

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata
<http://www.lourdesparish.nz/>



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LOLO 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—LOLO

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCHARIST ADORATION—LOLO

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27 October 2019 – Year C

Proclamations of the Word for 3 November 2019 – Wisdom 11.22 – 12.2, 2Thess 1.11 – 2.2; Luke 19.1-10

Pastors Desk

Suicide and Cancer are two huge words!

They carry with them many emotions, much hope and great sadness. They are words that do not defeat us, even while they scare us! They take us to the depth of our humanity and into places of profound need and fear, but these words cannot crush the human spirit, or rob you of your faith.

Our Seminars on Health and Well-Being have enabled us to discuss and to reflect on these two large words. We have contemplated their meaning for us as individuals, and for us as members of the faith community. They are words that cannot be pushed to the side. They are words we carry for each other, and with each other, because they are words that live within our community of faith.

But they are more than just words, they are people! They name our families, friends, parishioners, parents, children and siblings. They are us, and we are them: this is our community. This is our prayer!

Our seminars have led us to prayer. Prayer is the way you become the person God is calling you to be. True prayer is not a bargaining chip with the Almighty. In the end, prayer is not a recitation of formulas or keeping of the rituals. Prayer is our presence before God, with each other, in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We are a community of prayer that is alive and active in the world; real and present to all who need us.

Our seminars have led us to consider the practical side of prayer: the meal cooked and delivered; the sheets changed; the children picked up from school; the kind word, small gift, txt and hug. Our seminars have enabled us to see again that True Christianity is practical, giving and open.

True Christianity creates spaces for people to be... as they are, how they are, without judgement! *False Christianity* demands censures, imposes ritualistic religion, needs miracles, excludes through words of violence and puts people into boxes or categories that are foundationally untrue.

"God does not ignore the orphan's supplication or the widow as she pours out her story". God does not turn from the person who committed suicide, nor from their family! Much more, God turns towards those who have suffered the torment of the Cross, "My

God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and says to them: "You are with me always."

"The humble person's prayer pierces the clouds, until the Most High takes notice." This is the prayer of the person with cancer and of their families. This prayer, spoken from a place of need and hope, is spoken with profound humility and honesty. For some it is the prayer that restores them to good health and for others it is the prayer that prepares them for their reception at the heavenly table. Either way, it is the prayer of the believer.

"In all things, and at all times, we turn to the Lord, with praise on our lips, because in the Lord we make our boast, so the humble may hear and be glad!" This is not an idle phrase. It is a statement of deepest belief. In all things we seek gratitude. Christ conquers; there is no place that God cannot go, except into the human heart that chooses to close itself to God's presence, and even then, God's presence is eternal, patient and redeeming.

Prayer is what you can pray at this moment; it is who you are becoming; so, it is evolving. Prayer is you, coming into God's life, opening yourself to God's Spirit, so that God may live in you and be your true freedom. Prayer is profound honesty. It is not the false honesty of a "chat-show". It is the honesty of you, as you stand profoundly and simply before God. To stand in the presence of God is the greatest sign of the redemption given through the Resurrection. The fear-filled kneel; the redeemed stand!

Memores igitur mortis et resurrectionis eius,
tibi, Domine, panem vitae et calicem salutis offerimus,
gratias agentes quia nos dignos habuisti
astare coram te et tibi ministrare. (Second Eucharistic Prayer)

Fr Joe.

LOLO 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!

Coming Events & NOTICES

Please diarise:

All Saints Day – 1 November – OLOL – 10:00am

All Souls Day – 2 November 2019 – OLOL – 10:00am

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

We're moving to a **Single Newsletter** for the four communities and we need to **give it a name**. The **prize is \$50.00** for the best name.

Criteria:

- The name needs to be catchy
- Reference our four communities
- Be memorable

Competition ends 15th November 3pm, all suggestions need to be received by then. The new name will **begin on Feast of Christ the King**.

