



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 Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 3rd Sunday of the month

RECONCILIATION—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe — 25th November 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

From the Pastor's desk

This Sunday we celebrate the first of two rites of Welcome to the Catechumenate. The word catechumenate comes to us from our Greek heritage and means, *the school*. It is the place and time where those seeking baptism take time and consider if the vocation to Christianity is for them. Often this process goes too quickly and within a year or two the new Catholic has disappeared from the community. Good intentions to get people to baptism are the worst possible motivations for initiation.

The Rite of Welcome marks the formal entrance into the Church. From this time onwards the catechumen is a Roman Catholic, with all the rights and privileges of a Catholic, although they are not yet baptised. This unique status is often under-used these days. One of the most famous catechumens was St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. His mother had him anointed as a catechumen and, in his own time, Augustine completed that initial step with baptism, as an adult.

Adult baptism is the paradigm of Christian Initiation, because only an adult can say "I believe" in their own name, after their own discernment. In saying "I believe" the person acknowledges their own conversion from a former way of life to a new way of life. Others realise that God is calling them to move from worshipped God in private ways to worshipping in this new, communal way. Still others have had intimate, long-term participation in parish and school, that over many years has formed them in the mind of Christ, and now they wish to receive the Eucharist. All of this is God's wonderful work!

For children of catechetical age (7yrs and over) the adult rite is adapted, because they are still under the care of parents and caregivers, who are required to give their permission to the child's initiation. Children of catechetical age also require a community of children around them, so that they are supported by their peers, who are already baptised.

Universal Church law requires children, like adults, to be initiated with Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in one act of initiation, though for a good pastoral reason Eucharist can be delayed within the Easter period.

Candidates for Reception are those who are already baptised in another Christian Church, and request to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. These brothers and sisters in baptism are not converts, neither are they catechumens. They are sisters and brothers in the baptism of Christ and so are welcomed into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church through a simple ceremony where they recite the creed and receive Confirmation and Eucharist. With such people, the utmost respect must be shown to their baptism and to their experience of faith.

The vocation to Christianity is celebrated in Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, or Christian Initiation. However, long before initiation takes place there must be a demonstrated faith, lived and desired, and with it, a real participation in the Sunday Eucharist.

The goal and purpose of the catechumenate is to enable a life-time commitment to Christ, through a daily love of God and neighbour, to grow into an eternity of life, lived within, through and with God. The catechumenate provides a place of discernment, questioning and guidance, and Easter initiation gives this communion.

Entry into the Church is entry into the household of Christ is ritualised in four main ways. First, the Rite begins at the doors of the Church where the community goes to welcome the new families and children. The community signs the new members with the Sign of the Cross on their senses and those preparing for baptism are anointed with the Oil of Catechumens.

Inside the Church, the new members listen, formally, for the first time to the Word of God and the prayers for the catechumens follow, before they are dismissed to learn more about the scriptures. They leave the assembly as a sign that they cannot yet share the Eucharist. Members of the community go with them as a sign of hospitality and care. They all return just before the end of Mass to receive the final blessing as members of the community.

Blessings and welcome to all who are catechumens and candidates!

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, 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

Rebecca Wilson (Dunedin) sister of Nick and Lorraine Wilson

Mass has been offered for

**Relatives of the Bassett Family
Stella, May and Sydney Husband**

Requiescant in Pace

Fr Peter Carde SM has been a wonderful support to me this year and Fr Vaughan last year. With Fr Peter's agreement he will no longer preside at Masses on Thursday at Lourdes and at Rongotea or Shannon on Sundays. We thank Fr. Peter and welcome his presence in our Parish in the years ahead.—Fr. Joe

LOL Senior's Anointing Mass and Christmas luncheon, Wednesday 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.

ADVENT PRAYERS, each Sunday of Advent 3:00pm-3.30pm
Prayer intention Week 1—For refugees and migrants.

- **Our Lady of Lourdes Guild Christmas Raffle \$1 ticket**—these will be on sale at both Masses next weekend 1st and 2nd December.
- **Christmas Function - lunch at the Manawatu Golf Club at 1:00pm Tuesday 4th December.** Remember your gift for the exchange. Enquiries June 3547686 or Rose 3575429.

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.



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. Phone 027 250 0356 for more information.

- **Coffee group will not be meeting this week, 27th November, but will resume the following week, from 4th December until term ends. Thank you. 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.

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**

GREETERS, please collect your new rosters from the gathering area.

LOL 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.

Readings Dec 2nd: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.

ROSTERS: Nov 26th to Dec 2nd

Church Cleaning: Judy Walker and Eileen Walsh.

Counting: (27th) Leigh Basile. **Flowers:** June Lynch.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Catherine and Tom Edwards
9:30am Dianne Jordan.

Readers: 5:30pm Jane Charlton, Kerry Hocquard, Roselle Gouwland
9:30am Maree O'Donoghue, Diane Baucke, Jeanette Iwikau.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Dennis Jones, Raymond Jones, Julie Lees, Martin & Judith Wall 9:30am Mary Murrow, Maria Amey, Jacinta Cousins, Denis & Margaret Beckett.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Brianna Wilson and Kaitlyn Amey.

Children's Liturgy: No children's liturgy **Hospitality: 9:30am** Theo Van Duin.

Religious Goods/Library: Wally Semmens

Linen: (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne.

Lawns: (Nov 24th) Kevin Long

SVDP Basket: (Dec) Barry Angland.

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.

THANKS EVERYONE

Thank you for the many cards, messages and assurance of prayers I have received following my mother's death on November 9th. Mum's Requiem Mass was lovely and the burial two days later in a country cemetery alongside Dad was also a beautiful occasion. I've presided at many funerals but as one priest said to me, celebrating your mother's funeral is probably the hardest thing you will ever do in life. Mum relished life, and drew great comfort and purpose from her faith. I have postponed my annual voluntary work time in India but will still visit Laos where I am involved with a couple of projects with some Sisters – a school and vocational centre for the deaf, and an expanding vocational College for poor young people at high risk of trafficking. As the watchful season of Advent approaches, let's all continue to pray for each other that we might grow in our witness to Christ present in our homes, schools, communities and places of work.

+ Chelles Kia ora tātou.

The National March for Life NZ has been endorsed by the Catholic

Bishops of NZ: Mark your calendars and prepare to join others on **Saturday 8th December** to celebrate the gift of life and send a message of love and hope to our community. Be a beacon of light for Kiwi families, mothers and the unborn! Gather at 2:00pm in Civic Centre, 101 Wakefield St., Wellington ready to begin to walk to Parliament grounds. Phone Michael 021 825 955 or marchforlifenz.org.nz website.

The Pregnancy Centre needs some volunteers to answer the phone and do some other simple tasks, 2 hours every 6 weeks. If you can help or for 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.



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