



Priest Ministers

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LOL 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—LOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am

and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—LOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon

7:00pm—9:00pm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—28th October 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

From the Pastor's desk

The Word of God is central to the life of the Church. We are instructed by it in the ways of wisdom and truth. The scriptures form the heart of the initiation process into the Church, which we call the Catechumenate (or school in Greek). When people are interested in faith, Jesus and discipleship we lead them first of all to a deep and intimate knowledge of the scriptures. It is from the scriptures that we learn our moral and pastoral codes; from the scriptures we learn the nature of wisdom; from scripture we learn what is of value and what is not; we learn how to think about and conceptualise God; how to pray; and what stops us from prayer.

Scripture is a multileveled, fascinating account of the work of God in human history. Scripture is an account of the presence of God, working throughout history, guiding us to a deeper awareness of God's presence in daily living and decision-making. Scripture guides us to an awareness of the change that comes to us personally, and to our society, through the presence of God in our world. This awareness changes our thinking and then it changes the ways we act, judge, and understand events and people.

The Bible, which contains the scriptures, is a *book of books*, a compilation of insight, wisdom, visions, hopes, dreams and disappointments. It tells the stories of faith and narrates the journey of the Hebrew People's growing awareness of the presence of God. For the early Christian's it narrates their growing understanding of the divinity and humanity of Christ and how this unity of two natures in one person reveals the nature of God as Father, Son and Spirit.

The scriptures of the First or Hebrew Testament and the scriptures of the Second or Christian Testament, are testaments to the presence and growing understanding of God and of faith-in-the-One-God. These two Testaments of faith are intimately linked to each other through the references to the Prophets.

The Bible has stories of violence, warfare, hatred, envy and stories of creativity, generosity, love and self-giving for others. All these stories frame the experience of being in relationship with God – from a human perspective! All are included in the Canon of Scripture (Canon means list) because in some way they reflect the authentic story of the development of faith. In that authentic

story there are elements that we won't agree with, perspectives that we do not share. We can choose to ignore these elements or we can choose dialogue with them in a robust way.

The Psalms are robust and deeply spiritual expressions of the relationship of Israel with God. The Psalmists don't sugar-coat their relationship with God, their disappointment at God's inaction or slowness to action. These robust, gutsy expressions of faith show one important element: You can debate with God, tell God off, be angry at God and still NOT lose faith in God!

The Psalms are the real prayers of real people who struggled to understand that God cannot be sentimentalised. Sentimentality, romanticism and nostalgia are all ok in the movies, but in the real world of faith-in-the-God of the Scriptures they have no place.

The God of the Scriptures is a demanding, multifaceted God who in the person of Jesus Christ has a human face, a human presence. But again, Jesus is not to be sentimentalised. Jesus confronts dishonesty, untruth, in-humanity in individuals and social and religious systems, yet he never condemns the person.

The breaking open of the Scriptures is a sacred task of the Church, through her ministers and baptised Assembly. Opening the Scriptures begins at the kitchen table and finds its way to the Table of God's Word (*Mensa Verbi Dei*) in the church building and from there, back into the world, to the tables of living people who seek more to life.

Joe Grayland

We Pray for the Sick: 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 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.

Died Recently

Robert Sloan, Ivan Snook, Sr Marlette Black

Requiescant in Pace

Bob Bowe

All invited on 4th November to Foxton/Shannon 10:00am Mass and sausage sizzle to follow.

The event is at St Joseph's Church 47 Vogel Street Shannon
Sizzle is after Mass, around 11:00am (no Mass at Foxton)

All Saints 1st November—Masses at Lourdes 10:00am, Foxton 10.30am; St Mary's PN 9:00am; Syro Malabar Mass 6:00pm, Cathedral 12.05pm.

All Souls 2nd November—Mass at Lourdes 10:00am; St Mary's PN 9:00am, Cathedral 12.05pm.

St Peters College Seniors Students end of year Mass—November 2nd 10:30am—Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

Catechumenate for children at OLOL each second Sunday following the 9.30am Mass—4th November will be the next session.

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild 7th 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.

Annual OLOL Bereavement Mass Wednesday November 7th 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.**

OLOL Senior's Anointing Mass and end of year luncheon, November 28th 11:00am. Sign up sheets will be available next weekend.

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

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.

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.

♦ Readings Nov 4th: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

ROSTERS: October 29th to Nov 3rd

Church Cleaning: Alicia and Frank Pabellon, Marcela Codeniera.

Counting: (30th) Marion Carey.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Raymond and Julie Jones
9:30am Dianne Jordan.

Readers: 5:30pm Rob Towers, Dot Bowe, Judith Wall
9:30am Fina Ta'ala, Ebele Ezepue, Kath Rooney.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Dennis Jones, Pat Curran, Denise Bailey, Hannah Brown, Raymond Jones

9:30am Maria Amey, Stephen Guy, Jacinta Cousins, Eric and Jeanette Wright.
Flowers: Mary Dorn.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Madison and Tyler Gilberd.

Children's Liturgy: Donna Brown.

Hospitality: 9:30am Dianne Jordan and Susan Ingram.

Religious Goods/Library: Mary O'Connor.

Lawns: (Oct 27th) Alan Marlow.

Linen: (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne.

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.

Young Professionals, we welcome you to come and join us
Tuesday 30th October at Barista Cafe

<https://www.barista.co.nz> from 6:30pm. Young Professionals is for post under-graduate aged folks 21-35(ish) who want to be connected to other young Catholics in the same age group.

+Charles will be there - bring a friend and we'll see you there too~! Follow us on Facebook *PN Catholic Young Professionals*

Catholic Young Adults event this week: Games night at Te Ahi Kaa, 25A Amesbury Street, 4-6pm. Snacks provided. Come along to meet other like-minded Young Adults and have some fun! Feel free to bring your own board games. Please contact Georgia on 021811148 if you would like your name added to our contact list.

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?

Chris Skinner Concert 3rd November St Brigid's Church Feilding.

A Parish Secretary is required for St Brigid's Feilding. The position is for up to 25 hours per week over a minimum of 4 days a week between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm.

The successful applicant will require excellent communication skills, have previous secretarial or business experience, possess good knowledge of Catholic structures and faith practices and competence with standard office computer skills and procedures. Start early January 2019. Please contact Fr Manoj Mathew on 358 5614 or Sally Thomas 021641903 for further information and a Job Description. Applications close on 16th November 2018

Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400 3rd Quarterly Meeting: 4:00pm, Monday 5th November Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, PN. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome.

Contact Kevin Frost, Secretary, 3577844; kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

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 Mission Sunday 21st Oct.

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.



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

Billings Ovulation Method™
Natural Fertility Training Seminar 2018
Teacher training and upskilling
Saturday 3rd—Sunday 4th November

Mercy Conference Centre, Thorndon, Wellington

The Full registration fee is \$350, this covers catering and educational material. A limited number of part scholarships are available for those unable to meet the full registration fee.

Contact: Alicia Reeves, RN BN, National Coordinator/Educator
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