



The Cathedral Connection



2nd Sunday of Easter

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**Divine
Mercy Sunday**

BRING MERCY TO LIFE

The formula for absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins with the words, *God, the Father of mercy....* Such a powerful identification of God with mercy, points to the confidence that Jesus asks of everyone in their approach to the Giver of life and the Judge of all.

This, the second Sunday of Easter, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The gospel reading tells of the reunion of Jesus with his disciples, following their desertion and denial of him when he most needed a friend. His greeting of peace cuts through their shame and anxiety and unites them with Jesus as never before. Mercy releases their burden of guilt and they experience resurrection.

At the end of last year's Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote with great sensitivity of the continual flow of mercy from God who loves the world so much... His words help reflection on this special "mercy day":

The love of God is capable of looking into the heart of each person and seeing the deepest desire hidden there.

Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life.

Love is the first act by which God makes himself known to us and comes to meet us. (God's) love always precedes us, accompanies us and remains with us, despite our sin.

How sad it is when hearts are closed and unable to forgive! Resentment, anger and revenge gain the upper hand, making our lives miserable and blocking a joyful commitment to mercy.

It is the time of mercy because those who are weak and vulnerable, distant and alone, ought to feel the presence of brothers and sisters who can help them in their need.

Fr James

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Mass Times:
Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.30am, 7pm
Monday to Friday: 8am, 12.10pm
Saturday 8.30am in Cathedral Chapel

*There will be no Masses in the
Cathedral on Tues. 25 April
(ANZAC 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
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 23rd – Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Monday 24th – Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

Tuesday 25th – Anzac Day

Wisdom 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 12:23-28

Wednesday 26th - St Mark - 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20

Thursday 27th – Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Friday 28th – St Peter Chanel

1 Cor 1:18-25; Mark 1:14-20

Saturday 29th – St Catherine of Siena

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sunday 30th – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35



STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

Stewardship

TIME - TALENTS - TREASURE

A way of life, a way to live

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.

ANZAC DAY MASS



The Annual ANZAC Day Mass for the Archdiocese will be held at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott Street at 9am on **Tuesday, 25 April**.

All are encouraged to attend this important occasion to pray for those who served and died for our country.



Sunday April 30
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 \$23 available at the door (cash or eftpos), or from the Cathedral Director of Music - Michael Fletcher 04 496 1700.

PLEASE NOTE...

There will be no Masses in the Cathedral on ANZAC Day, Tuesday, 25 April

HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 25 April** beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence, praise and worship and concluding with Benediction followed by supper. All are welcome.

MASS OFFERED FOR

- Derek Beamish
RIP 7 April Guildford, England
Father of Michael and David
- Jill Clarke
RIP 10 April

Anniversaries:

- Thaddeus McCarthy
- Frances McCarthy
- Wilhelmus Rutten



EVENTS AT PĀ MARIA MARIST SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

78 Hobson Street, Thorndon:
Non-Residential Guided Retreat:
“Companions on the Journey”.
July 10-14, 9.30am-4.00pm each
day. \$200.

**Winter Film Series: “Called
Beyond Ourselves”.** Five–
evenings, 7.00pm-9.30pm. Two
seasons available: 7, 14, 21, 28
August and 4 September OR 10,
17, 24, 31 August and 7
September. Kōha appreciated.

For further information and/or to
register please contact Fr Brian
Cummings SM: phone (04) 212
4691 or 021 703 580 or email
bgcummings@xtra.co.nz



Become a volunteer at Our Lady's Home of Compassion Island Bay

We are seeking volunteers who would
like to share the story of Suzanne
Aubert and the Sisters of Compassion,
and the charism of Compassion. A
range of roles are available from
greeting to guiding tours to providing a
presence in the Chapel. Our next
Compassion Volunteering information
session is on the afternoon of Sunday
28 May. To register your interest in
volunteering, contact Deirdre Hanlon,
Visitor Experience Manager,
at heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz
or phone 282 1953.



VINNIES- WELLINGTON Friend Requests

This is an on-going 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@vinnieswgn.org.nz

JIMMY MITCHELL

You are invited to an evening of
stories and songs on Monday 24
April at 7-8.30pm at St Anne's
Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. A
one-night Parish Mission for young
and old alike.

*The April 23 – May 6 issue of NZ
Catholic is out now. Some headlines
are: Anglican and Catholic leaders
speak out on housing. A Kiwi spends
a year with NET Ministries. Papal
envoy notes spiritual climate at
Medjugorje. Charles and Camilla
meet Pope Francis.*



FOODBANK

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. With
winter quickly approaching, tinned
meals/soups would be appreciated.
There are collection boxes beside the
doors in the foyer. Thank you.