

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

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

EUCHARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 August 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 1st of September 2019 – Ecc 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

Pastors Desk by John Hammond

Today in our modern society of iPhones, emails, the internet, etc, a lot of celebrities claim to have millions of followers and friends. It is very easy to be an electronic follower or friend. Following Jesus is not as easy as this. He invites us to be his friend and follower with the words, "*if you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me*". At times this is not an easy path to follow. Following Jesus asks of us more than just pressing a button. We all claim to be followers of Jesus; for the most part we are faithful church goers who every Sunday eat and drink in his company. This Sunday's gospel reminds that this isn't enough!

In the gospel, Jesus presents us with two images that tell us that if we decide to follow him, it is going to require some effort on our part. We will have to squeeze through the 'narrow gate' and face the 'locked door.' The path that we are called to follow as we become followers of Jesus is demanding, but it is equally rewarding. It will test us, but it will also strengthen and encourage us. When we say yes to follow Jesus, it is never a single yes made once. We are asked to recommit ourselves every day.

Each day, in often seemingly small ways we are asked to take up our cross for the sake of the gospel and others. This is how we pass through the 'narrow gate' and enter through the 'locked door.' When we put our faith into concrete action, our yes to Jesus becomes real not only in our lives but in the lives of others. In short, being a follower and disciple of Jesus today requires some effort and commitment from us; we can't do it online!

The narrow gate is an interesting image. Only the essentials would get in and out. In the times a camel with all its load wouldn't fit.

Jesus is reminding us of how little we really need. Being with him, we can live in some simplicity. Baggage can burden us — Imagine going to the airport with little baggage and you get through the 'gate' quickly, but go with extra baggage, in

my case a bike, it makes it more difficult and stressful to pass through the 'gate' with all the other hoops you need to jump through.

The little ways we build ourselves up to be important! St Ignatius lists three things that block us from God and from living the really alive life – obsessions with wealth, honour and pride.

Wealth – could it be the burden of debts, for money we really didn't need? Wanting to have the best.
Honour – demanding others look up to us. Always feeling we have to be first and best, even how we dress and look.
Pride – that we are in charge of our lives. Then we have less room for God.

We can even have too much religious baggage. Too many rituals and prayers and not enough love and compassion. We can stuff ourselves with rituals and rightness and forget compassion.

But is it really narrow? The gospel and the first reading – when we live simply, there is room for everyone. It's not really narrow – for all are invited to get through. Jesus invites us to meet him at this narrow gate and be less cluttered. Then we walk with him and will need no more.

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

Coming Events & NOTICES

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

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** is today, 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 or phone 06-3572891. Please Note: the next Marriage Preparation Course will be held in September 2020.

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 who 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: LOLO – 96 Shamrock Street, Palmerston North

When: 5 September 2019

Time: 7pm to 9pm

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.

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 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 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 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.

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

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ROSTERS: August 26— September 1

Church Cleaning: (Aug 26th) TBA.

Counter: (Aug 27th) Selwyn Brown

Flowers: (24th/25th) June Lynch.

Greeters: 5:30pm Denise Bailey & Kathy Morton
9:30am Ans Haakman.

Children's Liturgy (Sep 1st) TBA

Readers: 5:30pm Roylene Grocero, Kathy Gardiner, Kath Rooney
9:30am Celia Kueh, Jeanette Iwikau, Maree O'Donoghue.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Lesley Wright, Denis Jones, Judith Wall, Hannah Brown, Denise Bailey. **9:30am** Stephan Guy, Eileen O'Connor, Sherin Thomas, Jeanette Wright, Martin Boyle

Altar Servers: 9:30am Brianna Wilson, Samuel Torok

Hospitality: 9:30am Passionist Family Leaders

Linen: (September) Catherine Kearins

Lawns: (September) TBA

Religious Goods Cabinet: Rita Auta.

SVDP Basket: (Aug/Sep 1st) 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