



The Cathedral Connection



1st Sunday Lent

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YOUR FACE, O LORD...

The 40 days of Lent are 40 single, separate days, not a hard, solid block impossible to manage. Taking Lent one day at a time is the best and most

productive way of using this gifted time to check over my personal relationship with God, with the people in my life and with the world in which I live. These relationships are keys to my happiness, and Lent is the best time of the year to realise their value.

The Catholic agency for justice, peace and development, *Caritas*, provides resources to assist both personal and community reflection during this season. Whether or not you are participating in a Lenten discussion group, the prayers and information in the reflection booklet are excellent material for private use. [Copies on sale in Foyer]

Your face, O Lord, do I seek, is the overall theme of the *Caritas* programme. Taken from Psalm 27, it voices the urgency with which someone, who realises the sterility of their inward looking existence, now wants to be rescued. God does not hide from us but is in clear view, in every person and in all of creation. It is putting yourself first, being concerned only with what affects you, that ultimately blinds you from God's presence.

By taking Lent one day at a time, you can pace yourself more positively on the road along which the face of God comes to meet you. A more deliberate approach gives time to look in different places, to consider more possibilities. The *face of God* is everywhere and, just as every day is different, the variety of people, situations and experiences encountered each day with faith, will renew all your relationships and God will be "all in all".

Have a great Lent!

Fr James

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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
*There will be no 12:10pm Mass tomorrow,
Monday 6th as there is a Requiem Mass at
11am for Joanna Veltman—All welcome.*

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
every month

Bible Study Group Wellington
Sacred Heart Bible Study Group
Contact: Elisapeci Waqanivalu
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Divine Mercy Devotions every
Sunday at 6.30pm

Prayer Group Meeting 1st, 3rd and 5th
Mondays, Connolly Hall 7.30pm

Holy Hour 4th Tuesday of every month
at 7.30pm

Readings for the Week



Sunday 5th – First Sunday in Lent

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday 6th – Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday 7th – Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday 8th – Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday 9th – Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12

Friday 10th – Eze 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday 11th – Deu 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday 12th – Second Sunday in Lent

Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9





DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Today, at the 10.30 Mass, we celebrate the gift of children. This is an opportunity for the Church and wider society to reflect on the plight of children in New Zealand and around the world. It is also a time to focus on praying for children. Caritas has distributed prayer resources to parishes throughout New Zealand. The resources are also available from the Caritas website at: www.caritas.org.nz For more information, contact Roger at Caritas – 496 1742.

On this Day of Prayer for Children and their families, we give thanks for the young lives that enrich the communities we inhabit.

Lord, we pray for the safety and well-being
of all children around the world
and especially the 295,000 children
here in Aotearoa New Zealand who live in poverty.

We give thanks for extended families
and connected communities that support children.

Lord, we pray for all families in supporting,
protecting and loving their children.

That they would be conscious of the important role they have.

That they may know your strength, forgiveness and love
as they seek to provide safe, caring and loving environments
in which children can become all that you made them to be.

Amen

HUPA

WHAT'S HUPA?

....a question easily answered in the Foyer where there are copies of a magazine by that name. HUPA is the annual Compassion Soup Kitchen magazine and it's free! Copies have been available for three weeks but very few have bothered to pick one up. Take one today and discover many amazing things about this service to the people of Wellington for over 100 years. Personal stories touch your heart, the list of sponsors is more than endorsement and the statistics blow you away!



Nicholas Burley, Chair Parish Pastoral Council. He and his wife, Linda, share leadership of our Passionist Family Group.

REMEMBERING THE REFORMATION 1517-2017

The Lutheran Church in New Zealand is commemorating the part played by Martin Luther 500 hundred years ago that significantly influenced the history of Christianity. In Wellington, St Paul's Lutheran Church (12 King St, Mt Cook) is hosting eight monthly sessions on various aspects of the Reformation and invites all interested to participate.

The first is next **Sunday, 12 March** (2-4pm), led by Pastor Jim Pietsch, with the theme: The Reformation Discovery – reclaiming grace in a graceless world. Rev Digby Wilkinson (Dean, St Paul's Cathedral) features in the second month (9 April) and our parish priest Fr James Lyons speaks on 14 May. Each session promises to be entertaining and informative. The overall title is FAITH SPOKEN, FAITH SUNG, and will include organ and chorale presentations.

The full programme is available in the Foyer.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WELLINGTON: Come along and join us on Thursday **16 March** in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon at 7.30pm for fellowship and prayer. The guest speaker is Michael Powell on DVD about "Following Jesus". For further information contact John Taylor on 0-4-389 8915 / 021 107 8538 or email: ijnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

'IN THE SPIRIT OF LAUDATO SI' - Come and hear Sister Gail Worcelo speak on the latest encyclical of Pope Francis. Gail holds degrees in Clinical Psychology & Christian Spirituality and divides her time between life in the monastery and teaching and leading workshops around the world. **Tuesday 21 March** 4.30 - 7.30pm Te Wahanga Atawhai Mercy Centre, 15 Guildford Tce, Thorndon. RSVP Vaughan Smith, 0-4-831 0300 or office@mercy.org.nz Light refreshments will be served. Koha on entry gratefully received.

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, telephone 0-9-629 4361

The March edition of **Welcom** is out this week and includes: Fr James Lyons' Lenten reflection: Youth Synod in Rome 2018; Life Teen; 2016 Catholic College dux, special character achievers and 2017 head students: New Catholic Enquiry Centre Chaplain, Fr Neil Vaney sm..



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. Thank you.

MASS OFFERED FOR

Joanna Veltman
RIP 1 March