Health and Wellbeing Final Workshop - 31 October: OLOL 7pm: **Living with and Caring for those who have Dementia**. Marie Whitburn and Dr Yih Harn Chong, Elderhealth, Midcentral DHB

Men's breakfast. Come and be fed both bodily & Spiritually. The perfect way to start your day. **Next breakfast Friday 1st November, 6.45 to 8.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes meeting room.** Light breakfast supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond 0276887750

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Meeting **Wednesday 6th November at 1.30 p.m.** Usual flower competitions - organizing of the Christmas lunch and please bring your items for the Christmas raffle. November raffle by Rose.

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.**

The community at **Our Lady's Home of Compassion** invite pilgrims to spend a weekend (15 Nov 5pm - 17 Nov 4pm) experiencing the depth and beauty of Taizé prayer. For more info email: spirituality@compassion.org.nz or Ph: 04 3837769.

You are invited to a **Mass for Life** on Friday 6 December, 7pm at St. Mary of Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington, presider is Cardinal Dew. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit <https://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents/> or phone Clare 021 231 7954. **National March for Life** in Wellington on Saturday 7 December. Join a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 12pm for entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. See marchforlife.nz

Unity Singers Welcome's you to Christmas Carols at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 10th 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

Diocesan Young Catholics Team

Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive. Week 4: It's OK to question our faith! A church always on the defensive, which loses her humility and stops listening to others, which leaves no room for questions, loses her youth and turns into a museum. (Paragraph 41)

Youth Events

Sun 27 Oct – Youth mass and Pub Night at the Celtic Inn. Join us as we say goodbye to our Postulant Son from St Mary.

Fri 01 Nov – Jnr Youth Group – 5:30pm – 7pm at Diocese Centre – yrs. 6-9. The theme is Saints – come dressed as your favourite Saint. Ring a friend – kai provided.

Sat 02 Nov – Halloween Cocktail Party|7 pm|\$15pp|St Patrick's Hall located 33 Amesbury St| Costume Contest

Mon 4 Nov – Community Outreach at St Pat's Café, 5-7pm. Please contact Line due to limited spaces.

Sun 10 Nov – Final Community Prayer & Dinner at TAK

Sun 17 Nov – Final Pub Night at Celtic Inn

ACROSS: Te Kotahitanga O Te Wairua (Anglican and Catholic Social Services) Counselling Family Support Parenting Programmes. 294a Church Street. (06)356 7486 or 0800ACROSS

ROSTERS: 28th October to 3rd November 2019

Church Cleaning: (28th Oct) Wendy Derksen & girls

Counter: (29th Oct) Gabrielle Barnes & Jane Charlton

Flowers: (2/3 Nov) June Lynch

Greeters: 5:30pm June & John Lynch, 9:30am Teacher with school children. **Children's Liturgy** (3rd Nov) TBA

Readers: 5:30pm Judith Wall, Dot Bowe & Rob Towers.

9:30am Jeanette Iwikau, Celia Kueh & Clare Cole

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Judith & Martin Wall, Julie Lees, Monica Hammond & Denis Jones. 9:30am Jeanette & Eric Wright, Sherin Thomas, Shilmy Tom & Clare Cole. **Altar Servers:** 9:30am Gwen Josafat & Brianna Wilson.

Hospitality: 9:30am Helena Pedley PF Group

Linen: (Nov) Margaret Swinbourne' **Lawns:** (2nd Nov) Philip Connors

Religious Goods Cabinet: (3rd Nov) Diane Bauke

SVDP Basket: (Nov) Oline & Roger Ball

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased - RIP Jack Maartens and RIP Clive Wellington.

Clive's Funeral is Tuesday 29th October at Lourdes 10am all welcome. Clive and his wife were foundation parishioners of the Parish
Anniversary - RIP - Bob Bowe

We pray for those who are unwell:

Margaret Kersel, 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

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.