



# The Cathedral Connection



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## ALL FOR LOVE AND LOVE FOR ALL

Valentine's Day might be a ploy to sell roses, but it is also an opportunity to spotlight the institute of marriage. The long-standing definition of marriage, as a partnership between male and female, has been altered by Parliament, but the Christian ideal of this union sealing a freely given life-long commitment has not changed. Far from trivializing marriage, the focus on definition invites us to honour and celebrate the great gift of marriage and its potential to bring harmony to human society.

Our Catholic tradition holds marriage to be a Sacrament – a sacred sign of God's presence in the love between husband and wife, and a symbol of the union between Christ and the People of God, the Church. Valentine's Day enables us to give public recognition to faithfulness in marriage and thanksgiving for the witness of so many couples to the power of love to give, sustain and fulfil life.

At the same time this Day is an occasion to support those for whom marriage has brought heartache and betrayal, and to appreciate the demands of love which can threaten and even overwhelm the strongest union.

Jesus recognised that love is not an easy game to play. His strong words about divorce need to be heard in context with his condemnation of anything harmful to life which "the Law and Prophets" championed above all else. Jesus showed great compassion and understanding towards those unable to meet the ideal. We must do no less.

This week thank God for the joy you see in family life. Pray for couples preparing for marriage, for those struggling to keep their love alive and for those distressed, often unjustly, by separation. If married, renew your vows. If divorced, know you are never separated from God's love. Let each of us celebrate our oneness in Christ.

*Fr James Lyons*

*Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish is a partner in the Wellington Central Pastoral Area with St Mary of the Angels (CBD), and the Catholic Parish of Otari (Wilton and Karori)*

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**Parish Priest:** Fr James Lyons  
**Secretary:** Frank Doherty 8.30am - 4pm  
Parish Office is in Catholic Centre, Hill St  
Hall Bookings: Frank Ph: 496 1700  
Parish Council Chair: Nicholas Burley

**Sacred Heart Cathedral School**  
Guildford Tce, Thorndon  
Principal: Bernadette Murfitt Ph: 472 4047  
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**Mass Times:**  
**Saturday 5.30pm**  
**Sunday 10.30am, 7pm**  
**St Mary of the Angels Parish Mass: 9am**  
Monday to Friday: 8am, 12.10pm  
Saturday 8.30am in Cathedral Chapel  
*If a Requiem is scheduled, the 12.10pm Mass may not be celebrated on that day.*

**Reconciliation:** 11:50am to 12:05pm  
Monday to Friday (Not Public Holidays)

**Baptism:** By Appointment

**Deadline for newsletter material  
is Wednesday midday.**

**Frank ph: 0-4-496 1700**

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## Activities:



**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** 7.30am prior to 8am Mass Thursday and Friday

**Rosary** Mondays 11.30am in Cathedral Chapel

**Music Group** plays on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of month at 5.30pm Vigil Mass

**Liturgy Committee** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month

**Finance Committee** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every 2<sup>nd</sup> month

**Parish Council** meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month

**Bible Study Group** Wellington Sacred Heart Bible Study Group  
Contact: Elisapeci Waqanivalu  
ph: 021 207 6978

**Divine Mercy Devotions** every Sunday at 6.30pm

**Prayer Group Meeting** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays, Connolly Hall 7.30pm

**Holy Hour** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm

## Readings for the Week



### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sts Cyril & Methodius**

Gen: 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Gen 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Gen 11:1-9; Mark 8:34 - 9:1

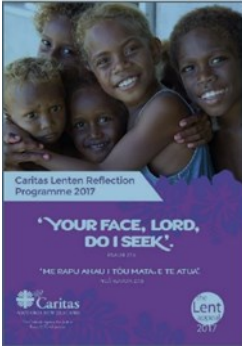
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Heb 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



## LENT 2017



1 March is the start of Lent. This season is an opportunity to deepen our spiritual life through prayer, fasting and alms giving. In support of Caritas New Zealand's mission, Sacred Heart Cathedral will hold two activities: **Lenten Appeal and Lenten Reflection**.

