



Diocese of
Palmerston North

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)

Te Pariha o te mātou Wahine o Ruata



Priest Ministers

Fr Joe Grayland (Pastor)
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LOL MASSES

5:30pm Vigil (Saturday)
9:30am Sunday
Mon Liturgy of Word & Communion
Tues—Sat 10:00am

SACRED HEART RONGOTEA

9:00am: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

ST MARY'S FOXTON MASSES

10:30am Sun
10:30am Thurs

ST JOSEPH'S SHANNON MASSES

9:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

RECONCILIATION

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—16th September 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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

Sunday 23rd September 9:30am is the next Children's mass. Practise for the children involved will be on Saturday 22nd September at 3:00pm at the Church. Please contact Lorraine Wilson 021 2227802 if you would like your child/ren to be involved in the Children's Mass. We invite everyone to bring a plate for a shared morning tea afterwards.



PN Diocese youth minister Jude Bell-White is leading a brand new junior youth group starting on the 20th of September! Students years 7-9 are eligible to come along and experience this series of crazy fun events with plenty of upbeat activity! The perfect opportunity to socialize with friends and meet new people! If you're keen for a wicked time on a Thursday evening this is a youth group to show up to!

Youth minister Jude Bell-White's contact details:
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Catholic Young Adults event this week: Prayer and discussion at Te Ahi Kaa, 25A Amesbury Street, 4-6pm. Snacks provided. Come along to meet other like-minded Young Adults! Please contact me on 021811148 if you would like your name added to our contact list. Georgia

Notice of Presentation : Mark Richards

People have asked Mark to share with the community the fruit of his studies and recent defence in Rome. So there will be a public 'presentation' and Q&A session on :

The subject is : "The structure of our Sunday liturgy as the source of our Christian life and as a pattern for our lives".

**Sunday 23rd of September at 3:00pm
In the Cathedral / Diocesan Centre**

ComPassion for Christ—St Mary's PN

Join us for 6 meditations on the Passion of Jesus Christ through the eyes of St Peter of Alcantara.

Wed 7:00pm-8:30pm.....19th Sept-24th Oct
Content is not suitable for young children. Koha.
Sharon Crooks: sharoncrooks@xtra.co.nz
Raewyn Murray: murcon76@gmail.com

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic or interested in knowing more?

Has your child expressed an interest in being baptised?

We 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.

Come along to our information meeting after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd September.

If you're interested, in this wonderful Sacrament please get in touch with Fr Joe, the School or the Parish office.

Thank you to all involved in the Parish School Mass and delicious pancake breakfast last Sunday morning.

A great celebration of OLOL parish family.

LOL Anointing Mass and morning tea

Wednesday 26th September 10:00am. If you require transport please contact the parish office, 358 3667. If you are able to provide a plate of food for morning tea it would be appreciated.

LOL Eucharistic Ministry: LOL Church 7:00pm—8:30 Thursday 27th September.....
Theology of the Eucharist as we celebrate, practical actions and Q & A time.



Retiring Collection 22nd-23rd Sept at Parish Masses Citywide for victims of flooding in Kerala, India.

SVDP Commissioning Mass - Tues 25th Sept. See notice board.

Joshua Men's Group meeting Tuesday 18th September, 7:00pm St Mary's church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Supper to follow. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 www.joshua.org.nz

ON SALE— NZ Catholic \$4; Tui Motu \$7.

Jubiliarians Mass of Thanksgiving

I welcome you all to the Mass of Thanksgiving for this year's Jubiliarians at which we will celebrate the gift of priesthood to the Church and give thanks for the generous service of these men. The Mass will be at St Mary's Church, Whanganui on **Tuesday 18th September at 5:00pm** followed by drinks and nibbles. You are all very welcome.

Msgr John Carde 60 years of priesthood

Fr Harry Costello 60 years of priesthood

Fr Earl Crotty SM 60 years of priesthood

Fr John Roberts 40 years of priesthood

From time to time it is good to celebrate this occasion somewhere other than at the Cathedral. All this year's Jubilarians have significant links with Whanganui (Msgr Carde is of the Archdiocese of Wellington but grew up in Whanganui). Thus the choice of city and support of the regions. Nau mai, haere mai ki Whanganui.

+ Chelles



LOL Coffee group meets every

Tuesday at 9:15am during term time in the Church foyer. Anyone welcome to come in for a casual chat; toys for kids, hot drinks for adults.

Call Maria 021 02760945 or Laura 027 4273683 for any questions, or just turn up on the day!

