

8 DECEMBER 2019

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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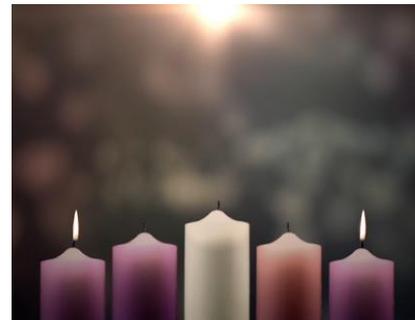
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John the Baptist is a charismatic and enigmatic figure. His call to repentance was symbolised in the person's immersion in water, a sign of cleansing and a new beginning. John's baptism differs from Christian baptism because it does not create new believers and start a new community of faith. John's baptism is more akin to the experience of reconciliation for which water is the sign of forgiveness.



The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation grows out of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. It is another example of the Father's mercy making peace with creation through Christ. Each of us carry within us "a slavery to sin" and often in social and political situations there is no accounting for sin, which is why we get surprised when programmes don't work, and rehabilitation must be repeated. Our individual slavery to sin shows itself as a repeated disposition or a continual failure. It is the "thorn in the flesh" that St Paul refers to.

This sin impacts on our relationships, in our workplaces and on our choices. It is the default way we think, judge and act. This default sin creates the presumptions we carry throughout life about people and situations. It deforms our judgments and limits our vision and most of us are blind to it.

Adult Christianity requires us to deal with our "default sin" and own it as the cross we carry. This is the task of the mature Christian who has developed an insight into themselves and a mature relationship with God. Thus, Penance and Reconciliation are adult sacraments and need to be celebrated with maturity.

To achieve a more mature approach, the Rites were changed to include the First, Second and Third Rites of Reconciliation so that various needs could be met. Each Rite now includes the scriptures at its heart, so that the penitent can hear the Word of God and be converted. The new Rites were designed to stop the conveyor-belt dispensation of forgiveness that leads to immature confessions. The Rites are designed to enable a penitent to take the time and reflect on God's mercy and grace.

The Rites also include the community. The community aspect moves us away from the immature and individualistic notion that my sin only affects me. The Rites force us to consider the social impact of sin.

Nevertheless, in practice it is still too easy to come to confession and ask forgiveness of God, without making restitution to the person sinned against.

The relationship of sinner to sinned-against is complex. As St Augustine reminds us, no human actions are without self-interest, and no human is free of sin. For this reason, Christ calls us through the Church, to continual and on-going conversion and renewal. The Church asks each of us to acknowledge our sins against God and our neighbour and have heartfelt repentance towards both God and our neighbour.

The Church teaches that the first and primary place of forgiveness is the Eucharist because the passion and death of Jesus is celebrated in the sacrifice of the Mass. The offering of Christ's Body and Blood for the salvation of the world (and everyone on it) is the eternal liturgy that restores justice to God and brings healing and forgiveness to creation. Therefore, the Mass always begins with an acknowledgement of sin and an absolution.

An adult understanding of repentance and reconciliation begins when believers leave their childish religious notions behind and seek a mature relationship with God.

Fr Joe

2019/20 Christmas & New Year Timetables

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES		
December 2019		
Tuesday 24 th	10:00am	OLOL
	12:05pm	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit (Cathedral)
Christmas Eve	6:00pm	Family/Children Vigil OLOL
	6.30pm	Carols & Mass, St Mary's PN
	7.00pm	Carols & Mass, St Brigid's
	8:00pm	Family/Children St. Joseph, Shannon
	9.00pm	Mass – Syro Malabar Rite
Midnight	12:00am	Cathedral
Wednesday 25 th Christmas Day	7:30am	Cathedral
	9:00am	Sacred Heart, Rongotea
	9.00am	St Brigid's
	9.00am	St Mary's PN & Ashhurst
	9:30am	OLOL & Cathedral
	10:00am	St. Mary's, Foxton
	12 noon	Latin Mass, Ashhurst
	Thursday 26 th	9:00am
Friday 27 th	9:00am	Cathedral & St Mary's PN
	10:00am	OLOL
Saturday 28 th	9.00am	St Mary's PN
	5.00pm	Ashhurst
	5:30pm	Vigil OLOL
Sunday 29 th	7:30am	Cathedral
	9:30am	OLOL & Cathedral
	10:00am	St. Mary's, Foxton
	10.30pm	St Mary's PN
	12 noon	Latin Mass, Ashhurst
	6:00pm	Cathedral
Monday 30 th	9.00am	St Mary's PN
Tuesday 31 st	9:00am	Cathedral
	10:00am	OLOL
	12 noon	St Mary's PN
January 2020		
Wednesday 1 st	9:00am	Cathedral, St Mary's PN, St Brigid's
	10:00am	OLOL
	12 noon	Ashhurst
Thursday 2 nd	10:00am	OLOL
Friday 3 rd	9:00am	Cathedral
	10:00am	OLOL
Saturday 4 th	9:00am	Cathedral
	5:30pm	OLOL
Sunday 5 th	7:30am	Cathedral
	9:00am	St Joseph's Shannon
	9:00am	Sacred Heart Rongotea
	9:30am	OLOL
	9:30am	Cathedral
	10:00am	St. Mary's, Foxton
	6:00pm	Cathedral



