

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)  
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata  
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## 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

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon  
7:00pm—9:00pm

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 August 2019 – Year C

*Readings for the 25th of August 2019 – Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrew 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30*

**Pastors Desk:** by Nick Wilson

I have come to set the earth on fire! (Lk 12: 49-53)

In the first reading today, Jeremiah is literally 'in the can'. Scripture doesn't tell us that Jeremiah protested nor struggled to free himself from the Princes under whose power he was. It certainly appears that he remained faithful to the call of his God and that he would not be abandoned to those that would see him undermined or put to death. The Psalm response today is "Lord, come to my aid!", I imagine that was Jeremiah's prayer to God that day, and I bet he was confident that God would answer that prayer. I wonder if we are like Jeremiah, in that we have that same confidence when we pray? Do we pray in our families, as a couple, in our communities, church groups, with those who are sick? Do we make it a priority before we eat? For those of us who are regular pray-ers, are we fervently praying the same old formulaic stuff of our childhood? And if we do, is it because it is familiar and therefore comforting or is it because we never addressed our image of God over the course of our lives?

Part of the Psalm recounted today refers to David reflecting on the idea that God has put a new song in his mouth – a new awareness of God which shifts him spiritually as more of God is revealed to him. Our image of God should be transitional at all times and this ensures we deepen our understanding of just who God is and the wonderful consequence is that we are not spiritually stunted!! This ensures we avoid the arrogance of thinking we have understood God and the development of faith is an organic and ever-growing phenomenon which cannot and should not be ignored. James Fowler and Morgan Scott-Peck are two well known authors on stages of faith development. You can read a brief summary of their ideas here <http://www.psychologycharts.com/james-fowler-stages-of-faith.html>

Wherever we might consider ourselves in these models of faith development, we might hope that we deeply consider Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke today 'I have come to set the world on fire and how I wish it was already blazing!'. Well, it appears

that this is a reflection of the words of the prayer we heard Jesus teach the disciples in the Gospel reading 3 weeks ago. The words of the 'Our Father' contain the great expectation and hope that 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done!' This is the hallmark of the earth being set on fire with the power of God's love and the triumph of love over what is not holy, and there are plenty of things of this world that are not holy!

In our nation today those things that are not holy are pretty evident particularly around those current hot potato issues of suicide, abortion and euthanasia, child abuse, neglect of our neighbour which results in epidemics of loneliness, marginalisation and isolation. These things for us as Catholics are counter to God's kingdom. Maybe we can take a moment to re-read Cardinal John Dew's column in the latest issue of Wel-com where he talks about the need to engage in theology, which grows our community so we can better articulate our 'why'. If we are relying on other people to articulate our why, then it indicates our faith is very shallow and that we are far from grasping the transcendence of God. So today, let us re-commit to discovering our God in the small and everyday things, so that as we see more of God revealed to us, we can partner with God in the mission of Christ to bring God's kingdom alive to everyone and set the earth on fire!

**Fr Joe is on Annual Leave** until 8 September, visiting family overseas. Fr Phil Sullivan of Auckland Diocese and Fr John Dykes will be caring for the 4 communities along with Fr. Kevin Neal. During this time if you need assistance either call the parish office or the Cathedral.

If a family member or friend is in hospital please contact Kathleen Field ([Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhd.govt.nz](mailto:Kathleen.Field@midcentraldhd.govt.nz) or 021 509 436) the Hospital Chaplain. Any arrangements for anointing or communion at home or in a rest home please contact the parish office at Lourdes [lolpn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lolpn@xtra.co.nz) and Foxton [rcfoxton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rcfoxton@xtra.co.nz)

## Coming Events & NOTICES

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

**Joshua fellowship meeting Tuesday 20th**, 7 PM St Mary's foyer. Come and join in prayer, praise and worship. Supper to follow. Info John 0276887750.

Ladies Cuppa and Movie Afternoon, **Tuesday 20 August** at 1.30pm, Cathedral Lounge. Film: Pay It Forward

### **Māori Catholic Education Collection - Sunday 25 August**

This annual collection has growing support. A contribution to something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes Grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out.

The 2nd **Lay Presider Workshop** will be on the 25th of August and our last one is the 29th of September: **LOLO Church** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

**St VINNIES**, 252 Rangitikei St, Palmerston North has an urgent request for **Furniture please**. Anything from beds, drawers, lounge suites, tables, chairs etc. They cannot however take dirty, ripped or so old it has grey hairs on it. Need is high this winter. Please help. Thank you

**August SVDP Meetings** Tuesday 5.15pm 27th August in Cathedral of Holy Spirit Lounge. Prospective new members and visitors will be welcome at all meetings.

