



The Cathedral Connection



6th Sunday of Easter

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TIME OUT FOR RENEWAL

Priests engaged in ministry in our archdiocese gathered this week in Wellington for two days' reflection and renewal. Two critical aspects of their pastoral work, the Homily and the Eucharistic Prayer, were given special attention.

Pope Francis, in his *Evangelii Gaudium* – the Joy of the Gospel – has given priests some strong reminders of what the homily is and is not. It is *the touchstone for judging a pastor's closeness and ability to communicate to his people...and should be a consoling encounter with God's word. It is not entertainment...and the preacher's words must not become more important than the celebration of faith.*

The preacher has the wonderful but difficult task of joining loving hearts, the hearts of the Lord and his people. This cannot be done by presenting "detached ideas" which say nothing of what lies in the heart of the preacher.

The Pope is himself a good model for preachers. His skill in helping people feel they are deeply loved by God, is matched by his ability to appeal to imagery with simple, clear language. In a recent interview he spoke about the misuse of power with an image that has immediate impact: *Power without humility, he said, is like drinking gin on an empty stomach – you feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance, and you end up hurting yourself and everyone around you!*

In a beautiful, affirming passage (para. 151) he says the priest *is not asked to be flawless, but to keep growing and wanting to grow along the path of the Gospel.* I am never to forget that God loves me, that Jesus Christ has saved me, and that his love has always the last word.

My own preaching is also greatly helped by your loving support which has given me honest appraisal and a true sense of purpose and belonging.

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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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 21st – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Monday 22nd – Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4

Tuesday 23rd – Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Wednesday 24th - Our Lady Help of Christians

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

Thursday 25th – Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

Friday 26th – St Philip Neri, priest

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

Saturday 27th – 18:23-28; John 26:23-28

Sunday 28th – The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1-1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



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.



SCOUT REUNION

Next weekend I shall join 46 former scouts to remember a Jamboree we were part of 60 years ago! A NZ contingent of 130 sailed from Wellington on 24 May 1957 to England, joining over 30,000 scouts celebrating the 50th anniversary of Baden Powell's Boy Scouts. We were away for seven months, enjoying a remarkable adventure and forming life-long friendships. The reunion in Wellington will include a photo on the steps of parliament where our journey began three-score years ago. *Fr James*

NZ Catholic: the May 21 – June 3 issue is out now. Some headlines are: PM quizzed by students on poverty, housing; Fatima anniversary in Portugal and NZ; new priest for Wellington; keeping God's name holy.



SYNOD PREPARATION

You (all of us) are invited to meet with Cardinal John at Viard College next Saturday (27 May), 1.30-4.30pm, to be part of the process to build the agenda for our Archdiocesan Synod in September.

Whether or not you will be attending the Synod, please come and share your ideas and dreams regarding the future of our Church in Wellington. Each of us can contribute to the understanding of what *GO, YOU ARE SENT* will mean.

QUIZ EVENING



The Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral School is pleased to announce that the much anticipated quiz night will be back in 2017! Book a babysitter and save the date for a relaxed, fun evening on Thursday **8 June** from 7pm. This year is titled *The Battle of the Classrooms!* More information to come.
Parents & Friends Group



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Holy Hour this Tuesday, 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.



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 the colder weather now with us, tinned meals/soups would certainly be appreciated. There are collection boxes beside the doors in the foyer. Thank you.

Archdiocesan workshop on music in the liturgy: There is still time for any interested church musicians to register for this workshop to be held on Thursday **25 May** in the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street. A cup of tea will be served at 6.45pm with the workshop starting at 7pm and finishing around 8.30pm. Important to RSVP to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

The First Spiritual Exercises – a Retreat in daily life based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. We meet at St Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, 60 Knights Rd, Lower Hutt, for 5 Thursday evenings: **1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 June** 2017 from 7:30-9:30pm. The cost will be \$30 plus \$25 for the Guide Book (essential). Assistance is available for those who might find the cost a barrier to attending. To book or for further information contact: Sarah Dench 04 389 1038 or 021 0814 4424 or sarahdench@yahoo.com

ABLAZE 2017 - Celebrate 50 years of Charismatic Renewal! Pentecost Sunday **4 June**, 2 - 4pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Includes Praise & Worship, testimonies, teaching, fellowship and ministry. Guest Speaker Fr John Rea. For more information, call Rainer on 021 155 8258 or email lucienne.hensel@gmail.com

Sonnets & Sweet Ayres: at Te Ngakau Tapu Church, Porirua, Saturday, **10 June**, 2-4pm. Fr Colin Durning will read a selection of the Jerusalem Sonnets of James K Baxter, and Palliser Viols will play 17th Century English music for consort of viols. It seems an unlikely combination, but it worked wonderfully when performed last year in St Joseph's Chapel, Hiruharama, and there have been many requests to repeat it in Wellington. See flier on notice board in Foyer.



Vinnies is rounding up the team! Our upcoming Street Day Appeal is on Friday **16 June**. If you are available for 1-2 hours to be a collector (in particular the city precinct) please contact Ana on community@vinnieswgtm.org.nz. Alternatively we have parish conference presidents who will also advise you on locations within residential areas. We thank you for the continued support of our mission to help neighbours in need.

Coats for the Homeless: The Order of Malta is a Catholic charity raising funds to supply 'Coats for the Homeless' in Wellington. The coats will be distributed by the Compassion Centre in Tory Street, Wellington. The coats can also double as a small blanket and cost \$60 each. All donations are tax deductible. Flyers with details on how to donate a coat are in the church foyer. Further information can be obtained from peterdamianwood@icloud.com or phone 021 325 884.