RECONCILIATION TIMES

December 2019		
Thursday 12 th	7.00pm	Rite II – St Brigid's, Feilding
Friday 13 th	11:30am	Rite I – Cathedral
Saturday 14 th	9:30am	Rite I – Cathedral & St Mary's PN
Tuesday 17 th	7:00pm	Rite II – St. Mary's Foxton
Wednesday 18 th	7:00pm	Rite II – St. Mary's PN
Friday 20 th	11:00am	Rite I – Cathedral
Saturday 21 st	9:30am	Rite I – Cathedral
Monday 23 rd	11:30am	Rite I – Cathedral



Cardinal John Dew has made the following clergy appointments in the Diocese of Palmerston North:

The following clergy appointments take place on the weekend of 1/2 February 2020:

- **Fr Marcus Francis** is appointed parish priest of the Parish of Hastings.
- **Fr Vaughan Leslie** is appointed as the parish priest of the Parish of Whanganui.
- **Fr Vince Onesi** is appointed as the parish priest of the Parishes of Pahiatua and Dannevirke.
- **Fr Anthony Zaw Tun** is appointed as assistant priest of the Parish of Hastings.
- **Fr Joseph Saw Tha Khu** is appointed as assistant priest of the Parish of Hawera.

The following clergy appointments take place from June 2020:

- **Fr Brian Carmine** is appointed to the North Taranaki Pastoral Area, residing in Waitara.
- **Fr Freddie Barte** to remain as Parish Priest in Waitara and Inglewood.
- **Deacon Trung Nguyen** is appointed, after priestly ordination, as assistant priest of the Parish of Hastings.

With Cardinal John, I thank the priests who have accepted new appointments and welcome to our Diocese, Fr Vaughan Leslie, on loan from the Dunedin Diocese, also Father Anthony and Father Joseph who have newly arrived from Myanmar. We also look forward to Deacon Trung Nguyen's ordination to the priesthood in April, and his first priestly appointment to the Catholic Parish of Hastings.

I thank you all for your prayers and support and pray for God's continued blessings on our Diocese in this Advent and Christmas season.

Yours in Christ,
Monsignor Brian Walsh
Vicar General, Diocese of Palmerston North

8 December 2019: Second Sunday of Advent
Psalm Response 7.30am: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

15 December 2019: Third Sunday of Advent
First Reading; Isaiah 35.1-6a 10, Second Reading; James 5.7-10, Gospel; Matthew 11.2-11

NOTICES (Please check your noticeboard for more detailed information.)

From the Youth Team

Please pray for our young people attending these various upcoming events for Young Church.

- The Charis Oceania Young Catholic Leader Summit is happening this weekend 6-8 December
- Young Catholic Leader for 2020 Year 13 school leaders is happening in our diocese 9-13 December.
- Focolare Mariapolis 8- 12 January 2020
- Hearts Aflame Summer School for 18-35 year olds 3-12 Jan 2020.
- Life Teen summer Camp 14-18 Jan for 13 to 17-year olds and then again 20-24 Jan!

The combined National Catholic Youth Ministers/Marriage Educators Conference will be held the weekend of 25-25 April 2020 in Wellington. This is not just for those employed in ministry but also for those interested in ministry to young Catholics. For more information see www.takirua2020.nz

There is a flyer in the foyer with the details of the National welcome events and tertiary chaplain contacts for our Tertiary institutions across Aotearoa New Zealand. Please make sure your school leaver friends and family have this information so they can be connected with the Church in their new chapter.

Academic Mass with our new tertiary folks and academic staff - 1 March 2020 at the Cathedral with hospitality after!

Anyone interested in supporting the musical formation of young people at the Festival One event in 2021, please contact Nick at the Youth Office.