**Citywide Marriage Preparation Course – commencing 29 August 2019** - If you are preparing for marriage and are requiring the Marriage Preparation Course between September 2019 through to August 2020, please register with Steph at the Cathedral Parish on [s.grantham@pncathedral.org.nz](mailto:s.grantham@pncathedral.org.nz) or phone 06-3572891. Please Note: the next Marriage Preparation Course will be held in September 2020.

**O.L.O.L. Ladies Guild September Meeting**. Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. 1-30pm. Usual flower comps. Craft Comp. "Savoury Muffin" Housie. Raffle. Anne Odogwu to provide.

On 9 September 4 members of the Interface group will be going to **Temple Sinai Synagogue in Wellington**. 11am to 3pm but leaving Palmerston North at 9am to return around 5pm. If more people are interested in participating in this special event, please contact Mary Eastham at [maeastham23@gmail.com](mailto:maeastham23@gmail.com) or call me at 06 323 8684

**ORDINARY ACTIONS - EXTRA ORDINARY IMPACT - Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Annual Appeal** - Help support the Mission Sisters make a difference in the lives of children and women. We are an International Missionary Congregation of women who desire to facilitate change by being present with compassion and sharing God's love and justice among those with whom we share life. Our three projects this year in North East India, South India and Myanmar, enable you to give a gift that truly brings Christ's love to those in need. See the poster in the foyer or contact [office@rmdm.org.nz](mailto:office@rmdm.org.nz) for more information. You can read about our projects and make your gift-choice from the brochure.

**The Diocese of PN, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services**, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations. We are looking for applications that support families and social services in the areas of early years, youth development, budgeting, literacy, Maori/cross-cultural, housing, and community service and development. Attention: Mrs Wendy Silver, telephone 06 354 1780 ext 833, email [wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz) or you can download a copy <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/> Applications by 30 September 2019. Allocations will be made on 30 October 2019.

**St Joseph's Catholic School, Levin – 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion & Celebration** - Celebrating 100 Years as a Catholic School Community in Levin we are calling all past and present students, staff, teachers and whānau to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime weekend of celebration and remembrance. Saturday 1 Feb – Sunday 2 Feb 2020, St Joseph's Catholic School, Weraroa Road, Levin, 021 889 583 (Stasia) or 06 368 8017 (School)

### **For our Diocesan Young Catholics:**

Are you **Year 13** and heading to a new city? We have Catholic chaplaincies all around the country to help support you as you transition out of home! Line, our **Catholic Tertiary Chaplain** at Massey will be visiting the Year 13 students in our Catholic colleges in September! For more info, contact Nick 021 822814 or Line Vailua, [lvailua@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lvailua@pndiocese.org.nz) 021 811 148

**Me Tū -Vocational Discernment Retreat** with +Charles. 30 August-1 September @ Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. For more information, please contact Sophia [bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz)

**ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7**

**ROSTERS: August 19<sup>th</sup>— August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Cleaning:** (Aug 19<sup>th</sup>) Maree O'Donoghue.

**Counter:** (Aug 20<sup>th</sup>) Leigh Basile

**Flowers:** (17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>) June Lynch.

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

**9:30am** Alistair Cameron & Dianne Jordan.

**Children's Liturgy** (Aug 25<sup>th</sup>) (Primary) Narelle O'Connor

**Readers: 5:30pm** Caroline Gilligan, Rosalie & Philip Connors

**9:30am** David & Iveta Griffin, Meg de Joux.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**5:30pm** John Werder, Julie Lees, Jeanette Currie, Monica Hammond, Colin Keegan. **9:30am** Dennis & Margaret Beckett, Maria Amey, Mary Murrow, Martin Boyle.

**Altar Servers: 9:30am** Te Huitatahi Gray-Sharp, Imogen Gallagher

**Hospitality: 9:30am** Tokelauan Group

**Linen:** (August) Mary Dorn, **Lawns:** (August 17<sup>th</sup>) Alan Marlow

**Religious Goods Cabinet:** Wally Semmens.

**SVDP Basket:** (August) Barrie Angland

**We Pray for the Sick:** Michael James McAvinue, Peter Taylor, Betsy Franssen, Oleg Bogdanovas, John Green, Mons Brian Walsh, Louis Heynen, Ron Gleeson, Ryan Marsden, Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Vinnie Carroll, Tony Keenan, 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