

Wellington Central Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon

Otari Parish

St Mary of the Angels Parish, CBD

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The Seed that bears Fruit

We have been reading over the past couple of weeks the parables of the seed and the sower. In these parables Jesus talks about the ground into which the seed is sown. When the soil is rich the seed bears a great harvest. Sometimes that harvest takes time but like the Word of God it never returns empty handed.



This Sunday our Parish is hosting the community of St John's Presbyterian Church to thank them for their generosity and hospitality to us during the time the Church was closed for seismic strengthening. On the day St Mary of the Angels closed following the Seddon earthquakes in July 2013 the Rev Allister Lane from St John's rang me to ask if there was anything they could do to help us. Each Sunday for the next 4 years we celebrated our Choral Mass there at mid-day. During this time we were also generously hosted by the Cathedral Parish and St Joseph's in Mount Victoria for other Sunday Masses.

The story of the connection between St Mary of the Angels and St John's goes back to the time of the first priest in Wellington, Father Jeremiah O'Reily OFM. In 1843 when he arrived in Wellington Father O'Reily helped the Presbyterian community with services and funerals as they awaited the arrival of their own minister from Scotland. St John's have never forgotten that generosity.

Since that time St Mary of the Angels have enjoyed a very close relationship with St John's. Over the years they have hosted us many times while our Church has been closed for renovating or painting etc. At some stage in the future we will be able to repay that hospitality when St John's own beautiful wooden Church needs upgrading and strengthened to the current seismic code.

The seed that Jesus talks about in these parables has certainly flourished because of the generosity of Father O'Reily nearly 175 years ago. May it continue to grow as we endeavour to nourish the ecumenical relationships with our Christian brothers and sisters in the inner city.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.

Sacred Heart Parish

OUR AGM – Next Sunday

An earlier notice signalling our parish's annual meeting (next Sunday, **6 August**) invited all parishioners to hear what's been going on and what lies ahead in the life of the parish. That's a big part of the meeting but not the main reason why you should come.



A parish is nothing without people. Even the absence of a priest does not eliminate the parish. You, the people, are vital to Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish. But we have differing Mass times and a different group of people at each Mass. An annual meeting is one opportunity to meet others who share faith with you but who participate in a different Mass.

The more we can recognise one another, the more we will honour the faith we share. Consequently, confidence grows, together with a greater sense of purpose and commitment. Then, a stronger community gives joyful witness and the Body of Christ truly lives.

I encourage you to come along at **11.30am** next Sunday to Connolly Hall. Meet and greet, listen and share. Contribute to the life of our Cathedral Parish.

Fr James

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL MUSIC

There will be retiring collections after each Mass this weekend 29/30 July, to help support music in the Cathedral.

Thank you for your support of the music programme and the musicians who work so hard to assist us in our worship.

THANK YOU

Otari Parish



Otari Parish monthly morning tea **Friday 4th August**

All are welcome to join the parish staff for morning tea in the Presbytery after the 9.30 Mass (starts approx. 10am).

St Teresa's School Grandparents Mass

We welcome all grandparents, friends and neighbours to our school Mass at 9.30am, on 2 August. Mass will be followed by an invitation for all to visit the children's classrooms and to share morning tea with the staff, in the staffroom.

Cardinal McKeefry School Quiz Night

All parishioners are very welcome to join us for our annual fundraiser quiz night.

When: Thursday 24th August 7-9.30pm

Where: Cardinal McKeefry School Hall

Price: \$20 per ticket - includes raffle

BYO: Drink, glassware & Nibbles (Hell Pizza is available for pre-order) To book tickets

email admin@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz



This week's reflection from the Catholic Bishops' statement on the 2017 General Election:

We delight in the cultural diversity of contemporary New Zealand and we wish to welcome to our shores not only those people whose skills are deemed to be of immediate benefit to our economy, but also those for whom their homeland has become unsafe, including refugees and asylum seekers.

Parenting Seminar

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE! Sacred Heart Cathedral School has teamed up with Jenny Hale from The Parenting Place to present Raising Happy, Confident and Resilient Children.

