

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

Palmerston North (1951)
Te Pariha o to mātou Wahine o Ruata
<http://www.lourdesparish.nz/>



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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29 September 2019 – Year C

Readings for the 6th of October 2019 – Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Pastors Desk

In the first reading, Amos launches a scathing attack on the wealthy and powerful in both kingdoms of Zion and Samaria. He paints a vivid picture of their luxurious and indulgent lifestyle. They are sprawling on their divans, dining and drinking. In spite of Amos' critique of their lifestyle, it fell on deaf ears. The northern kingdom fell to the Assyrians less than fifty years later. This prophetic oracle will find a parallel in today's gospel story of the rich man who ignores the poor man at his door.

In the second reading to Timothy, the advice the letter offers applies to anyone entrusted with the responsibility of leadership.

In the Gospel, the parable of Lazarus and the rich man is unique to Luke. It is a vivid illustration in story form of what was presented much earlier in the gospel (6:20-26). In the Beatitudes, Jesus pronounced a series of four blessings, followed by a matching set of woes. In each case Jesus pledges a complete reversal of fortune. This is exactly what happens for the two characters in the parable.

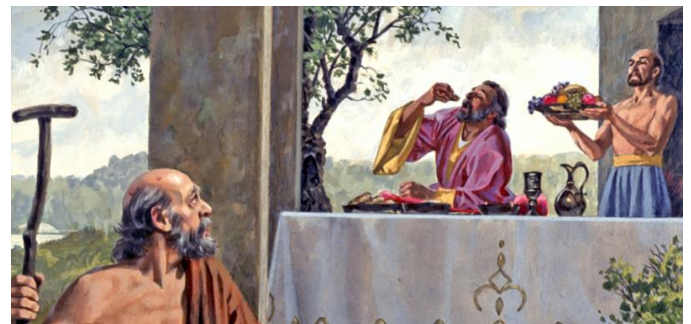
There are multiple instances of reversal. In his earthly life Lazarus lay outside the rich man's house; after death he is welcomed into Abraham's embrace. In life the rich man dwells in his own home; in death he is cast out into Hades. In life Lazarus longs for food from the rich man's table, in death the rich man is tormented by thirst. The one thing that remains constant is the unbreachable gulf between them.

Just as Lazarus could never cross the threshold of the rich man's house, now the rich man is unable to bridge the chasm that separates him from Lazarus.

The parable extends into an admonition about the difficulty of conversion. The allusion to the risen Lord suggests that Luke

is warning wealthy Christians that they can be as blind to evidence and as resistant to change as their Jewish counterparts. It is worth noting that the parable does not hold Lazarus up as a paragon of virtue, nor does it describe the rich man as degenerate. Lazarus is blessed by God simply because of his wretched condition, while the rich man is condemned because of his self-absorption. Ancient though it is, sadly the story is as timely as ever.

Excerpt from "Break open the Word" 2019 the book for readers; Liturgy Brisbane



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

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.

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

Prayer Intentions:
Pray for the recently deceased **María Lidia Leibold**

Coming Events & NOTICES

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

Please diarise:

Anointing Mass: OLOL – 9th of October – 10am and St. Mary's Foxton – 24th of October – 10:30am.

Pastoral Team Leaders Meeting – Sacred Heart Rongotea, on October 6 from 3pm to 5pm.

Would you like to be Catholic? Inquiry Evenings: RCIA (City Wide); Wednesday 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.



Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: Next meeting **Wednesday 2nd October at 1:30pm** A guest speaker will talk about the "Green Prescription". Usual flower comps and the craft is a small Christmas decoration to put on a Christmas gift. Raffle done by Rose.

Priestly Jubilarians' Mass

The annual Priestly Jubilarians' Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday 2 October at 5pm. 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 Anthony Williams SM, 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

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic or interested in knowing more? Has your child expressed an interest in becoming baptised? OLOL School and Parish 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. If you're interested, in this wonderful Sacrament please get in touch with either the OLOL School or the Parish office.

Celebrating Venerable Suzanne Aubert this year on October 6. Please see Noticeboard in church for more information.

The community at **Our Lady's Home of Compassion** invite pilgrims to spend a weekend (15th of Nov 5pm to 17th of Nov 4pm) experiencing the depth and beauty of Taize prayer. The Taize aspects of joy, simplicity and reconciliation reflect the kaupapa of the Home of Compassion and the life of the founder of the Sisters of Compassion, Suzanne Aubert, who opened her heart to "people of all creeds and none." For more information please email: spirituality@compassion.org.nz or Ph: 04 3837769. Or register: <https://compassion.org.nz/event/taize-in-aotearoa/>

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

St Brigid's Parish Quiz: 6.30pm, Saturday 19 October, St Brigid's Community Hall, Derby St, Feilding. For a registration form, please contact: St Brigid's Parish office: stbrigids@xtra.co.nz or Steve: morton@inspire.net.nz. For more details see Notice board

Diocesan Young Catholics Team

Music Ministry - Special thanks to our Young Adults who lead the music liturgy at the 6pm Youth Masses. Practice times – every third Tues, 7-9pm at TAK.

Theology of the Body discussion nights continue every Thurs, 7-9pm at TAK till the end of Oct.

October Events: Mon 7 Oct – Community Outreach, 5-7pm.

Please contact Line for more info. Sun 13 Oct – Taize Adoration
Sun 20 Oct – Prayer & Potluck Dinner. Sun 27 Oct – Youth Mass & Pub Night. All Sunday events will take place after 6pm mass. Either gather in Cathedral foyer or meet us at TAK from 7.15pm.
Line – 021811148 or lvailua@pndiocese.org.nz

ROSTERS: 30th Sep - 6th October 2019

Church Cleaning: (30th Sep) Linda Darbyshire & Ann Nation

Counter: (1st Oct) Gabrielle Barnes & Jane Charlton

Flowers: (5/6 Oct) Mary O'Connor

Greeters: **5:30pm** Suneal & Beverley Singh
9:30am School Children with Teacher

Children's Liturgy (6th Oct) School Holiday

Readers: **5:30pm** Roselle Gouwland, Jane Charlton, Johan Rowe.
9:30am Iveta & David Griffin, Erika Ramirez

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30pm John Werder, John Lynch, Hannah Brown, Monica Hammond, Pat Curran **9:30am** Jeanette & Eric Wright, Mary Dorn, Stephen Guy, Cyril Xavier. **Altar Servers: 9:30am** Jacob & John Stevens

Hospitality: 9:30am Rose & Wally Semmens

Linen: (Sep) Catherine Kearins, **Lawns:** (5th Oct) Fr Joe

Religious Goods Cabinet: (6th Oct) Wally Semmens

SVDP Basket: (Oct) Barney O'Connor

We pray for those who are unwell:

Rufino Petim, Caterina Rodrigues Ribeiro, Louisa Vieira, Michael James McAvinue, Peter Taylor, Betsy Franssen, Oleg Bogdanovas, 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