

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata
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OLOL 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—OLOL

Sat 10:30am—11:00am
and on request

EUCARIST ADORATION—OLOL

Fri: 10:30am—Noon
7:00pm—9:00pm

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 September 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 22nd of September 2019 – Amos 8:4-7, 1Tim 2:1-8, Luke 8:16-18

Pastors Desk

The company Jesus keeps shocks the socially important, the religiously righteous and the morally superior, yet it is the hallmark of the one we worship, as Lord and Saviour! Christianity is a remarkable religion so long as we remember that we follow the shamed, crucified and demonised Jesus of Nazareth. When we forget this historical fact, we become judgemental and superior, at the expense of someone else.

The Church that is compassionate is also a deeply human Church, because its compassion is grounded in the divinity of God. Our belief in the divinity and humanity of Jesus evolved over time and took centuries of theological debate and argument before it was proclaimed in Ecumenical Councils. Many of these Councils and much of this debate took place in what is modern day Turkey.

In Turkey, I visited special places that were originally leading centres of Christianity. In Antakya (Antioch), the city where believers were first called Christians, I recalled the bishop, St Ignatius of Antioch, who wrote on church theology, sacraments and the role of bishops. This is the city where St John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (Istanbul) was born. From him we have the great Paschal Homilies, the influence of the Antiochian School and the Divine Liturgy.

Further north, in Cappadocia, I visited the places of St Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, who developed the theological concept of the Trinity and gave to the world a new, enlivened and relational way of knowing God. The Trinity is not a deity trapped in heaven or distant from human concerns. No! The Trinity is intimately part of the reality of human life and history, to the point of experiencing the death of Jesus at that moment when God transforms human hatred and evil into the grace of redemption.

These places are no longer the seedbed of Christian thought. The Christian community in Antakya is very small. The Roman Catholic community's church is the size of a large dining/living room. The community's priest is Italian; the liturgy is in Turkish and Syrian. It was joyous and sung, with music we would all

recognise. In the ancient tradition, we all stood for the Eucharistic Prayer, as they have been doing for over 2000 years, and bowed low at the Institution Narrative.

The Armenian Catholic Church is also there, a remnant of former times, but a living experience of the ancient Syrian rites. They use the Eucharistic Prayer of Addi and Mari, which interestingly has no Institution Narrative (on the night before he died, he took...), yet was approved for use in Eastern Rite Churches in the Roman communion, by Benedict XVI when he was Pope. Again, we stood throughout the rite. The difference is that people come and go throughout the Liturgy, because the Liturgy is the work of the priests at which the people attend. It was nice to be back in my own Rite and pray the Mass with the presiding-priest and the attending congregation, as we are now able to do.

Visiting the ruins of 3-6th century cave churches, monasteries and baptismal fonts was fascinating. It showed me the patrimony that the Church has given to human history; the ways in which our sisters and brothers in faith have given their skills, their dreams, their energy to countless generations. It is very humbling.

It was also a reminder that Churches die, communities disperse, and buildings are left to the elements and the vagaries of history. The history of violence dogs our human steps, because we put power, wealth, position and social status before mercy, justice, equality, equity and forgiveness; therefore, we lack wisdom!

Fr. Joe

OLOL School Mass and Pancake breakfast is to be held after the 9.30am Mass on the 22 September. Please bring some cash to help with the cost.

Tickets for Fr. Chris Skinner Concert, 12 October 2pm in Whanganui at St. Mary's on sale at OLOL. If you are interested, contact Kate lolpn@xtra.co.nz or 06 358 3667.

Coming Events & NOTICES

The Pilgrimage for Life - The Immaculate Heart of Mary Pilgrim statue is at St. Mary's today the 15 September. On this occasion we'll have a special Mass at 7 pm. The pilgrimage will then come to the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Monday, 16 September, with a special Mass at 12.05pm. The Pilgrimage for Life was organised by Family Life International, a Pro-Life organisation, based in Auckland in response to the proposed abortion law legislation. Please come and be part of this very worthy and historic Pilgrimage. For more info - itinerary etc. visit: fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life

The 3rd **Lay Presider Workshop** is on the 29th of September: **OLOL Church** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

Please diarise: **Anointing Mass**: OLOL – 9th of October – 10am

Joshua Men's Group next meeting Tuesday 17th September, 7pm St Mary's church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Supper to follow. All welcome. For information contact John 027 6887750 or www.joshua.org.nz

Would you like to be Catholic? Inquiry Evenings: RCIA (City Wide); Wednesday 25 September and 2 October, 7.30 - 9pm, Cathedral Gathering area. A gentle evening of information and questions that will introduce the RCIA 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... and come along with them.*



Priestly Jubilarians' Mass

The annual Priestly Jubilarians' Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday 2 October at 5pm. This will be followed by hospitality in the Cathedral Gathering area, providing an opportunity for Jubilarians and other priests to meet with parishioners and visitors. Everyone is welcome to attend and to be part of this joyful celebration!

