



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Parihā o te mātou Wahine o Ruata

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LOL MASSES
5:30pm Vigil (Sat)
8:00am & 10:00am
Mon—Sat 10:00am
RECONCILIATION
Sat 10:30am—11:00am or on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION
Fri: 10:30am—Noon & 7:00pm—9:00pm

RONGOTE A MASSES
9:30am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Thurs: 7:00pm



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

Psalm Response: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS If your child has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact Ms Brown brown@lol.school.nz. They will be trained and put on the October to mid December roster.



ROSARY at the Cathedral Wed 13th Sept 3:00pm as part of the ongoing Remembrance of the Fatima events 100 years ago.

MEALS ON WHEELS—Thank you afternoon tea for Volunteer Drivers.... Thursday 14th September 2:00pm Christian Community Church 54 Pascal St (parking around the back). Please phone Mary Dorn 329 6816 if you are able to go.

LOL COFFEE/PLAY GROUP: Tues 9:00am-11:30am, church foyer. Ph Megan 355 1877.

LOL PRAYER CHAIN: Ph Eileen O'Connor 329 1801/021 671 755 or the Parish Office.

A DAY OF RETREAT is being held at the Diocesan Centre, Amesbury St, 10:00am-4:00pm Tuesday 12th September. Two experienced retreat givers, Rev Brian Pierce OP & Sister Mary Ellen Green OP will conduct the retreat in the Dominican tradition of contemplation & reflection on the Word, in an environment of silence & prayer. Please byo lunch. Tea & coffee will be provided. Cost Koha.



ST VINNIES HUGE GARAGE SALE 16TH SEPTEMBER.

Every thing going at rock bottom prices starting 8:00am Saturday. We are also running a **\$5:00 fill a bag** for the next two weeks leading up to our Garage sale.

CATHOLIC RADIO Sundays 9am Access Radio Manawatu 999HzAM.

MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm-7:00pm LOL.

PROLIFE FACTS For information, Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

PRAYER FOR PALMY - TODAY Sun 10th Sep 6:00pm-7:30pm at Christian Community Church (CCC), 54 Pascal St, Palmerston North.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION We support efforts to bring about affordable housing.

Excessive rents and inflated house prices are leaving families homeless and young couples despondent. Without effective policies to support regional and provincial economic development and consequent employment we miss opportunities to alleviate this problem, which is worst in our biggest cities.

CURRENT OF GRACE CONFERENCE

Update-Day Registrations—Day registrations are now available to attend the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Jubilee Conference 'Current of Grace' Sat 23rd Sept at The Distinction Hotel, Cuba St, PN. Adult \$50 Youth (under 25) \$25. For more information and to register go to ccrnz.org or val.morrison@xtra.co.nz, phone/text 0272453130.

HEALING & MIRACLES Rally-Fr John Rea SM

Come & experience the healing love of God & hear about the many miracles God has done through Fr John Rea SM. Sat 23rd Sep 7:00 pm Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, hosted by 'Current of Grace' Conference. The Rally will include prayer for healing & miracles. All welcome.

NZ INTERNET SECURITY EXPERT John Parsons, to visit PN 24th-27th Oct 2017. **FREE** Seminars on Cyber Safety for child, youth and senior citizens. Full details and times are on the notice board in the foyer.

JOB VACANCY—ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC) connects people to the message & mission of the Catholic Church & has been helping people for nearly 60 years! We're moving from a reliance on print & television advertising to a focus on digital & social forms of media & we need someone to lead us through the implementation of a new strategy. The Engagement Manager will work closely with the NZCBC Communications Adviser & will require expertise in digital media & communications, project management skills, & the ability to build relationships, influence others & champion change. **For all enquiries on this part-time position or to apply contact Amanda Gegan agegan@nzcbs.org.nz or 021 611 052. Applications close Mon, 18th Sept 2017.**

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME (CLP):

Couples for Christ PN warmly invites couples to hear about the absolute basics of Christian life, the kind of life that God calls us to and the ways to help us to commit our lives, in a serious way, to Jesus. To be held at **The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit 16th September 1:00pm-4:30pm**. Participation is free of charge and afternoon tea will be served. Enquiries to Richard & Alpha - 021 1802743 or Larry & Marcy - 021 0661789.

