

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)  
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata  
<http://www.lourdesparish.nz/>



## Priest Ministers

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## LOLO 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

## 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> Sunday of the month

## RECONCILIATION—LOLO

Sat 10:30am—11:00am  
and on request

## EUCHARIST ADORATION—LOLO

Fri: 10:30am—Noon  
7:00pm—9:00pm

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 06 October 2019 – Year C

*Readings for the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 – 2Kings 5.14-17, 2Tim 2.8-13; Luke 17:11-19*

### Pastors Desk

Faith in God is a gift and it is not to be underestimated. The value of the gift is grounded in the value of the giver (God). The extent to which we value the giver is often the extent to which we will value their gift.

The gift Paul speaks of in the second letter to Timothy is the gift of the Spirit received through the laying on of hands. It is the gift of discipleship that brings courage, fortitude, charity and self-awareness. It is a gift that brings change too. After one has received it one is not the same again. The gift and the giver have changed who you are. Love does that!

The love of spouses, one for the other, changes them both over time; the love of parents for their children changes them from individuals into life-givers of another person; the love of the baptised for each other changes the nature of the world through creating a Church of reconciliation and mercy, and so it goes on.

Where a vocation is experienced the individual recipient of the vocation changes and through them the world is changed, as Paul suggests. This is the gift of God! God the source of all gifts changes us through the gifts of life, humanity, love, ministry and charity. These gifts make us joyful and courageous witnesses of Jesus. We witness to what is of value for Christ; we seek to see the world as he does; we seek to live in ways that reflect the Scriptures; and we approach all people with profound reverence. Jesus changes our world because he is the gift of God in human history that changes humanity itself.

Paul exhorts us to keep as our pattern the sound teaching Timothy has heard from him. He had been Timothy's mentor and teacher. All of us need good teachers and sound teaching. The first teachers are of course our parents. They are the ones tasked to raise us in the way of Gospels so that one might become the *new Christ*. This is a significant task and not an easy one! In this task many parents walk, themselves, by faith and not always by light or deep knowledge. Parents teach their children through their

example of loving, through how they deal with their sufferings and disappointments and in a multitude of other ways. In this role, parents are supported by God through their sacramental union. In the Sacrament of Marriage, the Spirit is present nurturing the couple's vocation to be lovers, first to each other and then as parents to their children and grandparents to grandchildren, if they are blessed with children.

A solid grounding in faith requires a relationship with God; a relationship with God requires prayer; prayer requires good theology; good theology requires the desire to seek God in all things; seeking God in all desires the attainment of truth; truth to be attained requires the use of the intellect and faith.

The Scriptures, the Lived Tradition of the Church and the Teachings of the Church guide us in this journey of faith. They remind us constantly that one's first vocation is the call to be human. The second vocation is the call to live out one's humanity in life-giving and authentic ways. The third vocation is the call to the eternity of God. In each call God is present, the one who has gifted us. The gift enables us to discern the meaning of the call and the way to respond.

The Gospel finishes with the line "when you have done all you have been told to do, say: "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty." In the end, as gifted men and woman nothing of the greatness we have is ours alone: it is a reflection of God with us! It keeps us all humble.

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**More volunteers are needed to mow the church lawn please.** Contact the parish office 06 358 3667 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

**Fr. Chris Skinner Concert**, 12 October 2pm in Whanganui at St. Mary's. Door sales on Tickets available.

**WelCom** available in back of church.

## Coming Events & NOTICES

### Please diarise:

**Anointing Mass:** OLOL – 9<sup>th</sup> of October – 10am and St. Mary's Foxton – 24<sup>th</sup> of October – 10:30am.

**Celebrating Venerable Suzanne Aubert** today October 6.

**Pastoral Team Leaders Meeting today** at Sacred Heart Rongotea, from 3pm to 5pm.

**Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic or interested in knowing more?** Has your child expressed an interest in becoming baptised? OLOL School and Parish have an opportunity planned for you to learn more about this and to explore your faith call. We will have regular meetings after 9.30am Mass to discuss belief in Jesus, the life of the church, how the sacraments work and why they are signs of God's great love for us. This process takes place over several months, so that you can become familiar with the ways of the Church and so that you and/or the children have the opportunity to think deeply about this step. If you're interested, in this wonderful Sacrament please get in touch with either the OLOL School or the Parish office.

