

# 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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## OLOL 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—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am  
and on request

## EUCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon  
7:00pm—9:00pm

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 November 2019 – Year C

**Proclamations of the Word for 10 November 2019 – 2 Macc 7.1-2, 9-14++, 2Thess 2.16 - 3.5; Luke 20.27-38**

### Pastors Desk

"I am the God of the living!" The resurrection is often spoken of as an event. Here, it is spoken of as a gift, given by God, to those whom God judges worthy of it.

The complexity of the resurrection is muddled in today's Gospel with the question of a woman's marriage to the seven sons of her Father-in-Law. It is the test case that separates several traditions of theology within Judaism.

This section follows the interchange with the Pharisees, who have Jesus under scrutiny to trap him in words. They are the spies in the assembly who pick out words to misrepresent the preacher because they are incapable of hearing the full sentence.

Now the Sadducees are introduced for the first and only time in Luke's Gospel. They present the most traditional Jewish position that there is no bodily resurrection. They represent a philosophical school with a more traditional claim to truth than the Pharisees. After the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 AD the Sadducees disappeared from history.

They raise the question of the woman and her seven husbands and to whom will she be wife in the resurrection of the dead? They are basing the multiple marriages on the "Levirate" law in Deuteronomy 25:5-6.

This law is a paraphrase of Genesis 38:8. The question has several elements, the most obvious are the reduction of the woman to the status of marriage; and the place of physicality in resurrection. The speakers heighten the *reductio ad absurdum* by adding multiple husbands, to the point where the concept of marriage and the physicality of resurrection become sheer nonsense.

The woman's status is defined in death through her marriages: she is the married woman and not a person in her own right. Resurrection is not hers in virtue of her own righteousness, goodness or faith. For her, resurrection is the result of being the wife of her husbands. In death she is still valued in terms of marriage(s). This is the type of thinking that places women below men and, sadly, such attitudes are continued today by both women and men when they undervalue the role of women in the church or undermine the ministry of women.

The physicality of resurrection is aligned to the physicality of marriage. It is the subtle underpinning for the rejection of the Resurrection. The question is: "who will she bed in heaven if she's bedded them all on earth?" The corollary is: "if we can't work out who her husband is on earth then how can she (and they) be resurrected, because heaven could not permit for multiple husbands to one wife, when this is not permitted on earth! Resurrection is presented as the continuation of earthly structures of conjugal life and thinking. This is a classic

example of thinking that turns metaphor into concrete and offers no insight to Mystery!

Jesus' reply counters this type of thinking: "The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are children of God."

1. His response invites us to consider the nature of mystery and to step aside from trying to understand heaven from the point-of-view-of-earth.
2. Death defines marriage and its purposes, through legitimating status, procreation, relationships and inheritance, but these are not necessary in heaven, because in heaven the human race is discontinued.
3. Being judged worthy of heaven is based on more than one's gender or marital status.

These answers respond to the Jewish-Palestinian question of resurrection however, the reference to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, "God of the living", and the use of the *present continuous* grammatical structure, answers a Greek-Hellenistic question on immortality. This second point make clear that Christian hope in the future resurrection doesn't depend on wishful thinking or even personal hope, but on the very nature of God.

God is revealed in biblical experience as the God of the living: A God who enters into the experience of the world, in personal relationship with humankind. God cannot be destroyed even by death. This will be revealed more fully in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead – that neither human violence nor human death can defeat the work of God, which is creative, life-giving, love.

This puts our hope in the resurrection in the right place – not in speculation about the structure of human nature, but in the revelation about the nature of God.

**Fr Joe.**

We're moving to a **Single Newsletter** for the four communities and we need to **give it a name**. The **prize is \$50.00** for the best name.

#### Criteria:

- The name needs to catchy
- Reference our four communities
- Be memorable

**Competition ends 15<sup>th</sup> November 3pm**, all suggestions need to be received by then either by email: [office@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:office@lourdesparish.nz) or by dropping a note in the collection tray.

**Greeters, please collect your new roster from the Gathering area.**

**Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic or interested in knowing more?** If you're interested in this wonderful Sacrament, please get in touch with either the OLOL School or OLOL Parish office.

### **Parish and Diocese Notices**

#### **Please diarise:**

- 12 Nov – **OLOL Liturgy Committee** – OLOL – 5:15pm
- 16 Nov – **Faith Family Feast** - Ross Intermediate School Hall – 7pm
- 3 Dec – **Anointing Mass & Christmas Dinner for Seniors** – OLOL – 11am. (RSVP by the 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov)
- 6 Dec – **Mass for Life** – St. Mary of Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington – 7pm
- 7 Dec – **National March for Life** – Civic Square Wellington – 12pm (March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm)
- 7 Dec – **Rosary of Life & Faith** – Rosary group in your parish – 3pm (Info – [www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz](http://www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz) or ph Clare 022 1912886)
- 10 Dec – **Unity Singers** – Cathedral of the Holy Spirit – 7pm (Admission – Donation or non-perishable food)
- 18 Dec – **Rite II, City Wide Reconciliation** – St Mary's P/N – 7pm

**VACANCY - The Diocese of Palmerston North** is looking for an experienced Credit Controller to assist in the collection of attendance dues for Catholic schools in the region. For a job description email Mary Sutton on [msutton@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:msutton@pndiocese.org.nz) or for more information please contact Mary on 06 354 1780 ext 849.

