

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: 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

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1 September 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 8th of September 2019 – Wisdom 9.13-18; Philemon 9b-10, 12-17; Luke 14.25-33

Pastors Desk by Eleanor Jacobs

THE THEME OF OUR READINGS TODAY IS HUMILITY

What is humility? It refers to being lowly of mind. 1P 5 "All of you gird yourselves with lowliness of mind towards each other". In the Gospel Jesus tells us not to exalt ourselves above others. Jesus himself gave us examples of his humility.

Most striking is his childlike attitude towards his parents, namely his heavenly Father and his earthly mother. He obeyed his heavenly Father even to accept dying for us, his brothers and sisters. Mary was an ordinary person like us but there are two instances in Scripture where he obeyed her.

In doing so he demonstrated his obedience to the fourth Commandment, the only one with a promise. To get this fundamental principle right would change the face of our society, teaching our children by example.

Humility brings peace and forgiveness. Col. 3 "Clothe yourselves with the tender affections of compassion." Humility also enables us to forgive and to settle our differences with others. This was so apparent with the Christchurch massacre when the Jewish community reached out to their Muslim brothers and sisters. That was such a great demonstration of forgiveness and compassion, simply because of the age-old enmity that exists between these two nations. Even since Isaac and Ishmael.

What a turmoil the world is in due to unforgiveness and the holding of grudges of the past. And to think that this will continue from generation to generation until humility is chosen and peace is restored. Humility helps us to know our place in the system of existence.

St Paul tells us that Jesus emptied himself of self. When things revolve around me, mine and I, there is no place to consider a different point of view. This attitude sets us out on our own and apart from the rest of the world. When we are sensitive to those around us, we would refrain from actions or words and thoughts that are offensive to others especially those of a different culture to ours. We will also be caring towards animals and the environment. Humility guides us into the right direction.

Pope Francis talks about the humility that should guide our prayer. Acknowledging that we are disobedient and beginning with humility. He says that this is in direct contrast to the prayer of the Pharisee (in the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee), who set himself apart from the rest of humanity and exalted himself before God. Humility keeps us from the fall that awaits us when we are arrogant.

Finally, in all this there is the need to acknowledge that we have weaknesses and that we often fail. Keeping this in mind we should be drawn to the fact that without humility we are but empty vessels and clanging cymbals.

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) 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 and Foxton rcfoxton@xtra.co.nz

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

Coming Events & NOTICES

The last **Lay Presider Workshop** is on 29 September:
LOLO Church from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

The recent review of the Mass Times has been completed.

The result of the review, based on the figures, with no clear majority wanting change, means that the current Mass Times will stay.

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

Men's breakfast.

Come and be fed in body & spirit.
The perfect way to start your day. Next breakfast Friday 6th September, 6.45 to 8.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes meeting room. All supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond 0276887750

Safeguarding Education Sessions

The Catholic Church in New Zealand is committed to the safeguarding of those in its care and creating safe places for Church life and ministry. As part of this commitment, the Catholic bishops and congregational leaders released, in 2017, a set of guidelines. The guidelines include the need for training on safeguarding practices for those involved in ministry with children, young people, and adults who are vulnerable.

All those whom need to attend include the following:

Those who lead children's liturgy, catechism/sacramental preparation classes, homework clubs, youth groups, parish visitors, St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.... etc. The key is that all who are working with children, young people and vulnerable people are given the opportunity and encouragement to attend.

Where: OLOL – 96 Shamrock Street, Palmerston North

When: 5 September 2019, **Time:** 7pm to 9pm

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 for more information. You can read about our projects and make your gift-choice from the brochure.

You will be aware that the **current Labour-led Government has proposed an alternative abortion law to our parliament.** That Bill, being promoted by the Justice Minister, Andrew Little, passed its first reading last week and has now been referred to a Special Select Committee for further consideration and to give the public of New Zealand a chance to comment through the parliamentary submission process. You can find the Bill here:

<http://legislation.govt.nz/.../g.../2019/0164/latest/whole.html...>

All Catholics are encouraged to have their say. The Submission process closes on Thursday 19 September:

<https://www.parliament.nz/.../52SCA.../abortion-legislation-bill>

WelCom available in back of church.

Would you like to be Catholic? Inquiry Evenings: RCIA (City Wide); Wednesday 25 September and 2 October, 7.30 - 9pm, Cathedral Gathering area. A gentle evening of information and questions that will introduce the RCIA process for those who seek Baptism or those who come from another Christian tradition who wish to be formally received into the Catholic community. *Please extend this invitation to any family members, friends, associates or neighbours who may be interested... and come along with them.*



For our Diocesan Young Catholics:

Junior Youth Group- FOF are meeting on Friday 13th of September at the Dio Centre 5:30pm-7pm please bring a friend!

Set Free Catholic Youth Festival 20th-22nd September for years 10-13 in Cambridge, hosted by the Hamilton Diocese. A great time to get away with friends, reflect and have some fun! Get in touch with Taus.

Jesus4Real - Junior Camp for years 8-10 in October. See <http://www.jesus4real.org.nz> to register your spot TODAY! Or our Facebook page

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@pndioocese.org.nz 021 811 148

ROSTERS: September 2 to September 8

Church Cleaning: (Sep 2) Maureen Seale.

Counter: (Sep 3) Gabrielle Barnes & Jane Charlton

Flowers: (7/8) Diane Baucke.

Greeters: 5:30pm Betty Donaldson & Roselle Gouwand
9:30am School children with Teacher.

Children's Liturgy (Sep 8th) Colleen McHardy & Caroline

Readers: 5:30pm TBA

9:30am TBA

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm John Werder, Brendon O'Connor, Monica Hammond, Julie Lees & Hannah Brown. **9:30am** Collete O'Connor, Clare Cole, Mary Dorn, Shilmy Tom & Kyra Tikitiki

Altar Servers: 9:30am TBA

Hospitality: 9:30am Joanna Ho, Caroline Bishop, Kelly Shaba

Linen: (September) Catherine Kearins

Lawns: (September) TBA

Religious Goods Cabinet: Mary O'Connor.

SVPD Basket: (Sep 7/8) Rose Semmens

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

Mass has been offered for recently deceased:
Edward Ameresekera