



The Cathedral Connection



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The parish committees responsible for pastoral care and development, liturgy and finance, reported to our annual

meeting last Sunday. I also gave an account of my ministry with you over the past year. The meeting had been promoted as an opportunity for you, the parishioners, to *hear what's been going on and what lies ahead in the life of the parish*. It was also an occasion for meeting participants from across the range of Masses celebrated at the cathedral each week. About 40 participated.



What stood out for me from the various reports, was the fact that we have a great number of people involved in the life of the parish. Apart from the three committees (totalling 25 members), we have a senior and boys' choirs, musicians, a music group, servers, ministers of the Word and Communion, sacristans, welcomers and guardians, collectors, hospitality teams, Food Bank coordinators, Prayer and Scripture groups, Rosary and Divine Mercy devotions. All this in addition to a Secretary, a Lay Pastoral Leader, a Director of Music and a Parish Priest!

A few weeks ago I wrote that a parish is nothing without people. Well, we have close to 250 people involved in a variety of services and activities and this speaks well for the health of the parish. Priests come and go. They might stimulate growth and encourage participation, but it is you, the people, who are the beating heart of the community. Thank you for "beating" so well.

I concluded my report, in this my 10th year among you, *"with deep gratitude for the faith that richly endows this parish, for you, the people, who bring the parish to life, for the rock solid commitment that keeps us assembling in worship, and for your love that anchors me here. Thank you, everyone."*

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
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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 13th – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 14th – Deut 10:12-22; Matt 17:22-27

Tuesday 15th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday 16th - Deut 34:1-12; Matt 18:15-20

Thursday 17th – Josh 3:7-11, 13-17; Matt 18:21-19;1

Friday 18th – Josh 24:1-13; Matt 19:3-12

Saturday 19th – Josh 24:14-29; Matt 19:13-15

Sunday 20th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Matt 15:21-28





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

We want Kiwi children and mokopuna to grow up in a **safe society**. Moves to legalise 'soft' drugs and other substances - which wreak havoc in particular sectors of our society - are a deeply cynical and cheap way of side-lining a complex social ill that needs to be addressed creatively and resolutely. Drugs such as 'P' are rife in some areas, destroying individuals and family life. This curse needs to be tackled full on.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Tuesday this week is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. This festival teaches that her body did not decay in death but was "assumed" directly to God, such was her dignity as the Mother of Jesus. We should make every effort to participate in Mass on this day, for it is also the "National Day" of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa-New Zealand.



Pope Francis describes the Assumption: "Carried up into heaven, (Mary) is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty." Sr Elizabeth Julian has an excellent article in the August **WelCom** developing this statement. Highly recommended read.

Mass times at the Cathedral are 8.00am, 9.15am, and 12.10pm. Masses at St Mary of the Angels are 7.30am, 12.05pm and 5.15pm.

Weaving Bonds of Belonging
Knowing our Neighbours



Social Justice Week: 10th – 16th September 2017

"I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people... are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome." – Pope Francis

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference promotes Social Justice Week. During this week we apply Catholic social teaching to one particular issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme for parishes is *Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours*. Pope Francis highlights that many of the social issues we face today reflect a decline in social connectedness. This Social Justice Week, we invite everyone to take up the challenge to creatively reach out and weave deeper bonds of belonging in our whānau, our parish, and our wider community.

MASSSES OFFERED FOR:

- Gabriel Jayantha Kumar, RIP (USA) 3 July
- Jim Bonner, RIP (London) 4 August
- Anne Bennett RIP (Lower Hutt) 8 August (Mother of Fr Ron Bennett)



Anniversaries:

- Robin Adair, 21 August
- Marge and Jack Parker

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: A reminder to join for fellowship and prayer on Thursday **17 August** at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce. This month's speaker is 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 0-4-389-8915 / 021-107-8538 or email jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday 19th August. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m. For more information contact Family Life International NZ Tel: 237 8343

Healing Service: There is to be a Healing Service with Fr John Rea at St Bernadette's Church 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae on Tuesday **22 August** beginning at 7.30 pm. All are invited. Bring especially those who need Jesus healing.

Retreat Day: Fr John Rea 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.

Current of Grace' Conference: "Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand" – 22/24 September, Palmerston North. Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share the 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 or contact Val on 07 542 5537

EXALT is for all musicians, lovers of music, art, dance, film and photography to meet people who share the same passions and grow in their gifts given intentionally to them by God. Organised by the Diocese of Christchurch from 5.00pm 20 October – Sunday 22 October 2017 at St Bede's College, Christchurch. \$159 per person, group discount available. *Please contact Jessica Bond if you require financial assistance for your registration cost.* Online registration and information: www.exalt.cyt.org.nz or Jessica Bond: jbond@chch.catholic.org.nz (Registration closes on 15 September)

The August 13 - 26 issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: Ending of Life report sparks media critique: why is there not more theology in homilies?: presbytery becomes new emergency housing: antiquated notion of priesthood harms Church.

From the Archdiocesan JPD Office: Lord, help me to remember the 'least' among us, and help me to ponder in my heart, how to cast my vote for the good of all.
Fr James Martin, SJ



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. Thank you.

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

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

Tabled AGM Reports are available on the parish website.

