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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: 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—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm —9:00pm

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th October 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2



### Respect Life Sunday pastoral letter, 14 October 2018

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ  
E te whānau whakapono a te Karaiti

Praising God for the gift of life is common to all world religions.

**Deep down in the heart of every person is the knowledge that life is precious and often fragile.**

The worldwide human family recently experienced this belief as we watched with bated breath the heart-warming rescue mission of the Thai boys trapped in a cave. How fitting it was that all the boys, soon after their rescue, went to a monastery for a month's retreat as an act of respect for the one who had sacrificed his life saving theirs.

*Respect Life Sunday* reminds us that every day is an opportunity to reflect on the insight that life, far from being random or an act of self-determination, is in fact a gift.

**The beautiful gift of parenthood is a collaboration with God in the creation of a new person made in God's image and likeness.** It is sometimes said that every child is the fruit of God's love and their parents' love, "given a name".

Sometimes, however, the gift of life is not experienced as this profound communion of love, family and joy. Parenthood can be shattered or tested in a number of ways that cry out for mercy, tenderness, accompaniment and deep understanding. When grief or loss or regret come between a parent and a child - or the hope for a child - we see human nature itself express her pain and anguish.

Today, as shepherds or hēpara, **we stand close to those of you who carry the heavy pain and grief of an abortion.** Sometimes that anguish, when shared, met with a cold detached judgement. That was wrong. We encourage those of you who need the burden of regret lifted, to share your story, and, in the words of Jesus, "find rest for your soul" (cf. Mt 11:29-30).

Others carry the pain and grief of what we might call **'empty arms'** in different ways:

perhaps the result of an inability to conceive;  
or the miscarriage of a deeply desired but never held baby;  
perhaps a child still-born and held only in death;  
or the result of having parented embryos that will never be implanted;  
perhaps a child given for adoption, a child given away into the arms of others;  
or a child who died prematurely through illness or accident, a child no longer present to be held;  
or perhaps a child now estranged or distant whom you entrust to the care of the Saints and the compassion of fellow human beings.

Pope Francis has called for **a revolution of tenderness** in our world. In that spirit, we offer today not explanations or answers but the assurance of listening hearts and humble prayers: for courage, for healing and forgiveness where needed, and for renewed purpose in our lives.

**A burden or pain shared is one that is lightened.** For some of you, telling your story to another person will bring forth a kind of **sacred space of deep, respectful listening**; an encounter in which you will feel God's healing love. We might mourn, we might marvel and above all – for all of us – may we come to experience anew that we are the deeply loved family of God. And may we continue to build parishes where doors are open and all are made to feel at home.

+ Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland  
+ Steve Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton  
+ Charles Drennan, Bishop of Palmerston North  
+ John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington  
+ Paul Martin SM, Bishop of Christchurch  
+ Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin

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



Today we celebrate with the members of the Passionist Family Movement 30 years of ministry and presence in the Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

We give thanks for the members and their work in our parishes, homes and families.

We have benefitted from the movement's values and its aim to create a communal, shared and supportive environment of *intentional* families. In this environment, members are supported and nurtured in times of need and of celebration. The early church's experience as the place of worship, support, nurture and welcome of all is critical today, especially when an individual is often left to find their own way through a world of conflicting values, often without the support of a community of care. Community images the deepest reality of God, who in the Trinity is a community of love and creativity. Here in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish we have received the blessings of the Passionist Family Groups in the work that members have generously done for us. Thank you!

On behalf of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and the parishioners of Palmerston North, I wish each member of the Passionist Family Movement, their families and friends, the riches of God's blessing.

#### NEXT SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday reminds us that God says to each of us: "up and leave your place". Leave all that can lock us down in mediocrity – for some that is routines, for others tired agendas and pet hobby horses, and for others again perhaps it's overdoses of Facebook and Instagram etc. Set free of traps, we can bring the beauty and kindness of faith somewhere else, somewhere new, which may be just round the corner.

Faith transforms every possible human situation. Mission Sunday prompts us therefore to step back and marvel at the breadth and depth of our Christian faith. Let's relish the good at work in our communities, let's take courage from the lives of our saints, sung and unsung, let's grow in appreciation of our faith for which others have even died, let's remember kiwi missionaries abroad – lay volunteers, Columban Fathers, Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, De La Salle Brothers etc.

In many regions and countries simply being a Catholic is dangerous. Our collection next week helps the Church in such places by supporting education and healthcare, pastoral programmes and family development projects, the protection of democracy etc which are all fruits of Jesus' Good News of mercy, compassion, justice, peace, and eternal life.

Mission Sunday is for us all. Our prayers and offerings show that in Christ we are all brothers and sisters of our worldwide human family.

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#### Voices of the Synod

On the parish website <http://www.lourdesparish.nz/> are several videos of young Catholics offering leadership ideas for the Church. Please check these out! The voice of the Church is one that is evolving and we need to decide are we going to be *part* of this evolution or stand *apart* from this evolution?

To assist Fr Kevin further in his ministry as Presider we welcome Ms Kate Bell, Catechist at the Cathedral to give Sunday reflections with Fr Kevin when she is available.

Catechumenate for children at OLOL each second Sunday following the 9.30am Mass—we have a session today 7<sup>th</sup> then again 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.

For anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith the enquiry nights for the RCIA programme are being held at the Cathedral Lounge on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. This is a chance to find out more about becoming a Catholic.....For further information phone Cushla Hughes 355 2117.

**October is Respect Life Month.** The PN branch of Voice for Life welcomes parishioners to visit our table in the gathering area today. We have hand-outs, bookmarks and other materials on Pro-life issues of importance to Catholics.

**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!**

**Joshua Men's Group meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 7:00pm St Mary's church foyer. Speaker is Fr Joseph Grayland. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Supper to follow. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz).**

**Chris Skinner Concert 3rd November St Brigid's Church Feilding.** Tickets will be available for purchase after the **Vigil Mass 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** and also at the **9.30am Mass 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**. Cash or cheque payments preferable. The sellers will have St Brigid's bank A/c details available if you are wishing to pay through internet banking. St Brigid's Parish are trying to avoid selling tickets on the night and prefer not to hold tickets over till then.

**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 is for Mission Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, next weekend.**

**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.**

YOU'RE INVITED TO A MOVIE  
AND MASS TO CELEBRATE THE

### Canonisation of Oscar Romero

SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER

3PM 'ROMERO' FILM  
TE RAU AROHA DIOCESAN CENTRE  
3PM MASS IN SPANISH  
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



**"WITH THE YOUTH WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL"**

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Pontifical Mission Societies (**MISSIONZ**) Appeal. This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission especially to the many youth of today, and how we can support mission globally. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.

♦ **Readings Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45.**

**ROSTERS: October 15<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>**

**Church Cleaning:** Wendy Derksen **Counting:** Selwyn Brown

**Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm** Jeanette Currie and Lesley Wright  
9:30am Jenny King.

**Readers: 5:30pm** Roselle Gouwland, Jane Charlton, Kerry Hocquard  
9:30am Celia Kueh, Rhea Villocido, Maricar Dongon.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm** Denis Jones, John Werder, Denise Bailey, Pat Curran, Hannah Brown  
**9:30am** Martin Boyle, Paul Darbyshire, Julia Sissons, Denis and Margaret Beckett.

**Flowers:** June Lynch.

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Gabriel Josafat and Imogen Gallagher.

**Children's Liturgy:** No children's liturgy.

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Kapatiran Group.

**Religious Goods/Library:** Wally Semmens.

**Lawns:** (Oct 13<sup>th</sup>) Fr Joe. **Linen:** (October) Mary O'Connor.