



Diocese of  
Palmerston North

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha 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 MASSES**  
9:30am: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Thurs: 7:00pm



## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24<sup>th</sup> September 2017; Year A / Weekdays Year 1

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is near to all who call on him.  
**Prayers of the Faithful Response:** Whakarongo mai ra kia matou.

**PLANNED GIFTING** Envelopes and packs of Special Collection envelopes, for parishioners who use internet banking or automatic payments, are available in the foyer now. The new PG year begins next weekend. Many thanks for your generous gifting for our parish.

**LOL GUILD** meeting, Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm. Guest speaker from T.B.I. Health. Usual competition; Home craft—savoury muffin. All Welcome.

**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.

**MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY**  
Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4:15pm—7:00pm LOL.

**PROLIFE FACTS** Voice for Life (09) 4430995 or [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz). See notice board.

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER** — Hangi and Variety Concert, St Peter's College, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm.

- Concert and Hangi \$20
  - Take away Hangi \$10
- All proceeds to our senior youth group trips:
- Aotearoa Catholic Youth Festival, Auckland (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>)
  - Lifeteen Summer Camp, Otaki (Jan 16<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>).

To purchase tickets, or to donate food for the Hangi, please contact Tausilia on 027 514 9009; [tausiliamccutchie@gmail.com](mailto:tausiliamccutchie@gmail.com)

**NZ INTERNET SECURITY EXPERT** John Parsons, to visit PN 24<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ON SALE in the foyer today**  
NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7;  
2018 Columban Calendar \$12;

SVDP Christmas Cards \$2.50 per pack of 5.

**CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE** Please support & visit [www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz](http://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz) [www.catholicenquiry.nz](http://www.catholicenquiry.nz) There are forms in the foyer today if you would like to enrol as a Promoter, Financial Supporter or Prayer Companion.

**2017 DIOCESAN JUBILEE MASS**  
Parishioners and friends are invited to the Annual Diocesan Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, PN, Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm. This year's Jubilarians are

- Fr Joe O'Sullivan (60 years)
- Brother Bill Archer SM (60 years)
- Brother Raymond Kelleher SM (60 years)
- Fr Dominic Heslin (55 years)
- Fr Paul Kerridge (55 years)
- Fr Fergus Reeves (55 years)
- Fr Terry Carr (50 years)
- Fr John Mori SM (50 years)
- Fr Joe Grayland (25 years)
- Fr Kevin Neal (25 years)

After Mass there will be hospitality for everyone in the Cathedral Gathering Area. All welcome!

**Msgr Brian Walsh V.G.**

**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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017. Allocations will be made on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017.

**RED CROSS REFUGEE SUPPORT** We are looking for people like you to help refugee families arriving on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 build new lives in our community. Volunteers provide practical support to help them start again in their new home. **Volunteer training courses start: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017. Please contact NZ Red Cross: (06) 356-8152. Join our team and make a difference as a refugee support volunteer.**

**AGLOW** meeting Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Bridge Club Rooms, cnr Cook & Cuba Sts, PN. 9:30am morning tea 10:00am programme. Ph Jennifer 027 319 8434. See poster on notice board.

**HOLY CROSS SEMINARY** [www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)

**INQUIRY EVENING RCIA (City-wide)**  
7:30pm - 9:00pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Our Lady of Lourdes foyer Shamrock St. A gentle evening of information and questions that will introduce the process for those who seek Baptism or those who come from another Christian tradition who wish to be formally received into the Catholic community. Please extend this invitation to any family members, friends, associates or neighbours who may be interested... accompany them on the 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Inquiry Evening LOL Foyer**  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7:30pm – 9:00pm.

**THE OZANAM HOUSE TRUST** is celebrating 50 Years of providing a "Home Away from Home" and invites parishioners and friends to an open day to have a look around our houses and grounds Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2:00pm—3:30pm, 504 Featherston Street and 10 Newhaven Place.

**THANK YOU—We would like to thank you all for your prayers and support over the past year. We are very appreciative and would be grateful for your ongoing prayer for Vincent. God bless,**

**Joe and Catherine Carroll and all the Carroll family.**

**We Pray for the Sick:** Oleg Bogdanovas, Evie Feiera-bend, 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**  
Valerie (Val) Lind

**Anniversaries**

*Requiescant in Pace*

# Adolescents in Crisis: Why We Need to Recover Religion

**Part 1** (Part 2 in next week's newsletter)

by Dr Paul Vitz & Bruce Buff

*With no belief in higher meaning, too many young people turn to hook-up sex, drugs, and social media for fulfillment.*

Our teenagers and often those still younger are taking their lives in increasing numbers, many seemingly without warning. Many more young people are suffering from depression, anxiety, or related mental-health problems. The reports often link to social media: bullying leading to suicide; serious self-harm in an attempt to deal with emotional pain; suicide pacts; a widely cited post giving reasons for suicide by a child who killed herself; drug abuse and other destructive behaviors; school shootings that often end in suicide.

