

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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LOLOL 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—LOLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION—LOLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22 September 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 29th of September 2019 – Amos 6.1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6.11-16; Luke 3 16.19-31

Pastors Desk

Paul's letter to Titus speaks of intercession, petitions and thanksgiving as forms of prayer that we can use. Firstly, he says pray for everyone and then for the rulers of nations and others in authority, so we can live in peace and quiet.

For St Paul, intercessory prayer was grounded in Jesus' own teachings, which required believers to pray for others, especially their enemies. St. Paul believed intercession to be one of the most important aspects of faith. Praying for others is a recurring theme in his works. Prayer is Paul's way to acknowledge God's power. Intercessory prayer enables Paul to "share in... the Father's redemptive love". Praying for other people in their illnesses was another way that intercessory prayer was important in the early church, as healing was a sign of "the power of God's Kingdom". St. Paul believed that prayer transformed the person doing the praying, as much as the one being prayed for, and created a stronger bond between the individual and God.

Today, intercessory prayer is a substantive element of our worship in the Mass, as well as in The Prayer of the Church, prayer meetings and family prayers. We are intercessors, with Christ, in the Holy Spirit, for the benefit, or good of others. Remembering others, and praying for them, is an outcome or expression of our baptismal priesthood, where we are called to be priest, prophet and king and anointed into the divine priesthood of Jesus.

In our role as intercessors we voice the needs of many, especially those who cannot pray, or are unable to pray. In this role we participate with God in the work of redemption. Caring for others and being aware of their needs is a central element of the Christian faith.

The Prayers of Intercession were reintroduced to the Mass after the Second Vatican Council. They had disappeared from the Tridentine Mass along with the Liturgy of the Word. The reintroduction of the Liturgy of the Word gave a central place to the proclamation of the scriptures and the Prayers of

Intercession became a priestly response to the readings; the priestly voice of the baptised.

Our response should not be so personal that no one else can join in the prayer or affirm its intention. Prayers should not be political statements that badger the congregation or "pray for me" prayers where the intention is totally egotistical. Being responsive also means having more than one prayer. Always having the same prayer infers that the person praying is unable, or unwilling, to move from petition to trust. If God already knows what we need before we ask, then we must remember that badgering God isn't the best prayer form, either.

Prayer is an action that changes us; it should help us grow in grace and lead us ultimately to contemplation, where the jabber stops, the mouth is shut, and the ears of the heart are opened to the mystery of God. This means of course that we must pray to God, as God is, and not pray to the figment of God we create in our own minds. If God is a "God of surprises", then we need to give God the chance to surprise us!

Intercessory Prayers for the needs of others, for the Church and the world "work" because God is intimately involved in the life of the world through the incarnation of Jesus. Often, the problem we face seems too big and no matter how much we try we cannot solve it on our own. It's times like these when we need to turn to the Lord in intercessory prayer and ask for the grace to take hold of God's will and make it our own.

Fr. Joe

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

Tickets for Fr. Chris Skinner Concert, 12 October 2pm in Whanganui at St. Mary's on sale at OLOL. If you are interested, contact Kate lolpn@xtra.co.nz or 06 358 3667.

Coming Events & NOTICES

The 3rd **Lay Presider Workshop** is on the 29th of September:
OLOL Church from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

A **Memorial Service** will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit for ROBIN O'NEILL. A Life Member and stalwart of the PN Marist Sports club who died in Christchurch recently. The service will be at 3.00pm on Friday, September 27th.

Please diarise:

Anointing Mass: OLOL – 9th of October – 10am and St. Mary's Foxton – 24th of October – 10:30am.

Pastoral Team Leaders Meeting – Sacred Heart Rongotea, on the 6th of October from 3pm to 5pm.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild:

Next meeting **Wednesday 2nd October at 1:30pm** A guest speaker will talk about the "Green Prescription". Usual flower comps and the craft is a small Christmas decoration to put on a Christmas gift. Raffle done by Rose.

Priestly Jubilarians' Mass

The annual Priestly Jubilarians' Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday 2 October at 5pm. This will be followed by hospitality in the Cathedral Gathering area, providing an opportunity for Jubilarians and other priests to meet with parishioners and visitors. Everyone is welcome to attend and to be part of this joyful celebration!

The Jubilarians this year are: +Owen Dolan - 65 yrs,
Fr Max Palmer (Kopua) - 60 yrs, Fr Anthony Williams SM, 60 yrs,
Fr Michael Lloyd - 55 yrs, Fr Bill Casey (RIP) - 50 yrs,
Mons David Bell - 50 yrs, Fr Peter Fahy - 50 yrs
Fr Neal Wilson SM - 50 yrs, Fr Karaitiana Kingi SM - 50 yrs
Fr Nicho Verkley (Kopua) - 45 yrs, Fr Barry Scannell SM - 25 yrs

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. **Attention:** Mrs Wendy Silver, telephone 06 354 1780 ext 833, email 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.

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. The Taize aspects of joy, simplicity and reconciliation reflect the kaupapa of the Home of Compassion and the life of the founder of the Sisters of Compassion, Suzanne Aubert, who opened her heart to "people of all creeds and none." For more information please email: spirituality@compassion.org.nz or Ph: 04 3837769.

Or register: <https://compassion.org.nz/event/taize-in-aotearoa/>

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:

10 October: Living with and caring for those who have Disabilities – Tim McEvoy Senior Connector for Mana Whaikaha, Midcentral DHB Disability Services.

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

Diocesan Young Catholics Team

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

ROSTERS: 23rd to 29th of September 2019

Church Cleaning: (16th Sep) Mary Murrow & Margo Andrew-Pomare

Counter: (24th Sep) Selwyn Brown, **Flowers:** (21st/22nd) Mary Dorn

Greeters: 5:30pm Jeanette Currie & Lesley Wright,

9:30am Alistair Cameron & Dianne Jordan.

Children's Liturgy (29th Sep) School Holiday

Readers: 5:30pm Rob Towers, Kerry Hocquard, Dot Bowe

9:30am Janey Bishop, Jeanette Iwikau, Holly Pedley

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Jeanette Currie, Leslie Wright, Miller Johns, Denise Bailey Hannah Brown. 9:30am Eileen O'Connor, Shilmy Tom, Mary Murrow, Stephen Guy, Clare Cole.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Tessa Amey & Te Huiatahi Gray-Sharp

Hospitality: 9:30am Paticia Daws & Clare DeVito

Linen: (Sep) Catherine Kearins

Lawns: (21st Sep) Tino and Son

Religious Goods Cabinet: Anne O'Hara

SVDP Basket: (Sep) Rose Semmens

We pray for those who are unwell:

Michael James McAvinue, Peter Taylor, Betsy Franssen, Oleg Bogdanovas, John Green, 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

Mass Intentions:

Myra Cawthorn RIP, John Hocquard RIP, Bernard Bourke RIP
Please remember in your prayers Robin O'Neill RIP

Sr Helena Fouhy CSB 75th anniversary of religious profession

St VINNIES, 252 Rangitikei St, Palmerston North has an urgent request for **Furniture please**. Thank you!