



# The Cathedral Connection



Easter Sunday

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## FROM SIGNS TO REALITY

Signs and symbols! Where would life be without them? Road signs, weather signs, danger signs, a flower, a thoughtful gift – these and so much more help us to connect with life and one another. In the life of faith, we rely heavily on signs and symbols, and Easter is packed full of them.

The images of light and darkness embrace the Easter Vigil, leading to the Mass of Resurrection. The Easter Candle, lit from the fire of new birth, breaks through the darkness of the night and heralds the dawn of Christ's triumph. As the flame is passed through the gathering, many lights signal the spread of the faith, rekindling hope after the sombre season of Lent.

Our scripture readings draw images with words, telling the creation story and placing water alongside fire, not to quench it but to complement its creative and purifying qualities. This guides the Vigil towards the celebration of Baptism. Then follows the pouring of oil for Confirmation, signalling healing and strength; oil seals a commitment, and consecrates a person for service. Easter Day brings colour and light to the fore and celebration is the purpose of our ritual. The story continues to unfold with an empty tomb and its aftermath. It is a day to welcome everyone, for the death and resurrection of Jesus is for all people. Death has been defeated. Life is the champion. What greater "good news" could there be?

Signs and symbols help us cope with mystery, and the Easter mystery is as big as it gets. Just as we can never see the inside of an onion – peel it layer by layer, but it still remains an onion – we can never fully grasp a mystery. The only way to "see" the mystery (and the onion) is to experience it. So, plunge into this season. Hear, see, smell, taste, feel the mystery that is Christ risen and among us, and enjoy a truly blessed Easter.

Fr James

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**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 (No 7pm Mass on**

**Easter Sunday 16 April)**

Monday & Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday - 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:

**Next Sunday, 23 April, is Divine  
Mercy Sunday**

### 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 the first  
Tuesday of the month.

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

**Parish Council** meet the first Thursday  
of the 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 16<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31





## SACRED HEART PARISH RETREAT

This year's Parish Retreat will be at the Cathedral on Saturday 20 May, 1.30 - 5.30 pm, led by Fr Jim Dooley SM.

Title: "Go You Are Sent" - A time of prayer and reflection on the two fundamental aspects of being a disciple of Jesus, the invitation to form an intimate relationship with Jesus and the instruction to go forth and evangelise. It is the theme of the upcoming Diocesan Synod.

The retreat will draw on the Scripture passages where Jesus invites us to "Come to me and find rest for your souls" (Mat 11:28) and where he instructs his disciples to "Go and make disciples of all nations". (Mat 28:19).

All very welcome. Any queries to Jim McAloon, email: [jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz)

### LIGHT A CANDLE:

There is an open invitation to light a candle at Our Lady's statue in the cathedral. The statue is not in full view from every part of the cathedral so it may not be generally known that candles are available there.



The tradition of lighting a candle for a special intention, for a deceased loved one, or in praise or thanksgiving, is a long and beautiful tradition. Candles are available at the site. Leaving an offering is optional but helps defray expenses and enables upkeep of the sanctuary.

## STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

Cardinal John is keen that everyone in our Archdiocese has a full appreciation of the Stewardship principle that is guiding his leadership. Our parish has the opportunity of gaining this on Saturday 29 April.

All parishioners are invited to meet with Cardinal John on Saturday 29 April from 1.30pm – 4.30pm, at Connolly Hall. We will hear from him just why Stewardship is important at this time in our history. He will then welcome our input as to how Stewardship might make itself felt in our parish.

Come along. Enter the dialogue. Be part of the change.

*Stewardship*

TIME - TALENTS - TREASURE  
A way of life, a way to live

**CAN YOU HELP?** Our parish needs 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.

### EASTER WEEK MASS TIMES

Monday 17th April 8.30am  
Tuesday 18th April 8.30am  
Wednesday 19th April 8am & 12:10pm  
Thursday 19th April 8am & 12:10pm  
Friday 20th April 8am & 12:10pm

## MASS OFFERED FOR:

Jill Clarke RIP 10 Apr  
Deepest sympathy to husband  
David & family. Cathedral  
parishioners for over 70 years.



## Anniversary

Lourdes Virginia B. Reyes, 18 Mar

**JOSHUA MENS FELLOWSHIP** Last reminder! Come along and join Joshua Catholic men for fellowship and prayer on Thursday 20th of April 2017 at 7:30pm in CONNOLLY HALL, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Speakers: John Taylor & Steve Ready on Joshua-Dove Leaders' Weekend. Want to know more? Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or e-mail:

[jntaylor@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jntaylor@paradise.net.nz)

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

**2017** God is inviting YOU to experience a life changing seminar! Seven consecutive Wednesdays from 26 April to 7 June, 7:30pm to 9pm. at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. To register please contact Lucienne Hensel on 0211645800 or

[lucienne.hensel@gmail.com](mailto:lucienne.hensel@gmail.com)

'A society that wishes and intends to remain at the service of the human being at every level is a society that has the common good as its primary goal.' Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace 2004.

**TAX RECEIPTS** for the financial year just ended are available for collection in the Cathedral foyer.



The Cathedral Parish is very grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of these regular contributors.

**DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP** All women are invited by Dove Wellington to our next meeting from 1.15pm to 3pm on Saturday 22 April at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Wellington. Jayne Sutherland is our guest speaker; and she will be sharing her testimony with us of her journey of faith. It will be a wonderful gathering. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact: Rachel Blackaby for any queries on (04) 389 9938

## VINNIES-WELLINGTON INVITES YOU...

Annual Book-Fair (22-23 April) will be hosted at St Anne's church hall, Emmett Street, Newtown on Saturday 8am-4pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. It is a book hunt worth attending with lots of good reads. All proceeds go towards the Vinnies welfare services.

Friend Requests (on-going) is a programme that pairs up members of our community with neighbours who have requested visitations. Frequency and duration of visit is flexible and dependant on the pair. You must be 21+ years to be a visitor. If you are interested in assisting with any of the above or have questions about other initiatives contact Ana Faatoia 021 033 0615 /

[community@vinnieswgtn.org.nz](mailto:community@vinnieswgtn.org.nz)



# 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.