**Lenten Appeal envelopes** will be distributed during the Vigil and Sunday masses on the weekend of 26 February, in preparation for the six weeks of Lent.

**Lenten Reflection** will be a time of sharing based on Lenten gospels, for six weeks, starting the week of Ash Wednesday, 1 March.

We encourage you to participate and support these activities as we respond to this year's theme **"Your face, Lord, do I seek"**. More details will be posted in coming newsletters.



### ST VALENTINE'S DAY

You are invited to celebrate with Cardinal John Dew the annual St Valentines Day Mass, **7pm, Tuesday, 14**

**February 2016**, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington. You are most welcome to stay after Mass for a glass of bubbles. Book a meal out and begin your evening by thanking God for your love, your intimacy and your marriage.



**Passionist Family Group:** This group is open to everyone and meets monthly. The emphasis is on building relationships within the parish and providing a place where everyone can belong. All ages and situations are welcome. Please contact Nicholas or Linda Burley for enquiries:

[burleys05@gmail.com](mailto:burleys05@gmail.com) 021-277 4365.

General information can be found at [www.passionistfamily.org.nz](http://www.passionistfamily.org.nz)

### MASSES OFFERED

- Adi Melania Yalava Regu (RIP, 25 Dec Fiji) Sister of Elisapeci Waqanivala
- Fr. Raymund Stachurski (RIP, 8 Feb Wellington)
- Mons. David Price (RIP, 2 Feb Auckland)
- Yolanda De Los Santos
- Donna Josephine Pelpola



**Sacramental Programme 2017 Applications Close Friday 3rd March**



Registration forms for the 2017 Wellington Central Pastoral Area Sacramental Programme are available in the Cathedral Foyer or from the Parish Office.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

CSS Annual Street Day Appeal is on **Thursday, 23 February**. Collectors are needed in Wellington, Newtown, Kilbirnie and Petone. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help, please phone Vivien on 04-385 8642 or email: [v.chiu@wn-catholicssocialservices.org.nz](mailto:v.chiu@wn-catholicssocialservices.org.nz)

**JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WELLINGTON:** Come along and join Joshua Catholic men for fellowship and prayer on **Thursday 16 February** at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Speaker: Ivan Brunton, a Joshua man on the topic "Letting go of my children". For further information ring John Taylor 0-4-389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or email :[ijnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz](mailto:ijnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz)

**DOVE WELLINGTON** invites all women to their meeting on Saturday **18 February** 1.15-3pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Wellington. This meeting will be focused predominantly on thanksgiving and prayer for the year ahead. Bring your prayer intentions for 2017. Also consider bringing an empty bottle; as you may like to take home with you some of the holy water. It will be a fantastic time, filled with caring, sharing and community. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Shura Price for any queries on (04) 389 9938.

**Dr Philip G. Ney (Canada)** Retired Child and Family Psychiatrist and Developmental Child Psychologist, is speaking at two events in Wellington on Wednesday **22 February**. Workshop: 1-3pm, St Patrick's Hall, Childers Terrace, Kilbirnie – "*Scientific Facts About Abortion and Abuse and What you can do about it*" and there will be a **Public Meeting** at 7 pm at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown, - "*The real reasons women choose abortion (and what damages need to be addressed for Post Abortion healing)*"

**SISTERS OF MERCY:** A time to explore a possible calling from God to become a Sister of Mercy. Single women are invited to attend an event at Mercy Centre, Thorndon, Wellington on Sunday **9 April** from 11.45am – 5pm, lunch included. Bookings are necessary. Please contact Sister Stephanie on 0-4-819 8312 or [skit2@xtra.co.nz](mailto:skit2@xtra.co.nz) Come along and bring a friend!



The February 12 – February 25 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Venerable Suzanne Aubert in new resting place. Maori priest installed as cathedral dean. First Filipino candidate aims high. Catholic outcry at Trump executive order.



Please remember to bring either a non-perishable food item, toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc) or laundry items (nappies, washing powder, cleaning products etc) for the food bank. There are collection boxes beside the doors in the foyer. As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, exercise books and pads for secondary school students are also welcome throughout the year. Thank you.