



The Cathedral Connection



4th Sunday of Easter

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ORDINATION – A CALL TO SERVE

Yesterday's ordination to priesthood of Cirilo Barliss was a rare privilege for our archdiocese. Considering priesthood as a way of life has not been a popular option for several decades, particularly in more affluent countries such as our own. So the celebration for Cirilo was particularly important. The Parish congratulates him and wishes him every blessing as he formally begins his pastoral journey.

Let's take a moment to ask why there has been such a fall-off in "Vocations" to priesthood and religious life? The question invites much speculation. Is it because the Catholic priesthood is a male-only priesthood? Is it the rule of celibacy and/or the fact that our priesthood expects a life-long commitment? Is it that there are now fewer children per family? Is the Holy Spirit trying to guide us to a new form of ministry?

There will be many more questions, and answers will not be easily or quickly found. Personally, I endorse the significance of on-going prayer to see more clearly the way ahead and for each of us to be open to whatever service God might call us to offer.

The Stewardship principle we explored last week with Cardinal John is very timely for parish life. As we each take ownership of the gift of faith and give the best of ourselves to the body of Christ, some will recognise the joy in sacramental ministry and gift themselves to claim it. Use the quote from the Letter of Peter as your "Vocation Prayer" and follow the call, wherever it leads.

*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]*

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

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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Stewardship

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

The turnout of 60 parishioners to the Stewardship Day last Saturday made for a very worthwhile experience. Many who do not attend the same weekend Mass met each other for the first time, highlighting the diversity within our community and the importance of building relationships. All contributed to a very active and creative round of discussions about aspects of community that would enhance and promote life within our Cathedral parish.

The need to strengthen a sense of belonging is a recognised priority, if people are to take ownership of the parish. Personal gifts of time and talent will ensure the “mechanics” of the parish and its “outreach” to people beyond our community, continue to be served. The parish was blessed by those who participated.

Readings for the Week



Sunday 7th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Monday 8th – Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

Tuesday 9th – Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wednesday 10th - Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50

Thursday 11th – Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Friday 12th – Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Saturday 13th – Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Sunday 14th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Retreat

on Jesus' invitation to "Come to me and find rest for your souls" (Mat 11/28) and his instruction "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mat 28/19).

The Retreat will be in the Cathedral, on **Saturday 20 May**, from 1.30-5.30pm, led by Fr Jim Dooley SM. As well as being shaped around the theme of the forthcoming Archdiocesan Synod, the Retreat is a good follow-up to last weekend's Stewardship Day. All very welcome. Any queries to the Jim McAloon, email: jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz or the Parish Office 04 496-1700

With the theme 'Go, You Are Sent', our Parish Retreat Day is an opportunity for prayer and reflection

LUTHERAN – ROMAN CATHOLIC: COMMEMORATING 500 YEARS

**Sunday 4 June, 3.00pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Cardinal John Dew and Lutheran Bishop Mark Whitfield will jointly host a service to commemorate the 500th year since Martin Luther set alight what became known as The Reformation. The service will be similar to that held in Lund, Sweden late last year in which Pope Francis participated.

The Wellington service will be particularly historic with the announcement of a formal dialogue being established between the Luther and Roman Catholic churches in New Zealand.

All are invited to join Cardinal John and Bishop Mark at 3.00pm on 4 June and be part of this historic moment.

LUTHER & ROME is the theme of a paper presented by Fr James next Sunday afternoon as part of the *Faith Sung, Faith Spoken* series sponsored by the Lutheran community. Fr James will speak at St Paul's Church, King St, Mt Cook, Wellington, Sunday **14 May**, 2pm. All welcome.



All parishioners are invited to a Synod 2017 workshop with Cardinal John, to take place for North Island parishes of the Archdiocese at Bishop Viard College, Porirua, from 1.30pm-4.30pm on **Saturday 27 May**.

MASS OFFERED FOR

- Mary Queen Joya-Leela Perinpanayagam, RIP Sydney 18 April
- Joseph Anton Samynathar, RIP Jaffna, Sri Lanka 18 April
- Jim Manning, RIP 30 May

Anniversary:

- Russell George Jacobsen, 6 May



The May edition of **Welcom** is out this week and includes: Cardinal John's Column; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Housing Crisis at Tipping Point – joint statement from Catholic and Anglican Archbishops; Parish, youth and schools' stories.



VINNIES thank you... for the support during our recent book fair. We raised over \$5,000 which will go towards assisting more neighbours within our Wellington-Area. If you want to learn more about the special works and ways you can get involved with helping people in our community; email community@vinnieswgtn.org.nz

Compassion Soup Kitchen: Next Thursday **11 May** the Compassion Soup Kitchen is hosting a *Sound Bites Fundraising Concert* at St Joseph's Church, Brougham Street, Mt Victoria. With St Catherine's College, St Patrick's College and New Zealand School of Music soloist Lucinda Ng performing, this is set to be a wonderful night of music and celebration. Doors open at 6.30pm with refreshments and the concert will start at 7pm. Parking available 42 Ellice Street. The event is door sales only with cash. Tickets cost \$20 for waged and \$5 for unwaged.'

Right of Blessing for Expectant Parents and the Child in the Womb: There will be a Mass and blessing for all expectant parents and their child in the womb at St Patrick's Church Kilbirnie Saturday **13 May** at 11am.

The Family and Young Church Vicariate warmly invite all young adults to join us for a night of discussion, at *The Rising Tide: Don't rock the boat baby* – how to disagree and still have friends! It seems increasingly hard to hold a viewpoint that differs from the acceptable norm. How do we stay true to ourselves even when all around us seem to think differently? The event kicks off at 6.30pm, Monday **15 May** at The Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, Thorndon.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: Come along and join Joshua Catholic men for fellowship and prayer on **Thursday 18 May** at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (**behind Sacred Heart Cathedral**). **Speaker:** Michael Powell on "*Getting free from ungodly influences of our ancestry*". For further information ring John Taylor 0-4-389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or email inj.taylor@paradise.net.nz

Archdiocesan workshop on music in the liturgy: Calling all church musicians – a chance to pool ideas about how best to tap into this rich resource to better celebrate the joy of the liturgy. There is also the possibility of forming a network of musicians throughout the Archdiocese to share ideas, issues and resources. Thursday **25 May** in the Boardroom, second floor, Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street. Cup of tea at 6.45pm with the workshop starting at 7pm and finishing around 8.30pm. Important to RSVP to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Caritas is appealing for funds for the East Africa crisis: As the Bishops' agency mandated to respond to humanitarian crises around the world, we are working to save lives in South Sudan and Kenya as famine and severe food shortages spread. Every dollar raised will be matched by NZ government funding, so every donation will make twice the difference in this major humanitarian emergency. For more information, please visit us online at www.caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22.



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.