

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

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



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LOL 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—LOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCHARIST ADORATION—LOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm —9:00pm

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 November 2019 – Year C

Proclamations of the Word for 17 November 2019 – Mal 4.1-2, 2Thess 3.7-12; Luke 21.5-19

Pastors Desk

Predictions of the end of the world, made from biblical texts, need to be approached with care. It is too easy to take the words literally without knowing the context. As a result, false impressions may arouse more fear, than hope.

Today's Gospel is an example of knowing the context. Luke's reference to the destruction of the Temple and the suffering of Christians was written from a place of historical hindsight. The Temple was destroyed in AD 70 by the Romans after the Jewish rebellion. The Jewish nation was decimated, and the remnant were scattered across the Mediterranean world. The destruction of the temple's fine stonework and votive candles also removed a sacred and holy place from Jewish worship. From then on, the memory of the Temple linked the displaced believers and their hope of future restoration.

When considering this material, it is important to keep focus on the main message concerning the destruction of the Temple and the City of Jerusalem and not get side-tracked by the excursus on the suffering of the believers ("But before all this happens..."). We are not to speculate about the fulfilment of Jesus' word as millenarians do, neither is it worth speculating on the historical or actual words used, and what they might have been or meant. Rather, the focus is on the image of Jesus that Luke gives us, and on the functions of this discourse within the Gospel.

Because the text is multi-layered, we need to look at the obvious, namely how Luke portrays Jesus as a prophet. The prophet is both the spokesperson of God and the predictor of the future. Jesus predicts his own fate (his rejection by religious leaders and his death) and beyond this he embraces the public drama of the temple's destruction, though he of course never experienced it. The fulfilment of this two-part prophecy marks the authenticity of Jesus' words for future generations. After showing that the first part of Jesus' prediction has been fulfilled (temple destruction) Luke then presents the second part, the suffering of believers, as a trustworthy prediction. Prophecy creates within the listening believer the confidence to trust in Jesus.

The predictions of the suffering of Christians again "reads-back" into history. The sufferings had already begun, and their pattern will become part of the future; it is not prophecy so much as knowing that "history repeats itself" or is continually repeating. In this, the predictions reflect the Act of the Apostles, Luke's second book.

Being betrayed by family and friends, being hated by all, being called to witness and being given a voice by God indicates that Christianity is not a religion for wimps! Religious commitment can end in a martyr's death, as we witnessed in Christchurch, when innocents became the

target of hate. Our genial New Zealand Christian context shouldn't blind us to this hard edge of reality, though please God, we'll never have to suffer it!

Our challenge here is not the sword, abject poverty or warfare. Our challenge is to live faith-filled lives in a secular and pluralistic culture that does not value religious belief and religious experience beyond its utility. Because of this our key values are not always aligned. For example, life for us is an absolute value, but for others it is a relative value, because freedom is viewed differently.

In our culture, freedom is a **freedom from constraint**. To be truly free is to be without constrain. Freedom is the ability to define oneself without regard to others, social demands and community values. While freedom from constraint is not bad, without the balance of responsibility towards others and society, it becomes inherently egotistical.

The Christian Tradition understands freedom as a freedom for another. Christian freedom is communitarian and not individualistic. Freedom is found in giving to another, in self-denial and in selflessness. Therefore, life itself is the freedom to live for God, given to each person, in the way they are created to live their life. Living in freedom is to live in gratitude to God, because of the realities of one's life. In this way we sanctify life with its joys and sorrows equally because it is the context of salvation. Perfect lives cannot be lived; real lives are lived!

The choice between **freedom from constraint** or **freedom for another** can't be summed up in a sound bite as I am attempting to do here. I'll leave you to your own work...

Fr Joe.

Diocesan Clergy Appointments

Cardinal John Dew has appointed Monsignor Brian Walsh as Vicar General with Diocesan responsibilities as Local Administrator.

As a result of this Cardinal John Dew has also appointed Father Joseph Grayland as Parish Priest of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit as well as continuing his present parish appointment. This will take effect from Monday November 18th.