We would like extend an invitation to anyone from the pastoral area to join us for this seminar on **Tuesday 1 August at 7.30pm** (doors open at 7pm), at 40 Hill St, Thorndon.

This is a fundraising event for our small school, with all proceeds going towards a new school playground.

Tickets are \$25 and are available online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/edit?eid=35336832417#>

Volunteer at Home of Compassion

Become a volunteer at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay: information session **Saturday 5 August**

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 morning of Saturday 5 August.

To register your interest in volunteering, contact Deirdre Hanlon, Visitor Experience Manager, at heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz or phone 282 1953

Dove

Please come and join us at the Wellington Dove Fellowship for Women.

Saturday 19th August at 1.15pm. Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. Our speaker is Rebecca Millar who will be sharing her faith journey in which the Lord led her into the Catholic church, Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Dove Fellowship.

For further information contact Shura Price 04 3899938



Election forum on housing

Date: **Wednesday 9 August**

Time: Drinks and snacks from 5:45pm, Wellington Community Choir from 6:15pm. Formal start 6:30pm. Where: St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 45 Molesworth Street, across the road from the Beehive.

Come and hear: Community stories of the housing crisis; Christian perspectives on housing from Cardinal John and Bishop Justin; and party spokespeople sharing their housing policies.

The following politicians have confirmed to speak about their party's vision for housing.

Andrew Little, Leader, Labour Party
Metiria Turei, Co-Leader, Green Party
David Seymour, Leader, ACT Party
Others to be confirmed.

Parking: There is free parking in Molesworth Street and surrounding areas. You may also use Loaves and Fishes carpark on Hill St (note there is a charge before 7pm) and Sacred Heart School grounds (Guildford Tce). For the sake of the environment do carpool or use public transport if possible.

Want to help on the night? We are looking for volunteers to serve refreshments, usher and set up. If you can help, please contact kate@wn.ang.org.nz or l.beech@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz



Calling on young New Zealanders to share their voice with the Vatican

Young New Zealanders are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey published

today by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops. The Catholic Church is launching a nation-wide survey for all youth.

The survey is part of an international effort by Pope Francis to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young people around the world, in the lead up to the Synod on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment" in Rome, October 2018.

New Zealanders aged 16 – 29 years old are encouraged to answer the survey and tell their friends about it and share the link with their networks. The survey will go live on 23 July and will run for five weeks, with the closing date for responses midnight on Sunday, 27 August 2017.

The survey will be found at <https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ> and on the home page of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' website: <http://www.catholic.org.nz/>

Marist Brothers Bicentenary

2017 is the bicentenary of the founding of the Marist Brothers in France, 1817. To mark this occasion there will be a Mass held in the Cathedral on Sunday August 13, at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. Former staff, students, relatives, supporters and friends of the Brothers, as well as current staff and students of schools where the Brothers have taught, are cordially invited.

eConference Coming Soon

Gospel leadership in times of chaos: the hope of Pope Francis

Join a challenging eConference streamed live free over the internet. Group participation will be facilitated by the Parish Leadership Ministry team and The Catholic Institute, Wellington. Thursday 10 August 12 noon - 4.30pm (NZ time) at the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill St, Thorndon, Wellington or at Our Lady of Fatima Church Foyer, Parata Street, Waikanae. Registration attendance for the Wellington venue to Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz For more information visit www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017

'Current of Grace' Conference

Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand



When: Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2017

Where: Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis's exciting new plans for us all! For further information and to register on-line visit www.ccrnz.org/register2017

For further information please contact Val Morrison
Tel: 07 542 5537

Spirituality Through the Seasons.

These reflection days are to be held in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter 2017/2018 at the Leonard Cockayne Centre in Otari-Wilton's Bush, 9:30am- 4:00pm.

Facilitator: Maxine Hartley Spiritual Director

Dates are as follows:

Saturday 30th September 2017 Spring
Saturday 09th December 2017 Summer
Saturday 10th March 2018 Autumn
Saturday 16th June 2018 Winter.