"It is not enough to discover Christ; you must bring Him to others. The world today is one great mission land, even in countries of long standing Christian tradition." - Pope John Paul II

HIGH TEA AND FREE CONCERT (on the side) 2.30pm Sunday 17 September All for one admission of \$15 per person. See notice board.

THE DIOCESE OF PN, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation & Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies & Church organisations. Application forms & criteria for funding are available from the parish office or Diocesan Office, PB 11 012, PN - Attention: Mrs Wendy Silver, 354 1780 et.833, wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or download a copy of the application form from <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/>. Send your applications to reach the Diocesan Office by 30th Sept 2017. Allocations will be made on 24th Oct 2017.

ON SALE NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7; 2018 Columban Calendar \$12; SVDP Christmas Cards \$2.50 per pack of 5. Religious goods and library books are available after 10:00am Mass each Sunday.

We Pray for the Sick: Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feierabend, Thelma Basile, Vinnie Carroll, Kerrin McManus, Vanessa Farrelly, Joan Lambourne, Graeme Younger, Mary Jefferies, Kevin Patterson, Ian Sutherland, Ann Fairclough, Mikulas Oros, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Anne & Bill Bethune, Katherine Denby, Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Marie Hubbard, Guiseppina Dujany, Trevor Wilson & Paul Hughes.

Died Recently

Anniversaries

Requiescant in Pace

Archbishop Follo: Mother Teresa a Year Ago

September 5, 2017 [ZENIT](#) Holy See Mission, UNESCO

Pope Francis mentioned an extraordinary personal vow made by Mother Teresa, on proclaiming her a Saint a year ago. He said: "Throughout her existence, this Saint was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, rendering herself available through the reception and defence of human life, life in the maternal womb, as well as abandoned and rejected life.

"She spent herself in the defence of life, in proclaiming ceaselessly that one 'who is not yet born is the most feeble, the smallest, the most miserable.' She bent down over utterly dejected people, left to die on the side of roads, recognizing in them the dignity that God gave them.

"She made her voice heard by the powerful of the world, so that they would recognize their faults in face of crimes – in face of the crimes – of poverty that they themselves created.

"Mercy was for her the 'salt' that gave flavour to each of her works, and the 'light' that lit the darkness of those who no longer had tears to weep over their poverty and suffering.

"Her mission in the peripheries of cities and in the existential peripheries endures in our days, as an eloquent testimony of God's closeness to the poor among the poor."

In the wake of our Pope, I permit myself to make known two "secrets" in her heart, which marked and inspired her relationship with Jesus. The first concerns an extraordinary personal vow, which Mother Teresa made in 1942. The second is linked to the source of Mother Teresa's inspiration to serve the poorest of the poor. These two three phenomena lead us to appreciate more amply the depth of Mother Teresa's sanctity as well as the pertinence of her example and of her message for our time, particularly if they are put in relation to one another.

The Vow of 1942 – "Something Beautiful" for Jesus

Mother Teresa was above all a woman in love with God. She seems to have fallen in love with Him very early in her life and to have progressed in that love without a serious obstacle. Her education was marked by the Catholic faith and a serious spiritual life. In a certain number of personal letters, she reveals that Jesus was the first and only one to captivate her heart. "Since childhood, the Heart of Jesus was my first love."

In this intimacy with Jesus, Mother Teresa received a particular grace at the moment of her First Communion: "Since the age of five and a half, when I received Him for the first time, the love of souls came with it. This increased with the years."

In fact, Mother Teresa's love for Jesus and her neighbour so increased that at the age of 18, she left her family and her homeland to answer Jesus' call to a missionary life in India as a Sister of Loreto. Eight years later, she made her final vows to Christ as a Religious. Six months after pronouncing her final vows, she was seized by fright mixed with respect when she thought of the intense joy that the event had caused her. "If you knew how happy I was," she wrote to her

Spiritual Father at Skopje, Father Jambrekovic, S.J. "I could have lit fire to my holocaust ... I want to be entirely for Jesus ... I would give everything for Him including my life."

In April 1942, she pronounced a special vow: to give to Jesus whatever He should ask, not to refuse anything.

Hence, if one wishes to imitate Mother Teresa, one must "do something beautiful for Jesus," living love in truth and in joy.

