Tony Keenan, Gary Meyer, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Michael Eades, Louis Heynen, Vinnie Carroll, Joan Lambourne, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, Siobhan Thomson.

Died Recently

John O'Brien (Sydney)

Mass has been offered for

Deceased relatives and friends of the Cole family,
Hulse and Wright families, Des and Joan O'Connor,
Deceased relatives and friends of the Gallagher, Lyons and Sloan families
Requiescant in Pace

Happy birthday and congratulations to Fred Neuberger who celebrated his 95th birthday on November 7th.

Catechumenate for children at OLOL each second Sunday following the 9.30am Mass—Next session is 18th November.
The Rite of Welcome will be on 25th November at 9:30am Mass.

OLOL Senior's Anointing Mass and Christmas luncheon,
November 28th 11:00am. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering area today. If you know of anyone who would like to attend and needs transport, or if you can provide transport for anyone in need please contact Cushla Hughes, 3552117 or Kathy McKenzie 357 4970.

URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE a person to run the sound desk during 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. Not hard not scary. Contact John Hammond or Fr Joe. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

Advent—Sunday Evening Prayers - 5:00pm at Lourdes Church, to mark the season and as preparation for Christmas.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.

- **OLOL Coffee group for parents & children**, Tuesdays, during term time, 9:15am in the gathering area. Ph Maria 021 02760945 or Laura 027 4273683 for any questions, or just turn up on the day!
- **Shining Stars Pre-school Music Group** Thursdays, during term time, 9:30am St James School Hall. Ph Steph 027 440 8544.

Readings Nov 18th: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32.

ROSTERS: Nov 12th to Nov 18th

Church Cleaning: Kathy Gardiner and a volunteer please.

Counting: (13th) Selwyn Brown. **Flowers:** June Lynch.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Betty Donaldson and Roselle Gouwland
9:30am Jenny King.

Readers: 5:30pm Kathy Gardiner, Rosalie McCann, Rolyenne Grocero
9:30am Maricar Dongon, Celia Kueh, Rhea Villocido.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Judith Wall, Denis Jones, Denise Bailey. **9:30am** Paul Darbyshire, Martin Boyle, Wendy Derksen, Stephen Guy, Kyra Tikitiki.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Alesha Alexander and Isla Hyde.

Children's Liturgy: Lorraine Wilson. **Hospitality: 9:30am** Kapatiran Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Diane Baucke. **Linen:** (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne.

Lawns: (Nov 10th) Raymond Jones **SVDP Basket:** (Nov) John Lynch

Dear Parishioners, I am about to make up the roster for next year to clean our church, however, I would like to add some new names to the list. Are you able to help? Your turn would come only once or twice a year as the cleaning is done every fortnight. It is not too big a job, taking about an hour. Please ph me 3291801 and leave a message. **With thanks, Eileen**

- **Junior Youth Group** has extended its invitation to all year six students! Arrive on Thursday evening at Our Lady of Lourdes church foyer at 5:30pm-7:00pm for over an hour of wicked fun! Bring yourself and your best friend along to experience the games, banter, and the wealth of hot chocolates and food provided! Youth minister Jude Bell-White's contact details: 021520024; jbellwhite@pndiocese.org.nz.
- **Manawatu Mokos Youth Group:** Years 9-13. November 16th, Diocesan Centre, 7:00pm-9:00pm. Life Skills night. Come along for dinner and fun. Contact Taus 021 509 439.
- **Young Adults** The Catholic Young Adult event this week (11th November) is prayer & praise at Te Ahi Kaa (25a Amesbury St) 4:00pm-6:00pm. Please contact Georgia 021811148 if you would like to be added to our contact list. All welcome.

There will be a nation-wide Pro-Life Rosary Crusade (for Life & Faith) 8th December 3:00 pm. To find out more information, or how to lead a group, please go to www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or phone 022 1912 886.

OLOL Prayer Chain: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office 358 3667.

ON SALE NZ Catholic, Tui Motu, Cards, Calendars, reflection books.

ORDINARY ACTIONS - EXTRA ORDINARY IMPACT

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Annual Christmas Appeal

Help support the Mission Sisters make a difference in the lives of children and women. Our Christmas Catalogue enables you to give a gift this Christmas that truly brings Christ's love to those in need. We are an International Missionary Congregation of women who desire to facilitate change by being present with compassion and sharing God's love and justice among those with whom we share life. Read about our projects and make your gift-choice. See the poster in the foyer or ask Kerry Hocquard for more information. Thank you.

A request from Bishop Charles

It's holiday time for me soon. I'm heading back to India and Laos volunteering. It is something I have been doing for many years now and so I've built up a network of friendships and connections. Poverty in these places is often about blocks or obstacles to moving ahead. Can you help? Hostel fees, school costs and tertiary fees, medical bills, water access, start up employment, simple domestic livestock projects and vocational training are some of the projects you can support. Contributions can be left at the parish office or placed in a plain envelope marked "India and Laos Projects" in the collection basket. Alternatively deposits can be made directly to this bank account: Bishop C E Drennan 02 1248 0642423 01. Or if you would like a receipt please make cheque to Diocese of Palmerston North CDF, or use internet banking to: Payee: DPN CDF, Account Number 02 0630 0237950 010 with payee references of Particular: 406047 S57; Code: India; & Reference: your name. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.

+ Charles

2019 Clergy Shifts for the Diocese of Palmerston North

Fr Nathaniel Brazil Assistant Priest, Catholic Parish of Whanganui - Te Pārihi Katorika ki Whanganui, and the parish of Waverley-Patea.

Fr Dave Gledhill SM Semi-retired residing in Otaki (Archdiocese of Wellington) with some ministry to the Māori Apostolate in the PN Diocese.

Fr Manoj Mathew IC Parish Priest of St Mary's PN and St Brigid's Feilding (previously Administrator).

Fr Adonis Rancho Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Stratford (including the communities of Eltham and Kaponga).

North Taranaki Mid-year it is likely that **Deacon Vui Hoang** will be appointed Assistant Priest, Catholic Parish of New Plymouth - Te Pārihi Katorika ki Ngāmotu.

Tararua The Communities of Pahiatua, Dannevirke, Woodville and Eketahuna will be served by the priests of Manawatu for the first half of 2019. In time a further appointment will be made.

Thanks to our priests on the move who have so readily accepted these new appointments. Thanks also to all those who advise me in various ways so that the decisions regarding clergy placements are fruitful.

+ Charles



Our stocks are very low on Children's Books, Board Games and Toys and it would be good to have full shelves for Christmas shopping, if you can help. We also need to replenish our supply of Tee Shirts (for making into bags) and have a request for old fashioned China Dinner/Dessert plates please. Many thanks for your generosity and support of our weekly food basket collection.

A Celebration of the Diversity of Faiths in our Community—30th Nov 7:00pm, Queen Elizabeth College Hall, Rangitikei St: Faith communities of PN share their sacred words and music to express the common core values that sustain life in all communities, values like compassion, respect, love, hope and peace. The koha will be given to the Red Cross and the Manawatu Multicultural Centre to support refugees and migrants settling in PN. A vegetarian supper will be provided by the Sikh community.
Contact Mary Eastham maeastham23@gmail.com, 021 903 984, 323 8684 or Margaret Sinclair-Jones margaret_j55@kinect.co.nz by 23rd November if you wish to attend as seats are limited and for catering purposes. See poster in gathering area for full details.