Spaces are limited to 18 participants per session. Participants can register for one, two, three or all four sessions.

Cost: \$45.00 per session including morning and afternoon tea. Bring your own packed lunch, stout shoes for walking and warm rain jacket.

Contact Maxine on 02108135389 or email Maxine at Maxine.hartley@icloud.com to secure a place.

NZCatholic 

The July 30 – Aug. 12 issue of NZ Catholic is out now.

Some headlines are:

NZ youth survey released ahead of synod. Sharing a loaf would be a better sign at Mass.

Act now to oppose euthanasia push says bishop. Intercessors equipped for NZ renewal.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on August 13.

Sacred Heart Parish

22-30 Hill St, Thorndon.
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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

Reconciliation : before 12.10pm Mass (Mon-Fri); after Sat Mass

Baptism: By Appointment

Parish Priest: Fr James Lyons
Lay Pastoral Leader: Fiona Rammell
Director of Music: Michael Fletcher
Secretary : Frank Doherty 8.30am- 4pm (Mon-Fri)
cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz
Parish office: Catholic Centre, 22 Hill St
Hall Bookings: Frank Doherty Ph: 496 1700
Parish Council Chair: Nicholas Burley
Sacred Heart Cathedral School: Guildford Tce, Thorndon
Principal: Bernadette Murfitt Ph: 472 4047

Deadline for Cathedral Connection material is midday Wed.

Otari Parish

Box 17-011, Karori
Ph: 476 6131 Fax: 476 8131 www.otariparish.co.nz

St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Rd, Karori.

Mass Times: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10.00am
Mass: Tuesday - Friday 9.30am;
Saturday 9am
Exposition: 1st Friday of the month.

St Thomas More Church, 30a Worcester St, Wilton.

Mass Times: Sunday 8.30am

Reconciliation and Baptism: by appointment

Parish Priest : Fr Ron Bennett
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Priest in residence : Fr Sanele Finau
frsanele@gmail.com
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Parish Council Chair: Erwin Palado
St Teresa's Hall Bookings : Mira Ph: 476 2851
St Thomas More Lounge Bookings : refer to website
St Teresa's School 299 Karori Rd, Karori
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DRS: Ingrid Jacobs
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DRS: Mary Ryan

St Mary of the Angels Parish

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Parish Priest: Fr Barry Scannell sm
Assistant Priests: Fr Kevin Conroy sm, Fr Joe Savesi sm,
Fr John Allardyce sm,
Pastoral Worker: Sr Frances Gibbs

Mass Times: Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
Monday - Thursday

Exposition: 6.45am – 7.30am
Mass: 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Reconciliation: 11.30am - 12pm, 12.30pm – 1pm, 4.30pm – 5pm

Friday
Exposition: 6.45am – 7.30am, 11am – 12pm
Mass: 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Reconciliation: 11.30am - 12pm, 12.30pm – 1pm, 4.30pm – 5pm
Saturday
Reconciliation: 10.30am - 11am, 4pm - 5pm
Mass: 11am



Mass offered for:

Rita Nissangaratchie, RIP Sri Lanka 26 June, mother of Ajith.

Marie Oliver, RIP Auckland 19 July, sister of Michael McLeavey.

Peter Hollier, RIP Wellington 23 July, father of Marion.

Robert Christenheuze, RIP Wgtn 24 July, husband of Linda.

Fr Michael Anderson, RIP Silverstream, 25 July, priest of the Archdiocese.

KP Thomas (Anniversary 2000) 29 July.

Ted Kershaw (Anniversary 1977) 30 July, father of Jill Clarke

Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

Not only the poor, but many other members of society as well, find it difficult to own a home. Having a home has much to do with a sense of personal dignity and the growth of families.
Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

Readings for the Week



Sunday 30th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time :

1 Kg 3:5-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Monday 31st July: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday 1st August: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9; Mt 13:36-43

Wed 2nd August : Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday 3rd August: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday 4th August : Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 5th August : Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday 6th August - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time :
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9