Inviting expressions of interest in attending World Youth Day 2022 in Portugal. We need to start saving and planning early next year for this epic event! Please register your interest with Nick Wilson nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

Watch this space for next year's mother's retreat, young adult events, youth retreat and events! Friends of Frankie and the Mokos Youth groups will resume in the first school term 2020.

Advent greetings from all at the Mana Whānau, Mana Taiohi – Diocesan Young Catholic Office.

General Notices

The **SVDP stocks are low** for small packs of breakfast cereals and dehydrated vegetables plus tea bags, coffee and sugar, donations of these can be left with Parishes. Furniture donations especially for double beds, lounge tables, dining tables and chairs are required. These can be collected by phoning Vinnies Shop, Toni, 3576779 between 10am and 4pm. Sincere thanks is offered for all donations.



The Unity Singers welcome you to the 2019 Christmas Carols

Where: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Date: Tuesday 10 December at 7pm

Admission: Donation or item of non-perishable food for the St Vincent de Paul foodbank. These can also be left at the Parish Office or the SVDP Paul Shop, 252 Rangitikei Street.

National Treasurer

The Society of St Vincent de Paul NZ is currently accepting applications for the role of National Treasurer. Please email national@svdp.org.nz for a full job description.

Twenty of our young people are currently prepping for **Life Teen Summer Camp**, Aotearoa 2020. This camp is a great way for young Catholics aged 13-17 to build faith and friendships in an exciting Catholic environment. These youth are in need of financial assistance for camp fees, and transport to and from camp. We are kindly asking if anyone could make a small or large contribution towards this which would be greatly appreciated! If you feel strongly about supporting our youth in this way please contact Tausilia Citywide Parish Youth Minister MOB: 021509439 Email: tmclutchie@pndiocese.org.nz Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Sunday 22 December @ 7.45 pm – Christmas Readings and Carols. All Saints Anglican Parish invite people from all congregations in our city to this traditional Christmas celebration to be held in the **Cathedral**. The service will be followed by a Christmas supper. This is a wonderful service for neighbours, family or friends who may not usually come to church.

Kotahi Ano (Together as One) -Our Lady of Lourdes, St Mary's Foxton, Sacred Heart, St Joseph's

- St. Mary's Foxton Parish office will close 20/12/19 and open 23/1/20.
- No Eucharistic Service or Mass in St Mary's Foxton on Thursdays, until 30/1/20.
- RCIC starts 30/1/20 at 2:30pm St Mary's Foxton: meet & greet the parents & children.

A **BIG THANK YOU** for all your prayers and Karina Wright sends her love to all.

Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Mass - It has been lovely to see so many tamariki attending and enjoying Children's Liturgy at OLOL Church on Sundays. The senior children from year 6 onwards are now joining us during this time. They also read scripture and unpack the Gospel of the day at their level of learning and understanding. Please encourage your child(ren) to come along and join us on Sundays at Children's Liturgy! See you there!

There are a number of roles that need to be covered at the upcoming **Christmas Masses** at OLOL. Please sign up for these on the sheets in the church foyer.

You're invited to donate **shortbread or a Christmas cake** for the hospitality following the Christmas Masses at OLOL. These can be left at the parish office.

Children's Christmas Mass & Nativity Play will be held on 24 December starting at 6pm. If you would like your children to be involved in some way, please write their name on the list that the children's liturgy leaders will be holding after mass today. Practices will be held after 9.30am Mass on 8, 15 and 22 December. contact Lorraine Wilson on 021 222 7802

St Brigid's

Living Christmas: The Square Feilding - Bring a picnic tea, rugs, chairs etc. Programme includes a story for children, a film, a Christmas message and Carols: 5.30 pm, tonight. Organised by the Combined Churches of Feilding	5.30pm Sunday:	Living Christmas in the Square
	9.30 am Wed:	Rosary: respect for life from conception to natural death
	7pm Thursday:	Rite II Reconciliation
	11.30am Friday:	St Joseph's end of year Mass (no 10am Mass)
10am-1pm Saturday:		Potato Weigh-in & Sausage Sizzle

Potato Weigh In + Sausage Sizzle - The weigh in for the Potato Growing Competition will take place in the St Brigid's Carpark: 10am-1pm on Saturday 14 December. The School and Parish entries will be tallied up and whichever group has the highest cumulative weight of potatoes will win a \$100 donation. Sausages will be available for \$2 each. We look forward to seeing you there and seeing who our winners are this year!

