

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)  
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata  
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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: 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—LOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am  
and on request

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION—LOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon  
7:00pm—9:00pm

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 October 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 – Sirah 35.15-17, 20-22, 2Tim 4.6-8, 16-18; Luke 18.9-14

### Pastors Desk

“Does the Church have a mission or does the Mission have a church?” It’s not a new question, but it is a perennial one. Mission and Church go together; it’s always a question as to how one understands them and their interrelationship.

Is the Church an Institution? Institutions are social structures that contribute to public and private worlds through established patterns of thinking and behaving. They have a clear purpose and established rules for belonging, which are embedded values, norms and beliefs that over time become habitual, customary and cultural. Institutions manage their members through their rules, norms, beliefs and values, thus ensuring that members’ behaviours and decisions conform with the institutional worldview.

If the Church is an institution, then its institutional needs drive its mission. Thus, all missionary activity is a response to institutional thinking, decision-making and vision. Where the mission responds to and is reflective of, the institutional values the Institution validates it, where not, it must condemn it. As an institution, the Church can act with a stable, organized response and not constantly review its belief and action.

Is the Church the People of God? The People of God metaphor is an Old Testament description for the Israelites, a New Testament description for Christians, and a metaphor for all the people born of God’s will. Church, as People of God, refers to the promise of redemption given by God in the Incarnation of Jesus which is anchored in the sacrament of baptism. The People of God are on a constant search for holiness for themselves as individuals, and as a group. Individuals are *saved within the group*. Diversity is the strength of the *Group* which also has a strong need for leadership and direction. Individuals and sub-groups break off from *the People* and go their separate ways. Where strong bonds are created through blood, marriage, love, revenge, hatred, anger, forgiveness, shared defeat, and shared success the group is constantly being reformed. Scripture shows that the development of *A People* has moments of glory and desolation.

If the Church is the People of God, then the People of God drive the mission and its outputs. Thus, every missionary activity is a response by the individuals who make up the People of God to the needs of others both inside and outside the group. One person

cannot be given more at the expense of another, both have to be given what they need without it being a competition. Where *the People* validate the mission the mission is successful, where not, the mission fails because it is not *of the People*.

Is the Church a Mission? Mission is the conceptual response that defines an organisation or person. It defines why an organisation exists and the value it brings to those it serves. It enables an organisation to name and describe the service, value, and product it brings to its customers, clients, stakeholders, or members, and then deliver it. Mission doesn’t describe the way things are done, neither does it describe who undertakes these activities, it frames and the decision-making process and clarifies the choice of outcomes and outputs. Where an organisation is task-focused its mission will frame the outputs, or it will frame the type of outcome the mission expects.

If the Church is a Mission, then the mission must articulate the Church’s foundational reason or the purpose for existence. It would need to articulate how the Incarnation, explored through the Trinity and articulated in the Scriptures is for the good of the world. If the mission drives the Church, then the structures of the Church must be aligned and adjusted to the mission. If the mission of the Church is the proclamation of the Gospel, the salvation of people, the social care of individual and families, the furthering of justice and the actualization of mercy? If it is then the mission frames the delivery and the structures needed to make these tasks happen.

So, what is the Church? An Institution, The People of God, or Mission? How one understands the nature and purpose of the Church creates one’s Ecclesiology or Theology of the Church. How one understands the nature and purpose of Mission defines one’s Missiology or Theology of Mission. Ultimately, they cannot be answered apart from each other, because theology is a science of *the whole* not a compilation of its parts.

Ecclesiology and Missiology become interwoven in an individual believer who sees, acts, and judges under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and with an informed conscience, that frames their decision-making, their worship and their moral conscience.

So, where do you sit?

Fr Joe.

## Coming Events & NOTICES

### Please diarise:

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

**All Souls Day** – 1 November – OLOL – 10:00am

**All Saints Day** – 2 November 2019 – OLOL – 10:00am

**Bereavement Mass** – 6 November – OLOL – 19:00pm

**Annual OLOL Bereavement Mass Wednesday 6 November at 7pm.** This Mass is an opportunity for parishioners who have suffered bereavement to recall in quiet prayer the importance of the recently deceased person to you and to link with God in and through the Eucharist. Those who have lost anyone who lived elsewhere or whose death occurred some time ago are also welcome. The spirit of this liturgy is very much in tune with the month of November when we give special mention to the deceased members of our families. A shared supper will follow. **Please note no 10am Mass.**

**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.

**Whangamomona Catholic Church Centennial & Final Thanksgiving Mass** – All are welcome to join us on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stratcath@xtra.co.nz)

The community at **Our Lady's Home of Compassion** invite pilgrims to spend a weekend (15<sup>th</sup> of Nov 5pm to 17<sup>th</sup> of Nov 4pm) experiencing the depth and beauty of Taize prayer. For more information please email: [spirituality@compassion.org.nz](mailto:spirituality@compassion.org.nz) or Ph: 04 3837769. Or register: <https://compassion.org.nz/event/taize-in-aotearoa/>

**Unity Singers Welcome's you to Christmas Carols** at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**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!

**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](mailto: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:

**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 Harn Chong, Elderhealth, Midcentral DHB

### Diocesan Young Catholics Team

*Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive. Week 3: We Christians cant be a holier-than-thou exclusive club, but we can share our life of beauty and meaning with the world. Certainly, as members of the Church, we should not stand apart from others... yet at the same time we must dare to be different, to point to ideals other than those of this world, testifying to the beauty of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, fidelity to our personal vocation, prayer, the pursuit of justice and the common good, love for the poor, and social friendship. (Paragraph 36)*

### **Young Adults Events Month of October**

For the Young Adult gathering which is **Prayer & Potluck** dinner after 6pm mass **today 20<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be joined by **Issy McCafferty** (Parish Pastoral Support Coordinator) & **David Mullin** (Diocesan Project Manager) who wish to engage with Young Adults regarding the news of Charles. We encourage all young adults to join us as we pray for our Diocese and people and find ways to better support each another.

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. **For more info please contact Line** 021811148 or [lvailu@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lvailu@pndiocese.org.nz).

### ROSTERS: 21<sup>st</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Church Cleaning:** (14<sup>th</sup> Oct) Pat Curran & Prue Smith

**Counter:** (22<sup>th</sup> Oct) Selwyn Brown, **Flowers:** (26/27 Oct) June Lynch

**Greeters:** **5:30pm** Betty Donaldson & Roselle Gouwand  
**9:30am** Josie Conlon

**Children's Liturgy** (27<sup>th</sup> Oct) TBA

**Readers:** **5:30pm** Caroline Gilligan, Rosalie McCann & Kath Rooney.  
**9:30am** Clare Cole, Ebele Ezepue & Meg de Joux

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

**5:30pm** Denis Jones, Brendon O'Connor, John Werder, Denise Bailey & Hannah Brown. **9:30am** Maria Amey, Stephen Guy, Cyril Xavier, Martin Boyle & Paul Darbyshire.

**Altar Servers:** **9:30am** Kaitlyn Amey & Chloe Stewart.

**Hospitality:** **9:30am** Tokelaun Group **Linen:** (Oct) Judith Wall

**Lawns:** (19<sup>th</sup> Oct) Alan Marlow **Religious Goods Cabinet:** (27<sup>th</sup> Oct) Martin Boyle **SVDP Basket:** (Oct) Barney O'Connor

### **Recently Deceased:**

Colleen Kelly (Sister of Graeme & Barbara Younger)

### 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