



The Cathedral Connection

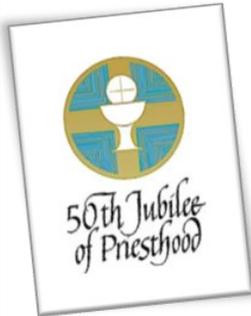


13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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KALEIDOSCOPE



The 2nd of July was a Sunday in 1967, as it is today. I was ordained a priest that day in my home town of Dannevirke by Bishop Owen Snedden. Today, 50 years later, I welcome the opportunity to give thanks for this life-time of ministry, and to share this day with some of my family and the people who have become family through my priesthood. I am grateful to God and to all of you.

I haven't looked through a kaleidoscope for years, but I readily recall the thrill and the joy of doing so. The way the coloured shapes reconfigured as the tube was turned, sparkling and shining, always delighted me. The image returned when thinking about my life as a priest, and the experiences this life has brought me, especially among families.

The variety has been enormous, the situations a continual mix of happiness and sadness, troubled questioning and easy conversation, challenging times and wonderful companionship. These, and much more are the colours of my life, interlacing, locking for a time, expanding and suddenly reconfiguring – all the while carrying me on a journey of self-discovery and appreciating my place in the lives of others. Each of my several pastoral appointments have been like another turn of the kaleidoscope, presenting a new display of God's wonderful creation, fascinating patterns weaving their way through real life stories.

Even though, at times, I have doubted my ability or worthiness, I realise I have never not delighted in the life I have known. Amid constantly changing circumstances, like the unexpected combinations in the kaleidoscope's shapes and colours, being open to surprise and delighting in it all have given me roots and wings for pastoral ministry, for friendship and for personal growth.

Thank you, family of my past and present, for your part in it all.

Fr James

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish is a partner in the Wellington Central Pastoral Area with St Mary of the Angels (CBD), and the Catholic Parish of Otari (Wilton and Karori)

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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, 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.**

Frank ph: 0-4-496 1700

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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
ph: 021 207 6978

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 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 14-16; Matt 10:37-42

Monday 3rd – St Thomas Apostle - Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-19

Tuesday 4th – Gen 19:15-19; Matt 8:23-27

Wednesday 5th - Gen 21:5, 8-20; Matt 8:28-34

Thursday 6th – Gen 22:1-19; Matt 9:1-8

Friday 7th – Gen 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8; 62-67; Matt 9:9-13

Saturday 8th – Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Matt 9:14-17

Sunday 9th – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Matt 11:25-30



CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU

Fr James on this the 50th anniversary
of your ordination.

A reminder that after the 10.30am Mass you are all invited to join in a shared lunch in St Mary's College Hall to celebrate this special occasion.

If you are able to bring food to share, finger food would be preferable. Come and join in thanking Fr James for his dedication to the priesthood over these years.

Everyone is very welcome.

Additional parking will be available at St Mary's top carpark.



Caritas
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

THANK YOU FROM CARITAS

On behalf of the families and communities we work with, thank you to Sacred Heart Cathedral for your generous donation to the 2017 Bishops' Lent Appeal. Together with the rest of the Catholic community all over New Zealand, your community's generous contribution has helped us raise over \$990,000.00 - with some donations still arriving. It is only through help from people like yourselves that we can continue making a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable communities around the world, including in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Yours sincerely, Julianne Hickey, Director

Do you know a boy who loves to sing?



Following the growing success of the Boys' Choir at the Metropolitan Cathedral we are expanding our intake of choristers to include boys from around the Wellington region. We are on the lookout for fun loving, happy and friendly boys who would like to audition for the

Archdiocesan Boys' Choir. Previous experience of singing in choirs or prior musical training is not required. If your son can sing in tune and enjoys music then encourage him to audition!

Over their time in the choir, boys will learn sound vocal technique, music theory, life-skills, teamwork, as well as grow in confidence and discipline. Teachers and parents see the boys' language skills, reading comprehension skills, maths skills and confidence improve greatly by being a part of the choir. The life of chorister provides the ability to develop spiritual, as well as musical, intellectual and personal gifts.

We are holding another afternoon of auditions on Thursday, **6 July**, 4.00-5.30pm at the Cathedral on Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington. For more information and to register your interest, please contact Michael Fletcher, Director of Music, email m.fletcher@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 04 496 1700.

There will be no 12:10pm Mass this Wednesday (5th) as there is a Requiem Mass for Patrick O'Sullivan in the Cathedral at 1.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Brothers - Past Pupils (Wellington) will be at the 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral next Sunday (9th); luncheon gathering in Connolly Hall to follow.

Vigil for the Unborn Saturday **15 July 2017**. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. 10 am Mass. Followed by Exposition & Rosary Procession to front of Hospital. Ends at Noon with a shared lunch. Relying on God's grace, join in this persevering prayer effort for our most vulnerable - especially the unborn - and those suffering from the tragedy of abortion. For more information contact Family Life International NZ PH: 2378343

Interested in a challenging eConference? Gospel leadership in times of chaos: the hope of Pope Francis. Streamed live free over the internet on Thursday **10 August**, 12 noon - 4.30pm (NZ time) at the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill St, Thorndon. For more information visit www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017 Register attendance by email to Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz



St Mary's College: Enrolments for St Mary's College for 2018 close on Monday 3 July. Please contact Rebecca Taylor 473 5554 Ext 818 for further information.

Tūrangawaewae Wānanga - Our Place to Stand: You are invited to an engaging and gentle exploration of our connection with Maori through pōwhiri, music, story, karakia and kōrero. This varied one-day workshop is open to anyone and promises to be a rich and rewarding experience. Facilitator: Hēnare Walmsley. Saturday **22 July**, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay. Registration required for catering. Phone: 04 383 7769. or email: retreat@compassion.org.nz

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Remaining weekends for 2017 are 22-23 July and 11-12 November. Registrations close two weeks before. Venue: Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. For more details go to the website at <http://www.ceewellington.org.nz> or phone Kate and Simon Olsen on 0-4-801 6192, or email simonolsen@gmail.com



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.

MASS OFFERED:

Recently deceased:

- Patrick O'Sullivan, 28 June parishioner, father of Justine



Requiescat in pace