



The Cathedral Connection



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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There is a time for...

This weekend the Parish is promoting its own book. As already publicised, *There is a time for...* is a book of prayers written and illustrated by New Zealanders, flowing out of the 2015 Synod on Family Life and the writings of Pope Francis. A parishioner will be speaking about the book at each Mass. Proceeds from sales will benefit the organ refurbishment, cathedral maintenance and our commitment to Downtown Community Ministry.

Over 40 people contributed original prayers and photographs for the publication. Printed here are two that were not included but are very worthy of being published. They come from two Year 8 students, Bella and Khushi.

Dear Lord

Thank you for giving me the life I have
For my friends and family,
Thank you for the shining sun and the faint blue sky,
For the twinkling stars and big bright moon,
Thank you for making a good living environment
For my education
I'm lucky to be me!
And I pray for those that are less fortunate than me
Once again I say thanks for all the little things in life!
Amen.

Dear God

I pray that one day we live in a world
Where people,
Forgive and forget,
Move forward,
Enjoy the future,
Forget the past,
And love one another.
Amen.



There is a time for... is for everyone. I hope you will enjoy praying with it as much as I have enjoyed piecing it together.

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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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.**

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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 2nd and 4th Saturdays of month at 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Liturgy Committee meet 1st Tuesday of every month

Finance Committee meet 2nd Thursday every 2nd month

Parish Council meet 1st Thursday of month



Have you been confirmed?

Since 2000, the time for Confirmation in our Archdiocese has been prior to First Communion. In the changeover, and perhaps even before that, many may have missed out on that Sacrament. Whatever your age, if you would like to be Confirmed this Easter Vigil (15 April), please put your name forward. An enrolment form is available in the Foyer. A time of preparation will be arranged for late March, early April. Check with Fr James if you need further information.

Readings for the Week



Sunday 19th – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 20th – Ecc 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday 21st – Ecc 2:1-11 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday 22nd – Chair of St Peter the Apostle

1 Peter 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday 23rd – Ecc 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday 24th – Ecc 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday 25th – Ecc 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16

Sunday 26th – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

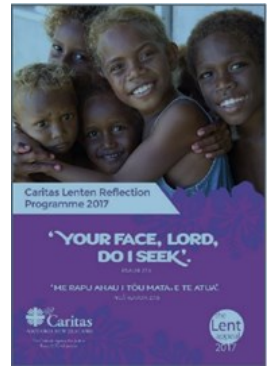
Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



LENT 2017

Lenten Reflection

Lent is a time of prayer. Sacred Heart Cathedral, in support of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, invites you to a Lenten reflection sharing. This is a six-week reflection based on Lenten Sunday gospels, starting on the week of Ash Wednesday, 1 March. Please sign up at the booth in the foyer and indicate your preferred day and time. We look forward to seeing you! A reflection booklet will be provided to interested participants. This may also be used for small group or family discussion, or for personal use.



Lenten Appeal

Support is sought for the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Lenten Appeal. Lenten Giving Packs are being distributed today. You can either use the Weekly Donation Envelopes or use a Single Donation Envelope and you may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly, a freepost envelope is available for this option. Cash must not be sent through the post. We thank you for your generosity.



Sacred Heart Cathedral will host joint vespers with St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, on Ash Wednesday, **1 March**, commencing with the distribution of ashes at 6pm.

MASS OFFERED FOR

- Lourdes Virginia B. Reyes (mother of Pebbles Pangilinan)



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.

Sacramental Preparation



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YOUR PARISH WEBSITE! [WWW.MCSHWELLINGTON.ORG](http://www.mcshwellington.org)

Are you interested in receiving this newsletter via email? You will be one of the first to get the latest Parish news and details of coming events. You can sign up from your Parish Website: <http://mcshwellington.org/contact/subscribe-to-our-mailing-list/>

You will also find a lot of interesting material on the site, including Homilies by Cardinal John and Fr James.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Are you able to give an hour of your time to help CSS Annual Street Day Appeal on **Thursday, 23 February**. Collectors are needed in Wellington, Newtown, Kilbirnie and Petone. If you are able to help, please email: v.chiu@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz or phone Vivien on 04-385 8642

MASS FOR LIFE: Tuesday **28 February** at St. Anne's Church, Emmett Street, Newtown at 6:30pm, Cardinal John Dew will celebrate a very special Mass for Life to open this year's 40 Days for Life in Wellington. You and your family and friends are invited to attend this Mass to pray for the unborn, their mothers and families and all those who are affected by the tragedy of abortion in our community.

ECUMENICAL HEALING SERVICE with Fr John Rea at the Tawa Intermediate Hall, 1 Ranui Terrace Tawa, on Tuesday **28 February** beginning at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come and bring all who need Jesus' healing.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY: CLC is an international lay organisation inspired by the spirituality of St Ignatius Loyola. For those interested a 7 week introductory course will run Tuesdays 28 Feb; 7, 14, 21, 28 March and 4, 11 April, 7:30-9pm. For further information, contact Maureen McKillop. m.mckillop@hotmail.com Ph: 475-5972 or 021-1349-370

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: *Peaceful, prayerful vigil to support abortion, vulnerable women and pray for an end to abortion, 1 – 9 of April, 7am to 7pm* every day outside Wellington Hospital, Newtown. Volunteers are needed to take shifts. To sign up, please visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or text "40 Days" to 021 231 7954. For more information, on events throughout the country, please call Family Life International 0-9-629 4361.

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 Come along and bring a friend!

THE BACH CHOIR of Wellington is seeking some new singers---particularly tenors and basses. We rehearse every Monday evening from 7-9 pm at St Andrews on the Terrace. Interested? Come along to our open rehearsal on Monday **20 February**.



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. Thank you.