#### **St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Raffle:**

Tickets for 3 hampers and a Christmas cake will be on sale after Mass next weekend (16-17 November). \$2-00 a ticket for 4 draws - cash sales only so bring your coins along.

**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!

**St VINNIES**, 252 Rangitikei St, Palmerston North has an urgent request for a **Wooden Cot and Fruit tins.** Thank you!

**Palmerston North Interfaith Event**, Saturday, 16 November, 7pm, Ross Intermediate School Hall, Freyberg Street  
Join an **Environmental Project at Pit Park** on Saturday 23 November; Experience diverse sacred and spiritual expressions of our local faith communities; Enjoy an exciting variety of ethnic food;  
**Contribute Koha to help support local work of: Red Cross; Manawatu Multicultural Centre, Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust.** Facilitated by the Palmerston North Interfaith Group. For more information— contact: Mary Eastham, [maeastham23@gmail.com](mailto:maeastham23@gmail.com) or Bob Skipp, [bob\\_skipp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bob_skipp@xtra.co.nz)

**“Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick’s Branch 400**  
Third Quarterly Meeting: 4pm, Monday 18 Nov in the Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, PN. All Welcome. Contact Kevin Frost, Secretary, Tel (06) 3577844 or email [kfassociates@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kfassociates@xtra.co.nz)”

**Anointing Mass and Christmas Dinner for Seniors. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11:00am.** Please invite Catholic friends and put their names and your names on the forms in the gathering area. We need to know numbers by 30<sup>th</sup> November for catering purposes. Thank you

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

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### **Diocesan Young Catholics Team**

*Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive. Week 6: The evil so present in the world does not have the final word. See Jesus as happy, overflowing with joy. Rejoice with him as with a friend who has triumphed. They killed him, the holy one, the just one, the innocent one, but he triumphed in the end. Evil does not have the last word. Nor will it have the last word in your life, for you have a friend who loves you and wants to triumph in you. Your Saviour lives. (Paragraph 126)*

#### **Youth Events**

- Sun 10 Nov – Final Community Prayer & Dinner at TAK
- Sun 17 Nov – Final Pub Night at Celtic Inn

**Young Catholic Leader** is still taking registrations for the upcoming programme from December 9-13. This programme is for Year 12 students preparing for Year 13 who will have a leadership role in 2020 or are wanting to better develop their leadership skills. Students from Catholic and state schools throughout the Diocese of Palmerston North are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Thomas Dravitzki on 0212461074 or [tdravitzki@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:tdravitzki@pndiocese.org.nz) or check out our YCL website at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/young-catholics/youngcatholicleader/>

#### **ROSTERS: 11 Nov to 17 Nov 2019**

**Church Cleaning:** (25 Nov) Marcela Codeniera  
**Counter:** (12 Nov) Leigh Basile, **Flowers:** (16/17 Nov) Diane Baucke  
**Greeters:** **5:30pm** Jeanette Currie & Lesley Wright  
**9:30am** Ans Haakman.

**Children’s Liturgy** (17 Nov) Caroline Deazley-Gilligan  
**Readers:** **5:30pm** Kath Rooney, Caroline Deazley-Gilligan & Kevin Shore. **9:30am** Rhea Villocido, Rolyene Grocero & Maricar Dongon

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**5:30pm** – TBA, **9:30am** – TBA  
**Altar Servers:** **9:30am** Teresa Alexander & Isla Hyde  
**Hospitality:** **9:30am** KPF Group. **Linen:** (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne,  
**Lawns:** (16<sup>th</sup> Nov) TBA. **Religious Goods Cabinet:** (17 Nov) Wally Semmens, **SVDP Basket:** (Nov) Oline & Roger Ball

#### **We Pray for:**

Deceased members of the O’Donoghue family  
Michael Quirk  
Deceased members the Rooney Family  
Matthew, Achi, Kuttiyamma, John, Prince  
Stella Husband  
Deceased relatives and friends of the Cole Family  
Deceased relatives and friends of Lesley Wright  
Esme Hume

#### **We pray for those who are unwell:**

Margaret Kersel, 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

#### **Planned-Giving Direct Credit:**

OLOL Parish Account 02-0630-0288037-18  
Details to appear on payee’s (OLOL) bank Statement  
**Name of Account Code Reference**  
OLOL PG # Your Name  
Donations for Special Collections may be made using the details above, please include the name of the Collection, e.g. Missions, Dues, Holy Places.

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