

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: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun
10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st & 3rd 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 October 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 29th of October 2019 – Exodus 17.8-13, 2Tim 3.14-4.2; Luke 18.1-8

Pastors Desk

Luke is careful to note that the healing of Naaman the Syrian takes place “along the border of Samaria and Galilee”. The **border land** is where people with disabilities are always forced to congregate. In their own world, with other disabled people, they are treated there, away from ordinary, able-bodied society. In our first Health and Wellbeing seminar on Thursday evening, just gone, this approach to disability was revealed and challenged.

A prevailing concept of social concern responds to disability through creating a separated congregation of the disabled, rather than integrating disabled people into the mainstream of living. Too easily the able-bodied create a response that is disability-focused rather than person- (with a disability)-focused. Sometimes, able-bodied society responds in this way out of fear and sometimes out of a mis-placed concept of care. Nevertheless, segregation is always the outcome.

Society tends to further disable the disabled through the “structures of help” it creates to deal with the disabled. These structures are designed to manage the people not necessarily to respond to the disability. Often these structures are frustratingly bureaucratic and process centric. Such structures disempower the disabled person and their families further through making their access to services that much more difficult, time-consuming and tiresome than is reasonable. In many instances the resourcing is minimal, or guarded by fiscally tight purse-holders, with the result that getting assistance is more a battle than it should be.

The care of the disabled is clearly a concern of Jesus of Nazareth. Curing the sick and bringing them back into society is a significant element of today's Gospel. Sending the lepers to the priests is the mechanism for their re-socialisation.

At the heart of our Gospels, our foundational document, is the demand, in Charity, to include all people in the Kingdom of God; Christ went to the Cross for everyone, not just for many or for some. In the demand to Charity the truth of our responses is revealed; they are not always charitable responses. Nevertheless, we're all called to step over the threshold of fear, of social prejudice, or bureaucratic mindsets and engage the person as the image and imagination of God. In God's eternal imagination each person is a privileged revelation of the Mystery of God. That is why for us Christians all life, in whatever place and condition it is found, is precious and worthy of honour.

Exclusion is another theme of the scriptures today and how it is used to make religious groups happy and safe through the exclusion of others. Luke's Gospel is renowned for its “universality” and its call to universal holiness and the availability of universal salvation. This is a big jump from the exclusivism of 1st century Judaism, which was the religious context of the original Christian communities. It must have been a huge challenge for some believers to accept that Jesus is not the exclusive property of the followers, but the possession of the world and of all people. One can only imagine the arguments that must have surrounded this.

Much the same as today, the possession of the Gospel and the living of it is not the exclusive possession of any one of us; we must allow each other the freedom to discern God's will in all things and not expect that every personal understanding of God will agree with the next person's. Faith is a gift; the gift is given fully to each, but differently to each: some are teachers, some prophets, some pastors, some speak in tongues, others administer, some lead worship and so the list goes on. Some are able-bodied and some are disabled; some are well, others are not. In all of this, God is present working out our salvation and saving us, often despite our best efforts not to be saved!

Naaman the Syrian was a foreigner, man of position in his own world, but not in Hebrew society. His belief in God is shown in his request to take the soil of Israel home with him, so that he could worship on God's holy ground. We have no need to do this, but we do have a need to reverence the ground on which we stand because it is holy, created by God and worthy of respect, care and honour. We share the land with each other, and in trust for future generations. We ought not disable it through thinking and actions that treat the land as a place apart from us, for which we don't have a shared responsibility.

Fr Joe.

Just a reminder: OLOL music ministry meeting/get together today at 3pm, OLOL meeting room. Please invite all your singers, musicians etc.

Columban Calendar, Christmas cards, Tui Motu and NZ Catholic all **For Sale at the back of Church.**

Coming Events & NOTICES

Please diarise:

Anointing Mass St. Mary's Foxton – 24th of October – 10:30am.

INTERFAITH NEWS: "THE PEACE OF THE WORLD MUST BE PRAYED BY THE FAITHS OF THE WORLD." The Week of Prayer for World Peace begins today, 13 October at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at 7:30pm following 6pm Mass. Monday, 14 October, day 2, also at the Cathedral, after 12 noon Mass. The venue for days 3 and 4, 15 and 16 October, is the Islamic Centre on Cook Street at 6:30pm. (Dress code for women, head scarf, arms and legs covered. No shoes for men and women in the sacred space.) Days 5 and 6, 17 and 18 October will take place at Presbyterian New Church, Corner of Main and Rainforth Street at 12 noon. Come and pray for respect for others even if they seem different from ourselves, the end to violence to resolve conflict, and for our willingness to take the necessary measures to protect our environment.

Joshua Men's Group next meeting Tuesday 15th October, 7pm St Mary's church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Supper to follow. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 www.joshua.org.nz

Whangamomona Catholic Church Centennial & Final

Thanksgiving Mass – All are welcome to join us on Saturday 9th November at 11am to celebrate Whangamomona's 100 years as a Catholic Faith Community. Please bring a plate for our shared lunch. We look forward to seeing you. For more information contact Debbie at the Parish Office on 06 765 6266 or email stratcath@xtra.co.nz

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 (15th of Nov 5pm to 17th of Nov 4pm) experiencing the depth and beauty of Taize prayer. 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. Week 2: "Whatever you do, do not become the sorry sight of an abandoned vehicle!" Don't be parked cars; but dream freely and make good decisions. Take risks, even if it means making mistakes. Don't go through life anesthetized or approach the world like tourists. Make a ruckus! Cast out the fears that paralyse you, so that you don't become young mummies. Live! Give yourself over to the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out and fly! Please, don't take an early retirement."
(Paragraph 143)

Please contact Line for more info. 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

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 or 06 358 3667, so that we can get an idea of the numbers for each Workshop.

The dates are as follows:

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

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 or Steve: 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, 10th 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

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

ROSTERS: 14th October to 20th October 2019

Church Cleaning: Pat Curran & Prue Smith

Counter: (15th Oct) Leigh Basile

Flowers: (19/20 Oct) Ann O'Hara & Judy Walker

Greeters: **5:30pm** Denise Bailey & Kathy Morton
9:30am Jenny King

Children's Liturgy (20th Oct) TBA

Readers: **5:30pm** Philip Connors, Kevin Shore, Rosalie Connors.

9:30am Rolyene Grocero, Maricar Dongon, Rhea Villocido

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Judith Wall, Monica Hammond, Colin Keegan, Martin Wall,

John Lynch. **9:30am** Denis & Margaret Beckett, Mary & Colette

O'Connor, Mary Dorn. **Altar Servers: 9:30am** Gabriel Josafat &

Aldous Ignatious. **Hospitality: 9:30am** KPF Group

Linen: (Oct) Judith Wall, **Lawns:** (19th Oct) Alan Marlow

Religious Goods Cabinet: (20th Oct) Mary O'Connor

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

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

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 **Furniture please.** Thank you!