Mother Teresa's "Inspiration"

After she made her first vows in May 1931, Mother Teresa was sent to the Community of the Sisters of Loreto at Calcutta, where she taught at St. Mary's Middle School for young girls of Bengali. The school was attached to the Convent and it accepted orphans and poor children as well as day and boarding pupils. Among other responsibilities, the young zealous Religious worked in another Loreto school, St. Teresa's Middle School of Bengali, located on the Lower Circular Road. The daily trip through the city enabled her to observe the needs and sufferings of the poor. In May 1937, after Mother Teresa made her final vows as a Sister of Loreto, she continued at St. Mary's, teaching catechism and geography. In 1944, she became the school's principal.

In class, Mother Teresa was more than a presence. She wished to have her pupils share her supernatural vision of life and lead them to a more profound

faith. She also had the occasion to serve the poor in clinics run by the Loreto Sisters. These encounters made a great impact on her. It was the providential environment in which God was about to prepare her for her future mission, although she was not aware of it.

During these years at Loreto, Mother Teresa was remarkable for her charity, her generosity, her courage, her capacity for painful work, a natural talent for organization and a joyful spirit. She was a Religious who prayed a lot, believing and fervent. Although no one knew of her personal vow in 1942, her love and her generosity were evident to all. She was much loved and admired by the Sisters of her Community as well as by the pupils and boarders of St. Mary's.

Mother Teresa left the Loreto Convent at Entally, Calcutta, for a leave of absence and an eight-day Retreat at Darjeeling on the evening of Monday, September 9, 1946. The next day, when she was on the train, Mother Teresa heard Jesus' voice for the first time, in the form of an interior locution. During the following months, through the means of other interior locutions and interior visions, Jesus asked her to establish a Religious Community that would be at the service of the poorest of the poor, and as Mother Teresa formulates it, "To slake His thirst for love and for souls." This experience on the train was the turning point in Mother Teresa's life. She always made reference to it in as much as a "call within a call." September 10 became the feast of the "Day of Inspiration" among the Missionaries of Charity.

Finally, in my opinion, there is a third thing to underline, which isn't a secret, but which isn't widely known: Mother Teresa was joyful.

She said: "The best way to show our gratitude to God and to people, is to accept everything with joy."

"Joy is prayer, may it be the sign of our generosity, of your altruism, of our friendship with Christ. Joy is love: a joyful heart is the normal result of a heart that burns with love; hence it is necessary to the greatest possible with joy. Joy is a network of love. Joy is our strength" (No. 8, 10), Mother Teresa also loved to say.

When I discovered for the first time that Mother Teresa's spirit is not made up only of loving trust and total surrender, but also of cheerfulness, I was surprised. Yes, I was surprised by joy!

Afterwards, on meeting this holy woman and her Sisters, I always saw them smiling, their joy shared in giving food to the poor, but above all in giving themselves with joy and tenderness to God and to the poor. I also understood better that the Gospel is the happy news that is communicated with and by joy.

One of Mother Teresa's phrases that touched me most is: "Let no sadness be so strong to the point of making you forget that Christ is resurrected."

Sanctity is gratuitousness and gratitude.



Evening with Bishop Charles and Pancake Breakfast

The Parish Pastoral Council sincerely thanks those who assisted and served food at both of these very well attended events. Particular acknowledgment is given to the work of Josie Conlon's groups of kitchen helpers, the Passionist Family Groups and our School Community.



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NEXT WEEK

Readings Sep 17th: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35.

ROSTERS: September

Church Cleaning: (Sep 11th) Alicia & Francisco Pabellon, Marcela Codeniera.
Counting: (12th Sep) Pat Curran.

Flowers: (16th Sep) June Lynch.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Betty Donaldson & Roselle Gouland
8am Pat & Maurice McDonald 10am Dianne Jordan.

Readers: Vigil 5:30pm Judith Wall & Roselle Gouland
8am Leigh Basile & Moya Booth 10am Diane Baucke & Janey Bishop.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Vigil 5:30pm Pat Curran, Prue Smith, Hannah Brown, Dennis Jones, Judith Wall 8am John Lynch, Raymond Jones, Clare Cole 10am Paul Darbyshire, Brendon O'Connor, Stephen Guy, Tino Pakome, Eileen O'Connor.

Altar Servers: 10am Agnes Joseph & Katelyn Alexander.

Children's Liturgy: Lorraine Wilson.

Hospitality: 10am Patria Kerr & Patricia Daws.

Religious Goods/Library: Anne O'Hara.

Linen: Margaret Swinbourne (Sep)

Lawns: (Sep 16th) Fr Vaughan.

