



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



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for the Cause of Venerable Suzanne Aubert DOLC
1st October 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

Psalm Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 10:00AM

If your child is interested in being involved please contact Lorraine Wilson on 021 222 7802.
A practice time will be advised asap.

PLANNED GIFTING Envelopes and packs of Special Collection envelopes, for parishioners who use internet banking or automatic payments, are available in the foyer now. The new PG year begins this weekend. Many thanks for your generous gifting for our parish.

LOL GUILD meeting, Wednesday October 4th 1:30pm. Guest speaker from T.B.I. Health. Usual competition; Home craft—savoury muffin. All Welcome.

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.

NZ INTERNET SECURITY EXPERT John Parsons, to visit PN 24th—27th Oct 2017.

FREE Seminars on Cyber Safety for child, youth and senior citizens. Full details and times are on the notice board in the foyer.

ON SALE in the foyer today

NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7;

2018 Columban Calendar \$12;

SVDP Christmas Cards \$2.50 per pack of 5.

CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE Please support & visit www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz
www.catholicenquiry.nz

There are forms in the foyer today if you would like to enrol as a Promoter, Financial Supporter or Prayer Companion.



OCTOBER WEL-COM is available in the foyer:

- ◆ Synod '17 weekend, Wellington, 15-17 September — *Cardinal John Dew.*
- ◆ Rome shifts responsibility of liturgical translations back to national Conferences of Bishops — *Bishop Charles Drennan.*
- ◆ Parish Stories from dioceses, parishes, youth and schools.

2017 DIOCESAN JUBILEE MASS

Parishioners and friends are invited to the Annual Diocesan Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, PN, Tuesday October 10th 5:00pm. This year's Jubilarians are

- Fr Joe O'Sullivan (60 years)
- Brother Bill Archer SM (60 years)
- Brother Raymond Kelleher SM (60 years)
- Fr Dominic Heslin (55 years)
- Fr Paul Kerridge (55 years)
- Fr Fergus Reeves (55 years)
- Fr Terry Carr (50 years)
- Fr John Mori SM (50 years)
- Fr Joe Grayland (25 years)
- Fr Kevin Neal (25 years)

After Mass there will be hospitality for everyone in the Cathedral Gathering Area. All welcome!

Msgr Brian Walsh V.G.

PROLIFE FACTS Advocates of assisted suicide, recognised that the words "assisted suicide" are not good public relations. To disguise the reality that it is suicide, they advocate euphemisms like: "medically-assisted dying" or simply MAD. Another obstacle to public assistance is the opposition of medical associations or bodies to assisted suicide, as is the case in New Zealand. When such medical professionals as in Canada and Belgium change their stance, public acceptance tends to follow, because people trust that doctors know what they are doing. Assisted suicide advocates are currently campaigning to convince medical associations to adopt a position of "studied neutrality", so that like the Trojan Horse, the ethical walls can be breached and MAD becomes the new normal. That is why the American College of Physicians after studying the issue, has recently released a policy statement firmly rejecting assisted suicide, beginning with these words:

"Society's goal should be to make dying less, not more, medical. Physician-assisted suicide is neither a therapy, nor a solution to difficult questions raised at the end of life."

Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or

www.voiceforlife.org.nz. See notice board.

MARIST CRICKET CLUB PN are recruiting players now. Contact Gerard Gillespie, 0275 463 665 or gerard@inspire.net.nz or see notice in foyer.

INQUIRY EVENING RCIA (City-wide)

7:30pm - 9:00pm Tuesday 3rd October, Our Lady of Lourdes foyer Shamrock St. A gentle evening of information and questions that will introduce the process for those who seek Baptism or those who come from another Christian tradition who wish to be formally received into the Catholic community. Please extend this invitation to any family members, friends, associates or neighbours who may be interested... accompany them on the 3rd



Inquiry Evening
LOL Foyer
Tues 3rd Oct
7:30pm - 9:00pm.

RED CROSS REFUGEE SUPPORT We are looking for people like you to help refugee families arriving on 8th Dec 2017 build new lives in our community. Volunteers provide practical support to help them start again in their new home. **Volunteer training courses start: 2nd Nov 2017. Please contact NZ Red Cross: (06) 356-8152. Join our team and make a difference as a refugee support volunteer.**

THANK YOU—We would like to thank you all for your prayers and support over the past year. We are very appreciative and would be grateful for your ongoing prayer for Vincent. God bless,

Joe and Catherine Carroll and all the Carroll family.



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

Died Recently

Anniversaries

Allan Tibbles, Barbara Wall & her daughter

Requiescant in Pace

Adolescents in Crisis: Why We Need to Recover Religion

Part 2 (Part 1 on last week's newsletter)

by Dr Paul Vitz & Bruce Buff

What might be done? To begin, this is not a problem for government policy. The government just needs to get out of the way — and be less hostile to religion.