Other evidence of youthful mental-health problems: Pre-adult suicides are up three to five times (depending on the source) since the 1950s and still increasing. One study reported that 10 per cent of the young are taking anti-depressants. In "Teen Depression and Anxiety: Why the Kids Are Not Alright," Susanna Schrobsdorff of Time magazine noted that "adolescents today have a reputation for being fragile, less resilient, and more overwhelmed than their parents growing up." We are also seeing an increase in mental-health issues in college-age students. The average well-being of entering college students has been in decline since the 1970s, when the measuring began. During college years, mental-health problems are on the rise, according to recent studies.

Yet American society today is far better off economically than it was 50 years ago, and we have

a better understanding of mental-health problems. Moreover, we now have a great many more psychiatrists, psychotherapists, counselors, and mental-health practitioners than we did even a generation ago. So what's wrong — what has happened?

Schrobsdorff proposed that the cause for the decline is the social climate that teenagers experience. She attributes this climate to social media,



smart phones, and school pressures. These factors are recent, though, and did not emerge until well after the observed decline of adolescent mental health.

A far stronger case can be made for our society's decline in religious faith as the cause of these mental pathologies in the young. The decline in religion that began in the '60s has accelerated in the past 15 years and is especially great among young people. A recent Pew report noted that over a third of its young respondents described themselves as "believers in nothing in particular." Schrobsdorff's omission of religious decline is one indication of how great the decline in religion has been — and how much our secular culture is in denial on the issue. The media just doesn't "get" religion.


In America, the transcendent di-

mension of life has historically been expressed primarily through the Judeo-Christian tradition, whose decline in recent years has created an enormous vacuum in meaning. This vacuum has been "filled" by postmodern nihilism combined with the "deconstruction" — aggressively taught in the academy — of belief in objective truth, goodness, and beauty. Moral relativism now eclipses transcendent meaning. The fragility of many young people — often termed "snowflakes" — shows their emotional vulnerability. They interpret ideas that challenge them as unbearable acts of aggression, and they use harsh and even violent measures to silence disagreeable opponents. In short, the prevalence of political correctness is a clear sign that belief in higher meaning and rational discussion has ceased to function in much of our higher-education system. Furthermore, political correctness is itself a symptom of the unstable mental condition of those who insist on it.

Dr Paul Vitz is a senior scholar at Divine Mercy University and a professor emeritus of psychology at New York University. Bruce Buff is a management consultant and the author of the scientific-spiritual thriller *The Soul of the Matter*.

Vitz, P. & Buff, B. Adolescents in crisis: Why we need to recover religion. *National Review*, 2017, July. Retrieved from <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/449877/teen-suicides-depression-anxiety-rising-religion-can-help>

## Retreat in Daily Life



The Retreat Nights will be based on the teachings of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and presented by various speakers. Enquires to Rob Towers: 021 152 7915.

Come and spend this short time each week with the Lord to refresh yourself in his presence.

**A guided Retreat in Daily Life** is being held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7:30-8:30pm, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017; time of hospitality to follow.

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## NEXT WEEK

Readings Oct 1st: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32.

## ROSTERS: September

**Church Cleaning:** (Sep 25<sup>th</sup>) Lorraine Marriott and Kathy Gardiner.  
**Counting:** (26<sup>th</sup>) Lorraine Marriott and Jane Charlton.  
**Flowers:** (30<sup>th</sup> Sep) Diane Baucke and Mary Dorn.  
**Greeters:** **Vigil 5:30pm** Lorraine and Dave Marriott  
**8am** Pat and Colin Keegan **10am** Josie Conlon.  
**Readers:** **Vigil 5:30pm** Rosalie McCann and Rob Towers **8am** Maurice McDonald and Maree O'Donoghue **10am** Sharon Crooks and Ebele Ezepeue.  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** **Vigil 5:30pm** Pat Curran, Hannah Brown, Lorraine and Dave Marriott, Prue Smith **8am** Clare Cole, John Lynch, Raymond Jones **10am** Jeanette and Eric Wright, Martin Boyle, Brendon O'Connor, Sharon van der Plas.  
**Altar Servers:** **10am** Alesha and Teresa Alexander.  
**Children's Liturgy:** School Holidays  
**Hospitality:** **10am** Theo van Duin.  
**Religious Goods/Library:** Rita Auta.  
**Linen:** (Oct) Mary O'Connor.  
**Lawns:** (Sep 30<sup>th</sup>) Kevin Long.