



The Cathedral Connection



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners

The other day I found myself in Cuba Street alongside the water buckets. As a child my mother would take us here and we would spend time watching how one bucket would fill up and then flow into the next one and so on. We were fascinated by these buckets. But this time what fascinated me was a sudden realisation that these buckets represented the constant outpouring of God's great love for us. It never ends. The buckets just kept flowing. Each bucket didn't fill up and then stop. It kept giving what it was receiving and pouring all it had out to the next bucket.



As this week's Psalm reminds us: "*The Lord is good to all.*" But why is it then that it doesn't always feel like this? We turn on the news. We hear about someone's suffering or heartbreak. Life slaps us in the face. Where we ask is this goodness, this mercy, this love?

For me I believe it's in the hearts of each and every one of us. It's all in us poured into us from the minute we were born. It's in the little things like when we smile at someone, help someone, take the time to just sit and be with someone. It's there when we hold a door open for someone, give someone a compliment, ask them how their day is going, or cook them a meal. The list is endless. It's in the bigger things when we are passionate about a cause and we set up something to help others. We all know of groups like this.

But one we may not know too much about is called The Apostleship of the Sea. *Sea Sunday*, as this Sunday is called, is an opportunity for us to become aware of a cause that may strike a cord in us to be that bucket of goodness and love that someone may need. It is always an outpouring of ourselves to one another. And the wonder of it all is that because we are in the flow we also become recipients of goodness and love.

With every blessing

Fiona Rammell, Lay Pastoral Leader

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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.*

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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

*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)*

Readings for the Week



Sunday 9th – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 10th – Gen 28:10-22; Matt 9:18-26

Tuesday 11th – Gen 32:23-33; Matt 9:32-38

Wednesday 12th – Gen 41:55-57; 42: 5-7, 17-24;
Matt 10:1-7

Thursday 13th – Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5;; Matt 10:7-15

Friday 14th – Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Matt 10:16-23

Saturday 15th – Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26; Matt 10:24-33

Sunday 16th – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matt 13:1-23



thank you!

Thank you, Sacred Heart parishioners, very sincerely, for the way you honoured my Golden Jubilee of priesthood. I was privileged to have my three sisters and some of their families with me for last weekend, and for them to meet many of you. The Parish Mass and Luncheon was especially significant; the choir excelled and the packed cathedral gave the occasion a glorious blessing. You remain in my prayers of thanksgiving and praise.

Fr James



SEA SUNDAY - 9 JULY 2017

This Sunday is *Sea Sunday*, the one day of the year when Catholics are asked to remember and pray for seafarers 80% of whom are Catholic. They suffer significantly as they try to provide for families back home. Help is needed to be the friendly face in our ports for seafarers. Please look for the envelopes available in the Cathedral foyer and help the Apostolate with both your prayer and support.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

The Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral School has teamed up with Jenny Hale from The Parenting Place to present ***Raising Happy, Confident and Resilient Children***. We would love to have our school community well represented at this seminar on **Tuesday 1 August at 7.30pm** (doors open at 7pm), in the Cathedral. This is a fundraising event, with all proceeds going towards the new school playground. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/raising-happy-confident-and-resilient-children-tickets-35336832417>

SAY NO!

Next weekend, in anticipation of Parliamentary debate on David Seymour's End of Life Choice Bill, all will be invited to participate in our Catholic Bioethics Centre initiative to encourage MPs to vote "No". A postcard campaign is being encouraged throughout our six dioceses. Details next week.



THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF... **THE CATHEDRAL PARISH APP**

Over the past few months a small team have been working on setting up a smartphone application. This will provide another avenue of communication and connection for our faith community and beyond. The app is available for the following: **Android (Google Play) or iOS (App Store)** and will allow you to access the:

- Latest Parish News
- Parish Calendar of Events
- Homilies
- Newsletters
- Mass Times
- Alerts for important information
- Prayer Request Page
- Parish Website and Social Media Pages
- And more...



Download link: <http://get.theapp.co/2d6c>

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: 237-8343

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women warmly invites all women to join them for their monthly meeting at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce on Saturday **15 July** at 1.15pm. The guest speaker is Mary Fifield who will be speaking on their vision and scripture Genesis 3:8-9. For further information contact Shura Price, (04) 389 9938

Healing Service: Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday **18 July** beginning at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please bring those who need Jesus' healing.

Marist St Pats RFC: Senior and Junior Players and Supporters of MSP are invited to attend the Club's Annual Mass to be held at the newly-strengthened and refurbished St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St, Wellington, on Sunday **23 July** at 11.00am. Mass will be followed by a light lunch.



Volunteer for Samaritans: Samaritans are dedicated to the prevention of suicide and the alleviation of loneliness and depression which can lead to it. Our helpline (0800 726 666) is available 24/7 for anyone who needs free counselling and

support. We are looking for volunteer telephone support workers for our call centre in Thorndon. Full training is provided and the next training course begins on 15 July. For more information please contact Jo on 04 472 3676 or email marketing@samaritans.org.nz

St Dominic's Catholic College, Henderson are celebrating their 50th Jubilee on **September 15 and 16**. Registrations are now open on their Facebook page: St Dominic's College at Henderson - 50th Jubilee OR on their website, www.stdoms.ac.nz or contact the Principal's PA Tina Allingham at tina@stdoms.ac.nz

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert: These days, led by Sr Sue Cosgrove, are an invitation to take time out while reflecting on an aspect of the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. From 10.30am to 2.30pm on the following Thursdays: 3 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine St. Island Bay. Suggested offering of \$30 includes lunch. Contact phone (04) 383 7769 or email: retreat@compassion.org.nz



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.



Holy Cross Seminary
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Please pray for vocations to the priesthood