



The Cathedral Connection



5th Sunday of Lent

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OUR FAMILY PRAYER

At the 10.30 Mass today our Catechumens will be presented with The Lord's Prayer as they near the end of their journey to full initiation in the Catholic Church. Their growing commitment is a cause for us "seasoned" Catholics to consider our own situation and how much we might take the gift of faith for granted.

The Lord's Prayer is a reminder that it belongs to all who follow the way of Jesus, uniting Christians even where our traditions and dogmas keep us apart. It is a humbling prayer, acknowledging our need of God as children need a loving, understanding parent; it is a prayer that challenges our pride and the difficulties we have forgiving hurts and insults; it is a prayer that exposes our fear of the unknown and our hope that we will be protected from evil.

Such a prayer should never be prayed without thought, even while it should be prayed often. Like the faith we live by, The Lord's Prayer is a sacred trust, given by Jesus as he revealed the closeness of God to each and every person. Pray "Our Father..." this week for our Catechumens, for Christian unity, and for each other, that we might be ever thankful for the gift of Jesus and uphold the dignity of one another in word and action.

The raising of Lazarus climaxes the Lenten emphasis on the life-giving power of Jesus, and prepares us for the week we call Holy Week when death, seeking to dominate, is defeated forever. May we joyfully accompany those who will join us in the Easter waters of new life.

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

*If a Requiem is scheduled there may be no
12:10pm Mass 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 this Tuesday, 4
April

Finance Committee meet 2nd
Thursday every 2nd month

Parish Council meet This Thursday, 4th
April

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 2nd April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Monday 3rd Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 4th Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday 5th - Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday 6th – Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday 7th – Jer 20:10-12; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday 8th Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday 9th – PALM SUNDAY

Entrance: Mt 21:1-11) Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14-27:66



RAFFLE OF EASTER HAMPERS: The Sacred Heart Cathedral School Parents and Friends Committee is raising money for a new playground at the school. After each Mass this weekend (1 and 2 April) members of the committee and students will be selling raffle tickets. There are 12 hampers packed with Easter goodies to be won. The first prize hamper includes a copy of "There is a time for...", a family prayer book compiled by Fr James. Tickets are \$2 each. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPES! There are still a lot of people who have not yet collected their new set of *Planned Giving* envelopes from the Cathedral Foyer. Even if you give by *Direct Credit* there is still a set of special collection envelopes for you. Help save your parish the postage costs please.

ERRATUM: In last weeks Central newsletter the date for our Parish Pastoral Assistant, Fiona Rammell's commissioning was incorrect. The correct date is Sunday 11 June at the 10.30am Mass.

HELP NEEDED: It would be great to have a Minute Secretary for the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Are there two people in our community that could offer this service? Also, the parish needs the help of an accountant, who could serve on the Finance Committee. Familiarity with Xero & Charities Commission compliance would be an advantage. Please contact Fr James or Parish Office for further details.

<p>MASSES OFFERED FOR Martin Lawrence Thyne RIP 25 Mar Natalia Escobar Reyes (Phil) RIP 22 Mar Ingrid Burrowes (USA) RIP 19 Feb</p>
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STEWARDSHIP ON THE HORIZON

Here we are in April and on Saturday 29th all parishioners are invited to meet with Cardinal John who will lead us towards a deeper appreciation of the principle shaping the future of our Archdiocese: Stewardship.

From 1.30 – 4.30pm, we will meet in Connolly Hall. Cardinal John will present Stewardship as "a disciple's response" – a way of life prompted by the realisation our personal life is held in being by gifts poured out by a generous, ever-loving God.

There will be an opportunity for those present to share ideas as to why and how we might embrace this principle. What could our parish look like if we took the Stewardship principle seriously?

Then, between 4.30 and 8.30pm, the parish "Leadership Team", including the principals and Board reps from Cathedral School and St Mary's College, will meet to prepare a pastoral plan, based on your afternoon input.

Please ensure your calendar is marked for this special occasion.

Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others. [1Peter 4:10]

MASS TIMES: Last week's newsletter carried the service times for Holy Week and Easter. They are now published on the Cathedral notice board and near the church entrance. Please note that a Mass at 8.00am precedes the one at 10.30am on Easter Day, and the usual 7.00pm Mass is cancelled that day.

ORGAN RECITAL: Sunday April 30th 2:30pm welcomes Johann Vexo, Organist Nancy Cathedral and Choir Organist Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris and Damien Rivière Tenor, Notre-Dame Cathedral Choir, Paris as they present a concert of music by Bach, Alain, Vierne, Durufle and Langlais in support of our organ fundraising campaign.

Please do come along to listen to some fantastic music performed by leading French artists in support of our organ fundraising campaign. Tickets \$20+GST available at the door (cash or eftpos), or from the Cathedral office 04 496 1700.



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YOUR LENTEN CARITAS DONATION is helping respond to the growing humanitarian catastrophe in the world's newest nation, South Sudan. A famine has been declared there, accompanying extreme food and water shortages in Somalia and Kenya.

There are still Lenten envelopes available in the Foyer. If you haven't yet gifted, please consider doing so in the last weeks of Lent. You will be gifting hope to life where it is struggling to survive.

SONRISE SERVICE: The annual Easter dawn service hosted by the Salvation Army will take place at 6.30am Easter Sunday morning 16 April, at the Mt Victoria Lookout. All are welcome to attend.



ARE YOU A SINGLE WOMAN? What is God calling you to? Come along to hear about what being a Sister of Mercy means. No strings! Sunday 9 April, 11.45am – 5pm, lunch included. Thorndon venue. Contact Sister Stephanie skit2@xtra.co.nz or 027 245 8859.

DIVINE MERCY Sunday Celebration. Sun 23 April 2017 (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM). Led by Frs John Rea SM and Francis D'Souza ICPE Priest St Gerard's Church, 75 Hawker St. Mt Victoria. Profound teachings, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, Chaplet of the DIVINE MERCY, Written prayer petitions, Holy MASS, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image; Blessing of personal religious objects and fellowship. Contact: Shirley O'Brien 0211 260544 email: cfdm.org@gmail.com or visit: www.CentreForDivineMercy.org

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APRIL WELCOM IS OUT THIS WEEK FOR SUNDAY 2 APRIL. Contents include: Lenten and Easter

messages. New schools opens for Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish. Anzac Day remembered and Petone's WW1 military chaplain story. Hikoi of Faith profiles The Catholic Parish of Napier – Te Pārihi Katorika ki Ahururi. St Vincent de Paul Society celebrates 150 years in New Zealand. Fr Neil Vaney's reflection from Catholic Enquiry Centre. A 'Message from a Principal' about standing up for what's right. Parish and school stories.



FOOD BANK

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.