St Mary's

Planned Giving - Many thanks to all of you who support the parish financially. To those who are new to the parish we would welcome your financial contribution. Please join the planned giving programme by filling in a form available in the foyer.	Anointing Mass & Lunch - 17 December: Please invite Catholic friends and put your names on the list on noticeboard . We will need a band of helpers on that day to prepare and serve the lunch – please contact Susan in the office if you are available.
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The final Saturday Holy Rosary on Saturday will be held on 14 December.	Invitation - All invited to celebrate the 10 th Anniversary of the Traditional Latin Mass at St Columba's, Ashhurst on 8 December . Rosary 11.30am, Mass 12pm. Pot luck lunch afterwards. Please note - there will be a Latin Mass on Christmas Day at 12 noon.
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Cathedral Parish

From the Parish Pastoral Council – Farewell and Welcome

As Mons Brian has moved into the position of Vicar General for the Diocese, the Parish Pastoral Council wish to take this opportunity to formally thank him for his leadership over the time he has been our Parish Priest. When Mons Brian became seriously ill in the middle of this year, I think we all became a little more aware of the nature of the load he has been carrying in guiding and supporting the work of the Parish. While we cannot know the full nature of work that often involves unseen stress and availability, we can thank Mons Brian for what we have seen – a calm, steady presence; a warm, uncomplicated approach to liturgy and priesthood; and an openheartedness and pastoral care for all people. We wish him well in his new role. The Parish Pastoral Council also wish to formally welcome Fr Joe Grayland to the position of Parish Priest of the Cathedral and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes. We look forward to working with him. (Kathleen Field for the Parish Pastoral Council)

Please help the Society of St Vincent de Paul by picking up a star or two from the Cathedral Christmas tree and returning the equivalent food item(s) and placing under the tree. This is a beautiful way that we, as a community, can assist those less fortunate than ourselves.



Barbara Faulding RIP
Sister to **Monsignor David Bell**.
Please keep Mons David and his family in your prayers.

Volunteers for the Christmas choir: We need singers to join our Christmas choir for Midnight Mass.
Please contact Julie at the Parish Office, music@pncathedral.org.nz

From the Prison Chaplaincy:

Much of the stuff we hear in the media about the danger in prisons can be overstated, even untrue. I have never felt unsafe there and I believe that this sentiment is true for the volunteers who go out regularly each month to share their Sunday services. The Corrections' staff look after us and the prisoners/paihere that we meet enjoy us being there.

There are as many reasons for prisoners/paihere to go to a Sunday service as there are in any parish - loneliness, guilt, a free biscuit, an expression of deep and intimate faith and a sense of community... It is good to recognise that just choosing to come, can be an act of worship and is a sign of their faith, search and/or desire for change. At Manawatū Prison there is a huge proportion of paihere of Māori descent, which is typical for most prisons. Most paihere/prisoners have never experienced different prayer styles or even prayed out loud and so need guidance, but they also want the opportunity to participate. Some have never entered a church although many Māori/Pacific Islanders have a strong spirituality and can recite formal karakia.

In my time at the prison, I have come to realise:

- God is present in the prison before I arrive and after I leave. Being at a prison is God's gift to me as well as to the paihere. I am there to re-iterate that there is no division in the Body of Christ while building acceptance/connection.

- Presence and faithfulness (and maybe joy – the outward sign of that inner reality of hope) are the most important things that I can bring – not dogma, not theology and not our liturgy style. True and lasting hope is that gift from God that enables us to respond to isolation and depression and comes from our sense of purpose and community.
- It is most important to be myself, for my spirituality to shine (since I am called by God to be there/present, as I am). Drawing from my own spirituality is a true expression of authenticity. God calls us as we are, to celebrate our relationships with Him and with each other.

This year, Chaplain Forrest Chambers has moved to Levin and I (Sean Ryan) have a limited role, with most of my attention at the Whanganui Prison and in reality, Chaplaincy relies heavily on volunteers. And despite the difficulties, there are many positive stories of individuals coming to and deepening their faith (chaplains and volunteers included). These stories reveal the reality of the prison as parish/church.

Currently, Catholic volunteer support has dropped to just three volunteers who go to the prison on Sundays (about once a month) and we are looking for more. Personally, I have continually felt that I am more blessed than the paihere that I go to share with in our services. These times have and will continue to challenge my faith and teach me to accept others at different stages in their faith journey. Please consider it!

(Sean Ryan, Prison Chaplain)

We pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our prayers are also with those who are unwell and for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.