

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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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: 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—LOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCARIST ADORATION—LOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3 November 2019 – Year C

Proclamations of the Word for 10 November 2019 – 2 Macc 7.1-2, 9-14++, 2Thess 2.16 - 3.5; Luke 20.27-38

Pastors Desk

All Saints and All Souls.

November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints and The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or All Souls. These two days mark the special character of November as the month when we remember the dead and pray for the eternal happiness of "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep [died] in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your [God's] mercy" (Second Eucharistic Prayer).

The solemnity of All Saints began back in the Eastern Church (Antioch and East Syria). In Rome it was first celebrated on May 13th, 609 by Boniface IV. Under Gregory III (731-741) it was linked to the dedication of the chapel of the *Saviour, Mary, the Apostles, Martyrs and Confessors* in St Peter's Basilica on 1st November. The feast celebrates sanctity and holiness in the Church. Holiness is rooted in the fact that each person is created in the image and likeness of God and called to salvation. Holiness is a pilgrimage of faith and living, nurtured by the Eucharist and sacraments. This celebration looks back to those who have shown us holiness and forward to what we should become: a holy people united in a common life in God.

All Souls has the rank of a Solemnity and is intimately connected to All Saints. The origins of this festival are unclear and seem to come from ordinary funeral rituals and the desire to remember the beloved dead. The first mention of it is by Isidore of Seville (d.636), whose rule includes a commemoration of all the dead the day after Pentecost. In 998 Odilo of Cluny stipulated the date of November 2nd for all Cluniac monasteries. It was accepted in Rome in 13th century. One of the reasons for the "delay" was the association of ancestor worship and superstition with rituals for the dead.

Since death holds us bound in grief and we are not all perfect enough to enter directly into God's presence, we hold that there is a "church of Purgatory" for whom we intercede; we pray in hope that all the dead may experience the Resurrection. The underlying truth of this festival is our belief that Jesus was raised from the dead, by God. We believe that in death "life is changed, not ended", so that "when our earthly bodies lie in death there is an eternal dwelling place created for us in heaven."

At the end of the month we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King in which these two festivals find their conclusion.

Fr Joe.

Welcome to Fr. Joseph Saw Tha Khu and Fr. Anthony Zaw Tun from the **Archdiocese of Yangon** in Myanmar to our Diocese. We thank Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, SDB for the generosity of the Archdiocese and Church of Myanmar. Bishop Charles Drennan arranged this before his resignation.

The four Communities of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, St Mary's and St Joseph's are honoured to welcome and host Frs. Joseph and Anthony from November 1st until early December.

Fr Joseph was ordained priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Nyaunglebin on February 11th, 2012 and has served in Nyaungdon, Yangon, the Solomon Islands, Pyapon and Ahlone.

Fr Anthony was ordained priest at St Mary's Cathedral, Yangon, on March 19th, 2002. He has ministered in Thingangyun and St Mary's Cathedral Yangon and studied at St Joseph's Seminary and College in New York, USA. He has lectured at St Joseph's Major Seminary in Yangon.

Frs. Joseph and Anthony will be active in parish ministry here, so I hope that you'll take the opportunity to welcome them personally and show them hospitality.

Fr. Joe

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 either by email: office@lourdesparish.nz or by dropping a note in the collection tray with your suggestion and contact details. The new name will **begin on Feast of Christ the King**.

LOL 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 a **Wooden Cot**. Thank you!

Coming Events & NOTICES

Please diarise:

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

Rite II, City Wide Reconciliation – 18 Dec - St Mary's P/N – 19:00pm

Our Health and Well-being seminars during October have been well received and I'd like to thank **Kathleen Field and Kate McNamara** for their work organizing the topics and speakers. I'd like to thank the **speakers too**, who gave of their time and knowledge. These seminars reflect a Practical Christianity. Next year I'd hope that we can repeat the Health and Well-being seminars on similar or new topics. Fr Joe

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. 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.

Palmerston North Interfaith Event, Saturday, 16 November, 7pm, Ross Intermediate School Hall, Freyberg Street
Join an **Environmental Project at Pit Park** on Saturday 23 November; Experience diverse sacred and spiritual expressions of our local faith communities; Enjoy an exciting variety of ethnic food;
Contribute Koha to help support local work of: Red Cross; Manawatu Multicultural Centre, Papaoiea Pasifika Community Trust. Facilitated by the Palmerston North Interfaith Group. For more information— contact: Mary Eastham, maeastham23@gmail.com or Bob Skipp, bob_skipp@xtra.co.nz

"Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society – St Patrick's Branch 400

Third Quarterly Meeting: 4.00pm, Monday 18 November 2019 in the Gathering Area, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, Tel (06) 3577844 or email kfassociates@xtra.co.nz

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. 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. 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

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

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

VACANCY - The Diocese of Palmerston North is looking for an experienced Credit Controller to assist in the collection of attendance dues for Catholic schools in the region. For a job description email Mary Sutton on msutton@pndiocese.org.nz or for more information please contact Mary on 06 354 1780 ext 849.

Diocesan Young Catholics Team

Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive. Week 5: At the heart of our faith is one truth: God loves you. The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: "God loves you". It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen in your life. At the very moment, you are infinitely loved. (Paragraph 112)

Youth Events

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

Young Catholic Leader is still taking registrations for the upcoming programme from December 9-13. This programme is for Year 12 students preparing for Year 13 who will have a leadership role in 2020 or are wanting to better develop their leadership skills. Students from Catholic and state schools throughout the Diocese of Palmerston North are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Thomas Dravitzki on 0212461074 or tdravitzki@pndiocese.org.nz or check out our YCL website at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/young-catholics/youngcatholicleader/>

ROSTERS: 4 Nov to 10 Nov 2019

Church Cleaning: (11 Nov) Julie & Gavin Lees

Counter: (5 Nov) Marion Carey, **Flowers:** (9/10 Nov) Diane Baucke

Greeters: **5:30pm** Catherine & Tom Edwards

9:30am Alistair Cameron & Dianne Jordan.

Children's Liturgy (10 Nov) Sheree Power & Lorraine Wilson

Readers: **5:30pm** Kerry Hocquard, Roselle Gouwland & Jane Charlton.

9:30am Malia Mavaega, Holly Pedley & Janey Bishop

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm Pat Curran, John Werder, Denise Bailey, Hannah Brown & Lesley Wright. **9:30am** Denise & Margaret Beckett, Paul Darbyshire, Mary

O'Connor & Mary Murrow. **Altar Servers:** **9:30am** Jacobs & John Stevens

Hospitality: **9:30am** Dianne Jordan & Susan Ingram

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

Religious Goods Cabinet: (10 Nov) Anne O'Hara,

SVDP Basket: (Nov) Oline & Roger Ball

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? 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.