



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

EUCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—18th November 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

From the Pastor's desk

"Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the earthly body lies in death, there is an eternal dwelling place made for us in the heavens" (Preface of Christian Death). Our ultimate faith is that God will come and take us to that place where life is lived in its fullness.

The place of ultimate happiness we call heaven. Although we know it through pictorial images (a place of light, of angels, of happiness, on clouds, of peace and joy) we also know it as the "place where God lives" and often we take this understanding literally. So, then we moderate this understanding by saying that God is everywhere. God is seen in the human person, the created world, the cosmos and so forth. All of these wonders of human life and natural existence reveal the wonder of a God who enters completely into human history, lives in it, dies in it and through this, redeems it.

Heaven is the perfect and final completion of human life, where it is united completely to God's life, and so we become sanctified. Belief in Heaven is only possible if one believes in the Resurrection. As such, Heaven is the personal acceptance of God's grace in one's life. Heaven finds its roots in Jewish (Semitic) cosmology. Heaven is the total assumption of a person's life into the life of God.

The place of ultimate unhappiness we call Hell. Although we know it through pictorial images (a place of fire, heat, separation, of the devil, in the underworld) we also know it as the "place where God is not". So, having said that, we then read the creeds, "and Jesus descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead", so did Jesus go to hell? No. He didn't and we know this because of the two words that are used for Hell. The Greek word, *Geenna*, is the lake of fire for the devil and his mates and, *Hadas*, (or *Hades*) is the Greek word for the region of the dead. God enters *Hadas* / *Hades* the region of the dead, so that God can experience human death, and bring life to the human experience of death.

Hell is the eternal loss of God. God's will is that all people should be saved and live with God, however, because we have free will, some people have the potential to will an eternity without God. This relationship of willed separation from God begins in earthly life. The denial of God is the heart of deathly, or mortal, sin and this is the ultimate reason why the Church teaches that Hell exists. However, the Church never teaches anyone is actually there, because, in the moment of death when Christ comes for them, a person who has rejected God may be so filled with the desire for God that they accept the gift of salvation. Heaven is a *bonum*, a gift, a-thing-in-itself with meaning and Hell is not its equal, or it's opposite. The **possibility** of Hell stands in sharp contrast to the **reality** of Heaven!

Then we have Purgatory, an intermediate state of purification between death and heaven that is a place of justice towards God. Purgatory

completes the process of sanctification that makes ultimate union with God possible. Purgatory is not a place of conversion to God; it is the place of the holy souls whose ultimate destiny is to be in heaven. The reality of Purgatory is linked liturgically to our continual intercessory prayer "for those who have died in Christ and those whose faith, God alone has known" (Eucharistic Prayer). The doctrine of Purgatory affirms only that there is a transitional spiritual state of transformation for those who need it, before they enter the presence of God.

Heaven, Hell and Purgatory all need to be understood in the light of a healthy eschatology (theology of the final things). They can be understood too simplistically and often from a fundamentalist point of view. Judgement, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, love of God and love of one's neighbour are all linked. They express the ultimate seriousness of, and eternal meaning of, the decisions and choices we make today.

God's love, made manifest in the resurrection of Christ, is the source of all hope and it is the only story we tell when we gather to bury our beloved dead. We throw dirt on their coffin as a sign that life has changed, not ended.

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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, Colin 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

Angela Drennan

Mass has been offered for

Erin & Peter Englert, Joao Martins,

Relatives of the Collett, Ischia and Wagg family members

Deceased members of the O'Donoghue and McGrail families

Deceased members of the Brown, O'Leary and O'Kane families

Requiescant in Pace

To all those involved in Eucharistic ministry to the sick and house-bound....there will be a meeting and a cuppa after 10:00am Mass on Tuesday 20th November. We look forward to seeing you there.

Catechumenate for children at OLOL is today, 18th November, following the 9.30am Mass. The Rite of Welcome will be next Sunday, 25th November at 9:30am Mass. We would appreciate a plate of food for a shared morning tea please.

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 25th: Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37.

ROSTERS: Nov 19th to Nov 25th

Church Cleaning: Kathy Gardiner and a volunteer please.

Counting: (20th) Jane Charlton. **Flowers:** June Lynch.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm June and John Lynch

9:30am Josie Conlon.

Readers: 5:30pm Judith Wall, Rob Towers, Dot Bowe.

9:30am Erika Ramirez, Clare Cole, Kath Rooney.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm John Werder, John Lynch, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Cecily Finucane **9:30am** Clare Cole, Mary Dorn, Eileen O'Connor, Julia Sissons, Colette O'Connor.

Altar Servers: 9:30am John Garroville and Raphael.

Children's Liturgy: No children's liturgy.

Hospitality: 9:30am Tokelauan Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Anne O'Hara **Linen:** (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne.

Lawns: (Nov 10th) Kevin Long **SVDP Basket:** (Nov) John Lynch.

Dear Parishioners, during the last year, for various reasons, seven (7) volunteers have come off our cleaning roster. That leaves a big hole and we need some new people, families, couples, singles who could take a turn to keep our church clean and tidy. 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 its invitation open to all year 6-9 students. Come along on the 22nd of November to experience the mighty Manawatu river exploration adventure! Wander down the bridal track with friendly company and then settle down for a fish and chip dinner followed by toasted marshmallows from the scout pit fire! Arrive at the Albert St river entrance. Youth group duration will be from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

- **Young Adults** Today, Sunday 18th, for the Young Adults we are having a BBQ/Pot Luck dinner at Te Ahi Kaa (25a Amesbury St) 7:00 pm. Please bring something to share. Feel free to contact Georgia on 021811148 if you have any questions.

Joshua Men's Group meeting Tuesday 20th November, 7:00pm St Mary's church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Supper to follow. All welcome. Contact John 027 6887750 www.joshua.org.nz

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.

The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Special Collection—Sunday 2 December 2018

On behalf of the Bishop, the Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats, and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests.

Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Mons Brian Walsh, Vicar General

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.

Rosary Crusade for Life & Faith 3:00pm, 8th December Our Lady of Lourdes Church, PN. The NZ government is looking at reforming our abortion laws and legalising euthanasia. In response, a group of lay Catholics have organised this pro-life (from conception to natural death) Rosary Crusade on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Sign up to the PN event at www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or turn up on the day. 0272500356 for more information.

Greetings everyone. Angela Clare Drennan RIP. 18/5/1926 - 9/11/2018. Mum deteriorated rapidly and died later on Friday evening, very peacefully with some family members present. She relished life and was an enthusiast and encourager of others. She always drew great solace and purpose from her faith. May she rest in peace.

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Palmerston North Pregnancy Centre—Volunteers wanted
The Pregnancy Centre needs some volunteers to answer the phone and do some other simple tasks. Each volunteer would have just one duty every 6 weeks. If you can help or if you want more information. Please contact: Joan 0211232673

Unity Singers welcomes you to **Christmas Carols at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit**, Tues 4th December 7:00pm. Admission: donation or item of non perishable food for the SVDP Foodbank. Food donations can also be left at the Cathedral Parish Office or the Vinnies shop 252 Rangitikei St.

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. **Many thanks for your generosity with 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: A koha will be given to the Red Cross & the Manawatu Multicultural Centre to support refugees & migrants settling in PN. The Sikh community will provide supper. 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. See poster in gathering area for full details.



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