The Jubilarians this year are: +Owen Dolan - 65 yrs, Fr Max Palmer (Kopua) - 60 yrs, Fr Michael Lloyd - 55 yrs, Fr Bill Casey (RIP) - 50 yrs, Mons David Bell - 50 yrs, Fr Peter Fahy - 50 yrs, Fr Neal Wilson SM - 50 yrs, Fr Karaitiana Kingi SM - 50 yrs, Fr Nicho Verkley (Kopua) - 45 yrs, Fr Barry Scannell SM - 25 yrs

The Diocese of PN, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN, the Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations. **Attention:** Mrs Wendy Silver, telephone 06 354 1780 ext 833, email wsilver@pndioocese.org.nz or you can download a copy <https://pndioocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/> Applications by 30 September 2019. Allocations will be made on 30 October 2019.

OLOL Prayer Line phone Eileen (06) 329 1801 or (021) 671 755 or the Parish Office.

St VINNIES, 252 Rangitikei St, Palmerston North has an urgent request for **Furniture please**. Thank you!

Health and Wellbeing Workshops – OLOL Parish 7-8:30pm. We hope this will enable those dealing with these issues to gain information, support and encouragement. If you are interested in coming please RSVP Kate at ololpn@xtra.co.nz or 06 358 3667, so that we can get an idea of the numbers for each Workshop. The dates are as follows:

10 October: Living with and Caring for those who have Disabilities – Tim McEvoy Senior Connector for Mana Whaikaha, Midcentral DHB Disability Services.

17 October: Suicide Prevention-Postvention – Rose Allan, Senior Counsellor, and Elisabeth Dempster, Public Health Suicide Prevention Coordinator.

24 October: Living with and Caring for those with Cancer. Kerry Hocquard Cancer Society.

31 October: Living with and Caring for those who have Dementia. Marie Whitburn and Dr Yih Harnng Chong, Elderhealth, Midcentral DHB

Diocesan Young Catholics Team

Midwinter Dinner on Sat 24 Aug – Thanks to the many who showed up and made it a great night.

Theology of the Body – 6 weeks series of discussion nights happening every Thurs from 12 Sept – 17 Oct, 7-9pm at Te Ahi Kaa

Eucharistic Adoration – Sun 15 Sept, 7pm at Te Ahi Kaa.

Enquiries to Line – 021811148 or vailua@pndioocese.org.nz

Jesus4Real - Junior Camp for years 8-10 in October. See <http://www.jesus4real.org.nz> to register your spot TODAY!

ROSTERS: 16th to 22nd of September 2019

Church Cleaning: (16th Sept) Mary Murrow & Margo Andrew-Pomare

Counter: (17th Sept) Leigh Basile

Flowers: (21st/22nd) Mary Dorn

Greeters: 5:30pm Catherine & Tom Edwards, 9:30am Josie Conlon.

Children's Liturgy (Sep 22nd) Childrens Mass – no Childrens Liturgy

Readers: 5:30pm Caroline Deazley-Gilligan, Kathy Gardiner
9:30am Celia Kueh, Clare Cole, Ebele Ezepue

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm John Werder, Monica Hammond, Hannah Brown, Denis Jones, Pat Curran. 9:30am Jeanette & Eric Wright, Mary Murrow, Maria Amey, Cyril Xavier.

Altar Servers: 9:30am Brianna & Kellan Wilson

Hospitality: 9:30am KPF Group

Linen: (Sept) Catherine Kearins

Lawns: (Sept) 21st – Tino and Son

Religious Goods Cabinet: Martin Boyle

SVDP Basket: (Sept) Rose Semmens

We pray for those who are Unwell:

Michael James McAvinue, Peter Taylor, Betsy Franssen, Oleg Bogdanovas, John Green, Mons Brian Walsh, 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

Mass has been offered for Stephanie Brown RIP

Mass and Prayers offered for John Hocquard