**PFG 30th birthday celebrations
13th October 2018.**

5:30pm Mass followed by a shared pot luck dinner



**CATHOLIC RADIO Sundays 9am
Access Radio Manawatu 999HzAM.**

We Pray for the Sick: Fr Joe O'Sullivan, Philippa Frost, Sheila Evans, Mark Richards, Tony Keenan, Gary Meyer, Bridget Dorn, Barbara and Graeme Younger, Michael Eades, Vinnie Carroll, Joan Lambourne, Evie Feierabend, Mary Jefferies, Marie Hubbard, Mikulas Oros, Ann Fairclough, Louis Heynen, Braxton Prentice, Katherine Denby, Anne & Bill Bethune, Trevor Wilson, Toshi Sekizaki, Oliver Gillespie, Guiseppina Dujany, Siobhan Thomson.

From the Pastor's desk

The reality of sexual abuse within the Church should cause us all to stop and wonder at its causes. It should make us question the structures and attitudes that have created this situation. Is the way we are "doing religion" part of the problem? To stick one's head in the sand and hope this will all pass by is the refuge of the weak and the lazy. To face the issues, invite debate and to look with the eyes of scriptural faithfulness is far more challenging.

Is the Holy Spirit showing us the result of putting the system of religion before the person; of putting the institution before the Gospel; and of forgetting the mystery of the incarnation and the suffering of Christ so that all might be free?

Without doubt there are many causes that are psychological, sociological, theological and anthropological.

Psychologically: the psychology of the individual abuser and the institutional psychology of the church leaders;

Sociologically: the social structures of religious orders, diocesan clergy and the impact of celibatised clergy; the concept of the church as a perfect society; the notion of the family as the domestic church and its real subjugation in the life of the church to the non-married clerical church;

Theologically: the theologies of sin, repentance, sacraments, ordination, forgiveness and redemption that drive our understanding of sin, crime, penance, ministry, forgiveness, heaven and hell, damnation and eternity;

Anthropologically: our moral and sexual theologies and their ability to address contemporary understandings of the human sexuality and reproduction; the place of women and married people in the organisational framework of the Church.

Is the Holy Spirit though this entire situation, which I can only sketch here, calling the Church to deep and fundamental change? Or, is this depth of change beyond us as individuals and as a community of believers? Change is not easy and the romanticism and nostalgia for a religiosity of comfort and security is still wanted by many of us.

Faith change comes in many forms and it forces us to leave our secure concepts of God, religion and faith and enter upon a journey where the Spirit will lead us to God's understanding of God's self. In this process we must leave the comfortable, childhood concepts behind and struggle with the new, adult forms of faith and belief.

From the Hebrew biblical tradition we have learnt that self-criticism is necessary to keep religion from becoming arrogant and self-assured. If we can learn anything from the Jewish People, it is that in the worst times God is still with us. Following the Second World War and the complicity of Christianity in the extermination of Judaism, Christian theologians asked the question: "how can we continue to believe and pray after Auschwitz?" to which the Hebrew Nation replied: "You can continue to believe and to pray after Auschwitz *only* because we prayed and believed *in* Auschwitz!"

So, we too can pray in this experience of scandal because the victims of abuse have prayed throughout it. We are theologically indebted to them, not as survivors, but as victims. But first we must recognise our complicity: Where have we allowed structures of abusive clericalism and power to perpetuate in our Church and when have we have lacked the courage to build the Church of the People of God?

The value of this sacred wounding to the Church is only redemptive to the extent that we first honour the stories of the victims and their suffering. Where we fail to do this our religious language and practice will never change, because the deep human suffering of our baptismal sisters and brothers will never be able to redeem us, and we will not know a fragility of spirit that allows God's redemptive grace to penetrate and change us. Consequently, our words and gestures of apology will remain hollow and empty.

In the reality of suffering God is present, active and transforming, but God cannot convert a heart closed to the cry of the suffering, and the poor. If the biblical tradition teaches us anything about God's presence in human history, it is that from the meaninglessness of human violence God can, and does, bring forth redemption and healing, when we cooperate with Creative Grace.

Joe Grayland

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NEXT WEEK: 23rd September 2018

Readings Sept 23rd: Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37.

ROSTERS: September 17th—23rd

Church Cleaning: (Sept 17th) Mary Murrow and Margo Andrew-Pomare.

Counting: (Sept 18th) Selwyn Brown.

Greeters: Vigil 5:30pm Denise Bailey and Kathy Morton 9:30am Jenny King.

Readers: 5:30pm Judith Wall, Rob Towers, Janey Bishop

9:30am Ebele Ezepue, Kath Rooney, Fina Ta'ala.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:30pm Denis Jones, John Werder, Denise Bailey, Pat Curran, Hannah Brown 9:30am Tino Pakome, Brendon O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Clare Cole, Eileen O'Connor.

Flowers: Diane Baucke.

Altar Servers: 9:30am TBA

Children's Liturgy: Children's Mass.

Hospitality: 9:30am Theo van Duin.

Religious Goods/Library: Mary O'Connor.

Lawns: (Sept 15th) Tino Pakome and Son.

Linen: (September) Dorothy Crombie.