During the month of November, we pray for the Holy Souls and we remember Dan O'Donoghue whose 1st Anniversary is 25 November

We Pray for:

Deceased members of the LOL Guild
James and Cahill Families

With Gratitude and Thanks:

This week we are busy packing up 39 years in Palmy and at OLOL to shift to New Plymouth. We will be welcomed by family and 2 little grandies with another due in February. For us it's also going back to our place of origin. Many of you have had a great influence on our faith journey and we thank you for that. We have been richly blessed to say the least. We will miss you, so may the friendships continue and please know there is always a bed for you in the Naki. With blessings & love, **Paul & Linda Darbyshire**

New Name for our Four Communities will be announced next week
– Thank you to everyone who entered a name suggestion.

Parish and Diocese Notices

Please diarise:

- 17 Nov – **Rongotea Christmas Parade** – start at 12:30pm with Float Judging. Organised by Rongotea and Districts Lions Club.
22 Nov – **Baucke Passionist Family Group** – Diane & Paul's Home – 5:30pm – Fish & Chips
30 Nov – **Josephite Retreat Centre** – Whanganui – Take a day to stop for a while. Rest your body, rest your mind. 10am-3pm - \$20
3 Dec – **Anointing Mass & Christmas Dinner for Seniors** – OLOL – 11am. (RSVP by the 30th 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 or ph Clare 022 1912886)
8 Dec – **Carols in Bethlehem** – Te Kawau Recreation Centre Rongotea
10 Dec – **Unity Singers** – Cathedral of the Holy Spirit – 7pm (Admission – Donation or non-perishable food)
15 Dec – **Liturgy - Mere Kirihimete** – Rita Cahill rsj – 4.30-6pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help those in need.
18 Dec – **Rite II, City Wide Reconciliation** – St Mary's P/N – 7pm

Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers, please collect your new roster from the Gathering area.

Children's Christmas Shoes Boxes – The 'Social Socks' ministry in schools, together with St Alban's Church, want to help 143 children in care here in P/N have some joy in their Christmas. See the bulletin board in the Gathering area for more information.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Raffle:

Tickets for 3 hampers and a Christmas cake will be on sale after Mass this 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!

"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

The Nathaniel Centre – NZ's Catholic Bioethics Centre, in partnership with L'Arche Kapiti and The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand, are holding a free public event to celebrate the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** – **The Future is Accessible**. The event will take place on **Tuesday, 3 December 2019**, between **12pm-1pm** in the **Connolly Hall**, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, **Wellington** – please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

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

Anointing Mass and Christmas Dinner for Seniors. Tuesday 3rd 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 30th November for catering purposes. Thank you

Diocesan Young Catholics Team

Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive. Week 7: Want to experience the love of God? Spend time with your friends. Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God. Through our friends, the Lord refines us and leads us to maturity. Faithful friends, who stand at our side in times of difficulty, are also reflections of the Lord's love, his gentle and consoling presence in our lives. The experience of friendship teaches us to be open, understanding and caring towards others, to come out of our own comfortable isolation and to share our lives with others. (Paragraph 151)

Youth Events

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 or check out our YCL website at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/young-catholics/youngcatholicleader/>

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.

ROSTERS: 18 Nov to 24 Nov 2019

Church Cleaning: (25 Nov) Marcela Codeniera

Counter: (19 Nov) Selwyn Brown, **Flowers:** (16/17 Nov) Diane Baucke

Greeters: 5:30pm Suneal & Beverley Singh & 9:30am Jenny King.

Children's Liturgy (24 Nov) Helena Pedley

Readers: 5:30pm Rosalie & Philip Connors, Johan Rowe
9:30am Meg de Joux, Iveta & David Griffin

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm – Judith & Martin Wall, Monica Hammond, John Lynch, Julie Lees

9:30am – Maria Amey, Mary Dorn, Mary Murrow, Eileen & Mary O'Connor

Altar Servers: 9:30am Te Huiatahi Gray-Sharp & Imogen Gallagher

Hospitality: 9:30am Tokelaun Group.

Linen: (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne, **Lawns:** (Nov) TBA.

Religious Goods Cabinet: (24 Nov) Rita Auta,

SVDP Basket: (Nov) Oline & Roger Ball

We pray for those who are unwell:

Darren Wright, 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

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