The community at **Our Lady's Home of Compassion** invite pilgrims to spend a weekend (15<sup>th</sup> of Nov 5pm to 17<sup>th</sup> of Nov 4pm) experiencing the depth and beauty of Taize prayer. The Taize aspects of joy, simplicity and reconciliation reflect the kaupapa of the Home of Compassion and the life of the founder of the Sisters of Compassion, Suzanne Aubert, who opened her heart to "people of all creeds and none." For more information please email: spirituality@compassion.org.nz or Ph: 04 3837769. Or register: <https://compassion.org.nz/event/taize-in-aotearoa/>

### Diocesan Young Catholics Team

*Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive is the new document from Pope Francis on young people through the Catholic world and beyond.*

*Week 1: Pope Francis understands it's easy to fall into complacency or cynicism. If you have lost inner vitality, your dreams, your enthusiasm, your optimism and your generosity, Jesus stands before you as once he stood before the dead son of the widow, and with all the power of his resurrection he urges you: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14). (Paragraph 20)*

**Music Ministry** - Special thanks to our Young Adults who lead the music liturgy at the 6pm Youth Masses. Practice times – every third Tues, 7-9pm at TAK.

**Theology of the Body** discussion nights continue every Thurs, 7-9pm at TAK till the end of Oct.

**Please contact Line for more info.** Sun 13 Oct – Taize Adoration  
Sun 20 Oct – Prayer & Potluck Dinner. Sun 27 Oct – Youth Mass & Pub Night. All Sunday events will take place after 6pm mass. Either gather in Cathedral foyer or meet us at TAK from 7.15pm.

Line – 021811148 or [lvailua@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lvailua@pndiocese.org.nz)

**OLOL Prayer Line** phone Eileen (06) 329 1801 or (021) 671 755 or the Parish Office.

**Health and Wellbeing Workshops** – OLOL Parish 7-8:30pm. We hope this will enable those dealing with these issues to gain information, support and encouragement. If you are interested in coming please RSVP Kate at [ololpn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ololpn@xtra.co.nz) or 06 358 3667, so that we can get an idea of the numbers for each Workshop.

The dates are as follows:

**10 October: Living with and caring for those who have Disabilities** – Tim McEvoy Senior Connector for Mana Whaikaha, Midcentral DHB Disability Services.

**17 October: Suicide Prevention-Postvention** – Rose Allan, Senior Counsellor, and Elisabeth Dempster, Public Health Suicide Prevention Coordinator.

**24 October: Living with and caring for those with Cancer.** Kerry Hocquard Cancer Society.

**31 October: Living with and caring for those who have Dementia.** Marie Whitburn and Dr Yih Harnng Chong, Elderhealth, Midcentral DHB

**ACROSS: Te Kotahitanga O Te Wairua** (Anglican and Catholic Social Services) Counselling Family Support Parenting Programmes. 294a Church Street. (06)356 7486 or 0800ACROSS.

**St Brigid's Parish Quiz:** 6.30pm, Saturday 19 October, St Brigid's Community Hall, Derby St, Feilding. For a registration form, please contact: St Brigid's Parish office: [stbrigids@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stbrigids@xtra.co.nz) or Steve: [morton@inspire.net.nz](mailto:morton@inspire.net.nz). For more details see Notice board

**Unity Singers Welcome's you to Christmas Carols** at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 at 7pm. Admission: A donation or item of non-perishable food for the St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Food / Donations can also be left at the Cathedral Parish Office or The St Vincent de Paul Shop, 252 Rangitikei Street, Palmerston North

### ROSTERS: 7<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Church Cleaning:** Linda Darbyshire & Ann Nation

**Counter:** (8<sup>th</sup> Oct) Marion Carey

**Flowers:** (12/13 Oct) Ann O'Hara & Judy Walker

**Greeters:** 5:30pm Raymond & Julie Jones

9:30am Ans Haakman

**Children's Liturgy** (13<sup>th</sup> Oct) School Holiday

**Readers:** 5:30pm Judith Wall, Janey Bishop & Kian Laylo.

9:30am Diane Baucke, Maree O'Donoghue & Terry Johns

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**5:30pm** Jeanette Currie, Lesley Wright, Denise Bailey, Miller Johns & Denis Jones. **9:30am** Paul Darbyshire, Sherin Thomas, Martin Boyle,

Kyra Tikitiki & Eileen O'Connor. **Altar Servers:** 9:30am Carson May & Carissa May. **Hospitality:** 9:30am Mary & Wayne Dorn

**Linen:** (Oct) Judith Wall, **Lawns:** (5<sup>th</sup> Oct) Fr Joe

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** (13<sup>th</sup> Oct) Rita Auta

**SVDP Basket:** (Oct) Barney O'Connor

### We pray for those who are unwell:

Rufino Petim, Caterina Rodrigues Ribeiro, Louisa Vieira, Michael James McAvinue, Peter Taylor, Betsy Franssen, Oleg Bogdanovas, Louis Heynen, Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Vinnie Carroll, Oliver Gillespie, Trevor Wilson, Michael Eades, Joan Lambourne, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Michael Quirk, Gary Meyer, Mary Jefferies, Evie Feierabend, Katherine Denby, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Toshi Sekizaki, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune, Catherine Kearins

**St VINNIES**, 252 Rangitikei St, Palmerston North has an urgent request for **Furniture please**. Thank you!