



The Cathedral Connection



Transfiguration of the Lord

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We all have those moments. We look around us and are in awe of what we are seeing. Something that springs to mind is when we see a wonderful sunset. There is something about it that captivates us.

When a group of friends headed to the mountains with Jesus, they too were captivated by what they were seeing.

Often words are not enough to describe these moments. There is a deeper sense of knowing that something big is happening but we can't quite explain it. And to try and explain it to someone who has not experienced it almost becomes nonsensical. In these moments we are transfigured.

The dictionary describes transfiguration as *"a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state."*

It's in moments like these that the junk in our lives suddenly looks different. We catch a glimpse of something impossible to put into words.

Jesus wanted to draw his friends into this experience sharing with them a reality that they would later come to understand and would enable them to get them through the tough times he knew were ahead.

Our story is the same as the Apostles. It is about getting through the tough times rather than being rescued from them. The disciples came to see Jesus as someone who could take away their fear. From expecting Jesus to be a revolutionary leader in the political sense their understanding was transfigured to see the "Kingdom" as a spiritual reality. Jesus travels with us, inviting us in the words of the liturgy to offer everything *"through him, with him and in him."*

This gives us the hope and faith to continue being disciples of Jesus. Without that it would be too easy to give up.

With every blessing
Fiona Rammell
Lay Pastoral Leader



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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 6th – Transfiguration of the Lord

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Monday 7th – Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 8th – **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

1 Kings 17:7-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34

Wednesday 9th - Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 10th – **St Lawrence deacon & martyr**

2 Cor 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Friday 11th – **St Clare** - Deut 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 12th – **Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20**

Sunday 13th – **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33





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

*We envisage a nation that strives to **welcome and appreciate migrants as an integral part of our nation.** We share the angst that migrant families experience when changes in policy deem them no longer wanted due to perceived shifts in the labour needs of our economy.*



CALLING ALL PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

The Liturgy Committee asks all

those enrolled as Proclaimers of the Word to attend a refresher programme on one of two dates in August to ponder on what it means to proclaim the Word of God, and how it might be best proclaimed and to be with others committed to this Ministry. The two dates are:

Tuesday 15 August...7.30-9pm

Saturday 19 August: 3.30-5pm

Choose the one that best suits you and RSVP to the Parish office by Monday 7th August 2017.

Cathedral.parity@wn.catholic.org.nz

DON'T FORGET!

**our Parish AGM today
Sunday
6 August
at 11.45am,**

in Connolly Hall. Come along and meet your fellow parishioners and help contribute to the life of our Cathedral Parish.

CATHOLIC AND ANGLICAN HOUSING FORUM

hosted by Cardinal John Dew and Bishop Justin Duckworth – this Wednesday, **9 August**, St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, 6-8pm (light food from 5.45pm) all welcome.

Our Parish has been asked to help provide baking and sweet items for this event. If you are able to help please drop your contribution off to St Paul's from 5pm onwards.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you there.

We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers and sisters in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received.

Pope Francis, 2014

Have you had a look at the Cathedral App yet? -

Download link:

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



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 Sacred Heart 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.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: Come along and join for fellowship and prayer on Thursday **17 August** at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Speaker: Sr Marie Gore rsm on "The benefits of gathering together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal". For further information ring John Taylor 04 389-8915 / 021-107-8538 or email jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday **19 August**. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass, ends at 12.00pm. Come-Pray-Sacrifice for the Unborn and a Culture of Life in NZ. For more information contact Family Life International NZ tel: 237 8343.

Enneagram Workshop: Archdiocesan Parish Leadership Vicariate are hosting a two day Enneagram Workshop at the Catholic Centre on **19/20 August**, 9.00-4.30pm, \$50.00pp. Registrations to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz before Wednesday 7th August.

Retreat Day: Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Retreat Day in Sacred Heart Cathedral chapel, Saturday **26 August** on the theme of the Song of Songs. This is open to all and will include the Mass of the day. Beginning at 9.30am with morning tea and finish at 3.30 pm. Please bring something to share for lunch, a bible and pad.

Home of Compassion Events - August:

- **Retreat: 12/13 August** *'Coming Home to who we are..'*, storytelling, deep listening, silent prayer and meditation, personal reflection, ritual, rest, silence and refreshment. Facilitators Joy Cowley and Pip Nicholls. Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Register at retreat@compassion.org.nz or Ph. 04 383 7769.
- **Christian Meditation Group.** Join each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. 7pm, Crombie Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

August WelCom is available this weekend. Contents include: Cardinal John's column: NZ Catholic Bishops' 2017 Election Statement: National Vocations Awareness Week: Feast of the Assumption, 15 August, Dr Elizabeth Julian rsm: WelCom's Journey of Faith visits The Catholic Parish of The Wairarapa: Māori Pastoral Care Appeal in Archdiocese, Sunday 27 August: News, events etc.



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 this cold, wet weather, tinned meals/soups would be appreciated. There are collection boxes beside the doors in the foyer. Thank you.