



## Priest Ministers

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## LOLO MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)

9:30am Sunday

Mon Liturgy of Word & Communion

Tues—Sat 10:00am

## SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun

10:30am Thurs

## ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## RECONCILIATION—LOLO

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION—LOLO

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — 4th November 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

### From the Pastor's desk

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls mark the beginning of the month of remembrance for our blessed dead. We remember those who have 'died in the peace of Christ' and those 'whose faith God, alone, has known' (Eucharistic Prayers).

The idea of death, and the fear of death, haunts human thinking. Fear of death leads to a culture of avoidance of death. Everything, from the entertainment value of death in movies and war games, to the search for eternal youth and the cut flowers at funerals all desensitise the reality of death, and seek to minimise our fundamental, existential fear, of death. Nevertheless, death is a constant companion, because it is a life-stage that must be experienced.

Death does not exist in the abstract. Death exists at the centre of my living. My task is to find meaning for my death through my living, and to find meaning for my life, through my death. This search is mine alone, because it is my search for meaning. My search for meaning frames my humanity because, ultimately, it allows me to know myself. If I cannot, or will not, live this search for meaning, then I must face my life, and my death, from a place of existential meaninglessness. That is, I must face my ultimate fear and speak of myself, my life, my being, my person as a *being-without-meaning*. This search for meaning drives not only our human need for meaning, but it also frames our cultural approaches to funeral rites, and our talk of the afterlife.

The search for meaning creates in each of us a desire to *be known by another*, and to *know ourselves*. We this achieve this "knowledge" through participating in relationships of meaningful love. In love-relationships-of-meaning one is called to transcend oneself through a growing awareness that the world revolves around others, not just the self. We recognise a higher power, so we pray; we see the needs of others, so we serve; we see that another's happiness is based on our sacrifice, so we give ourselves. Prayer, service and self-giving create a place of profound dialogue between human meaning and eternal meaning. For the Christian, the place of profound dialogue is found in Jesus, nailed to the Cross.

Jesus on the Cross is the intimate place of profound dialogue between God and Humankind, because it is the place where God's love for the world is the most profound experience of prayer, service and self-giving. It is the place where *knowing God and being known by God* is so utterly meaningful, that we cannot, not desire to be part of it.

The power of the Cross is that God has experienced the reality of human death, not as a book knowledge, or as information about death, but as the experience of entering our place of utter fear, of

complete meaninglessness and of total abandonment. God has entered death, lived in death in the person of Christ, and come back from death. God's experience of *being-in-death* in the tomb, then of *being-in-resurrection*, are both experiences of *being*. That is, they are *experiences of meaningfulness, of life, of existence itself*. As St Paul writes: Death has no power over us!

For the Christian, the resurrection of Jesus gives both human living, and human death, a meaning it has never had before, and one it will never lose. In the Cross-Resurrection event, death is given creativity, generativity and existence. Death is no longer meaningless. Death takes on a form and a purpose. Death is loaded with divine and eternal meaning, and consequence.

In the light of the Death-Resurrection event the believer begins to look at both living and dying as one single experience of immense holiness. Life begins to be lived meaningfully and physical death is no longer capable of holding a believer in fear. For the Christian, death is a constant friend, whom St Francis of Assisi called Sister Death.

The journey to an authentic Christian understanding of death is a lifelong one of conversion. It is an object lesson in hope, nurtured by the sacraments. At the heart of this conversion is the willingness to befriend with one's own mortality and to accept one's life as being lived, eternally, in the creativity of God.

This is why, at the heart of our funeral rites, we recall: 'that all the ties of friendship and affection that knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death' (*Vigil Prayers, Order of Christian Funerals*) and that 'for your faithful people, Lord, life is changed, not ended' (*Preface of Funerals*).'

Joe Grayland

**We Pray for the Sick:** Ryan Marsden, 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, Bridget Dorn, 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

**Josie Sinclair and Dot Gunn (LOLO)**  
**George Harwood (Foxton)**

*Requiescant in Pace*

**Peter Scully**

## 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.

### Requiescant in Pace

**Annual OLOL Bereavement Mass Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 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 anyone 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. **Please note – no 10am Mass that day.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Guild** 7<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30pm. Anne Odogwu speaking about Brazil, information about refugees, usual flower comps and craft is a recycled object. Remember your Christmas raffle item.

**OLOL Senior's Anointing Mass and Christmas luncheon,** November 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Catechumenate for children at OLOL each second Sunday following the 9.30am Mass—A session today then again on 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

**Special Collection Envelopes are available in the gathering area today. These are for parishioners who are on automatic payments or who use internet banking. The first one was Mission Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.**

**OLOL Coffee group** meets every Tuesday at 9:15am during term time in the Church foyer. Anyone welcome to come in for a casual chat; toys for kids, hot drinks for adults. **Call Maria 021 02760945 or Laura 027 4273683 for any questions, or just turn up on the day!**

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

**ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4, Tui Motu \$7, Cards for all occasions including Christmas, 2019 Columban Calendars, Advent Reflection books, Rosary beads and small gifts all available every Sunday after 9:30am Mass.**



**Our Lady of Lourdes School** is now accepting enrolments for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022—New Entrants to Year 6. We offer quality education for children in a caring and supportive environment. Phone 358-9727 for further information—Principal - Jacinta Cousins.

**Collect your free copy today from the gathering area.**

## 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. Could 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; and Reference: your name. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.

+ Charles

**Readings Nov 11th: 1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44**

**ROSTERS: Nov 5<sup>th</sup> to Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Cleaning:** Alicia and Frank Pabellon, Marcela Codeniera.

**Counting:** (6<sup>th</sup>) Marion Carey.

**Greeters:** **Vigil 5:30pm** Denise Bailey & Kathy Morton  
9:30am Ans Haakman.

**Readers:** 5:30pm Kerry Hocquard, Roselle Gouwland, Jane Charlton  
9:30am Alesha Alexander, Wendy Derksen, Katelyn Alexander.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** John Werder, Julie Lees, Cecily Finucane, Jeanette Currie, Lesley Wright **9:30am** Denis & Margaret Beckett, Maria Amey, Eileen O'Connor, Colette O'Connor.

**Flowers:** Mary Dorn.

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Tessa Amey and Brianna Wilson.

**Children's Liturgy:** Lorraine Wilson.

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Patricia Daws and Claire DeVito.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Martin Boyle.

**Lawns:** (Nov 10<sup>th</sup>) Raymond Jones **Linen:** (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne.

**SVDP Basket:** Nov 4/5 - 24/25: John Lynch

**Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch** 400 3rd Quarterly Meeting: 4:00pm, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, PN. **Contact Kevin Frost, Secretary, 3577844; [kfassociates@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kfassociates@xtra.co.nz)**

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

**A Parish Secretary is required for St Brigid's Feilding.** The position is for up to 25 hours per week. Full details are on the noticeboard.

**DOVE KAPITI Guest Speaker Martha Westerbeke**  
**13 November 2018, details on noticeboard.**

**YOUNG ADULTS** This week it's Pub Night at the Celtic from 7:00pm Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact Georgia on 021 811148 if you would like to be added to our contact list. See you there!

**MANAWATU MOKOS YOUTH GROUP:** Year 9-13s. November 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Diocesan Centre, 7-9pm. Life Skills night. Come along for dinner and fun. Contact Taus on 021 509 439.

**Young Families Minister:** Basia McIntosh  
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