Countless young people now live in a world without any real meaning; they feel there is nothing for them to believe in. Emotional numbness is one of the consequences. They no longer value themselves for their inherent worth and dignity as created by God; they no longer find self-worth in their efforts to lead lives based on truth and love. Instead, many of our young people look outside themselves for validation — to material goods and social feedback. But many find these superficial, transitory, and empty. In addition, the decline of religion has resulted in sexual relations becoming trivialized and deprived of any greater meaning. The "hook-up" culture leaves many wounded young people in its wake.

While the secular class and those victimized by their policies have been shedding their religious beliefs, evidence for the positive effects of religious life have been repeatedly reported by many studies over the past decades. Many of them show that strongly religious people are happier, healthier, and live longer than those with no religious belief and practice. Having faith in God and attributing a religious meaning to life anchors people, directs their efforts to things beyond the material world, protects them against setbacks, and provides supportive community.

What might be done to improve mental health via religious practice? To begin, this is not a problem for government policy. The government just needs to get out of the way and be less hostile to religion. Recent Supreme Court decisions dealing with religious issues suggest that this will happen.

Individuals can respond in many ways. Fathers and mothers can encourage their children in religious practice centered in family life and encourage them to join serious religious peer groups. Relatives — grandparents, aunts, and uncles — can give valuable advice. For young people drawn to atheism, many recent books address the topic brilliantly (see Alister McGrath's *Twilight of Atheism*, for instance). Darwinism, materialism, and atheism have received powerful recent critiques (as in Thomas Nagel's *Mind and Cosmos*, Stephen Meyer's *Darwin's Doubt*, and Robert Spitzer's *New Proofs for the Existence of God*).

Religious and private schools can make a tremendous difference in their student communities by regularly emphasizing the importance of God and promoting faith.

Business leaders and others in the professions can speak out about their faith in public settings and implement new ideas about how to reach the young.

There have been times in America's past when religion was in decline and seemed on the way out — especially according to its intellectual detractors. But at these moments, Biblical religion recovered with new movements and energies. We propose that we are now at the threshold of another such renewal. Let us pray so, since our secular culture offers no credible reasons to believe in higher meaning. It offers only empty materialist distractions on a slow march to societal suicide. The plight of our young sounds a wake-up call we can no longer ignore.

— Dr. Paul Vitz is a senior scholar at Divine Mercy University and a

professor emeritus of psychology at New York University. Bruce Buff is a management consultant and the author of the scientific-spiritual thriller *The Soul of the Matter*.

Vitz, P. & Buff, B. Adolescents in crisis: Why we need to recover religion. *National Review*, 2017, July. Retrieved from <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/449877/teen-suicides-depression-anxiety-rising-religion-can-help>

MOTHER AUBERT'S ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH



When Suzanne Aubert died in 1926, her funeral was the largest ever witnessed for a New Zealand woman. Humble yet determined she had made an extraordinary impact on society, and thousands — from the upper echelons to the very poor — lined the streets of Wellington to pay their respects as her body was drawn through the city. For 66 years of her life she had brought hope and courage in our land of Aotearoa New Zealand to all especially to the needy.

Today Mother Aubert continues to inspire us by her writings and example. Many of the social challenges and injustices Suzanne faced are still with us now. This anniversary prompts us therefore to ponder deeply our response to the social, health and educational needs of Māori, Pākehā and indeed all those who today call New Zealand home.

Suzanne Aubert founded the Sisters of Compassion in 1883 and still today the Sisters continue her pattern of service founded on faith, love and compassion. Please pray today for the Sisters and may our nation be blessed through further vocations to the Sisters of Our Lady of Compassion. **Bishop Charles Drennan**

Retreat in Daily Life



A guided Retreat in Daily Life is being held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7:30-8:30pm, 4th, 11th and 18th October 2017; time of hospitality to follow.

The Retreat Nights will be based on the teachings of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and presented by various speakers. Enquires to Rob Towers: 021 152 7915.

Come and spend this short time each week with the Lord to refresh yourself in his presence.

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NEXT WEEK

Readings Oct 8th: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43.

ROSTERS: October

Church Cleaning: (Sep 25th) Lorraine Marriott and Kathy Gardiner.

Counting: (3rd) Leigh Basile.

Flowers: (30th Sep) Diane Baucke and Mary Dorn.

Greeters: **Vigil 5:30pm** Catherine and Tom Edwards

8am John Lynch and Dianne Whittaker **10am** Dianne Jordan.

Readers: **Vigil 5:30pm** Kerry Hocquard and Jane Charlton **8am** Leigh Basile and Brian Wilkinson **10am** Maricar Dongon and Rhea Villocido.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Vigil 5:30pm** Martin Wall, John Werder, Dennis Jones, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown **8am** Kieran McCormack, Judy Dixon, Colin Keegan **10am** Denis and Margaret Beckett, Maria Amey, Eileen O'Connor, Tino Pakome.

Altar Servers: **10am** Leah Meehan and John Garrovillo.

Children's Liturgy: School Holidays

Hospitality: **10am** Kapatiran Group.

Religious Goods/Library: Mary O'Connor.

Linen: (Oct) Mary O'Connor.

Lawns: (Sep 30th) Kevin Long.