

Wellington Central Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon

Otari Parish

St Mary of the Angels Parish, CBD

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For some reason my children expect that I parent each one of them the same. They are very quick to point out when I have, in their eyes, been unfair in how I treated them compared to their siblings. There seems to be no understanding that each one of them is unique and that I have the choice to treat them as I see fit.

It seems nothing much has changed in the last 2000 years! In today's Gospel we see the landowner paying each person the same regardless of what hours they have worked and this results in bedlam! Ever thought why the landowner paid them in the reverse order? He could easily have paid them in a way that would have meant the first people hired would never have known what the last people hired got paid. But the landowner chose not to do that. He wanted them to see that they all got paid the same. He could have saved himself a ton of grief. Instead he decided to give everyone the same amount and was criticized for his generosity even though each person had agreed to the daily wage.

We believe that if you work more than someone else then you should be reimbursed for that time. And if not then we think it is unfair. Our accounting system is about ensuring balance....you do this, I get this. But God's accounting system is very different. "The last will be first and the first will be last." The first reading confirms this by reminding us, "my ways are above your ways and my thoughts are above your thoughts."

The way the landowner acts is not what we would call the norm. What he has done we would describe as unfair.

We seem to be surprised by this but so much of life is unfair. Someone gets a promotion ahead of us, we struggle all our life with losing weight yet someone else can eat anything they want, we always do good for others yet others who don't seem nice get to go on flash holidays etc. It is easy in times like this to compare ourselves to others just like the people in the Gospel story did and just as my children do. But Paul reminds us we should conduct our way worthy of the gospel of Christ. What does this mean?

It means to stop counting. To stop comparing. To stop having a sense of entitlement, that we deserve this or that. It's about understanding that God's love is underserved, we didn't earn it but we got it anyway. Pure gift. Pure love. The challenge for us is to receive this love and reflect it back to all those we meet.



*Fiona Rammell
Lay Pastoral Leader
Sacred Heart Cathedral*

Otari Parish



Thanks to those who attended the Synod last weekend from Otari Parish

Erwin Palado (APC), Michael Gribble (STM), Mary Ryan (CMK DRS), M-A Tombs (St T principal), Ingrid Jacobs (St T DRS), Jayne Sutherland (St T), Fr Ron, Lagi Tuimivave (St T), Sarah Simmons (St T), Johnny Celeste (Apostleship of the Sea). Not in photo: Fr Sanele.

Pantry Goods for Refugee Family of 5

(St Thomas More) Catholic Social Services and Red Cross are preparing for the next arrival of Refugees to Wellington. This time Otari Parish have committed to provide grocery pantry items for a family of five and we are asking the St Thomas More 8.30am community for donations. A list of the appropriate foods will be available after Mass next Sunday 1st October. The food items need to be brought to the 8.30am Mass by Sunday 8th October. These pantry goods will be delivered to the Loaves and Fishes later that afternoon.



Movie Night: Sunday 1st Oct. at Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn

Otari Parish Movie Night
Fundraiser in support of the
Refugee Family Reunification
Trust

5.00pm
(please be seated at 4.40pm)
Tickets \$20.00

Tickets are available after all
Masses at St Teresa's & St

Thomas More churches or online

www.otariparish.co.nz Donations are welcome and are Tax deductible. For inquiries contact the parish office or Liz Bergin on Ph 4725721

Raffles will be sold after masses and prior to the Movie \$5 for one, \$10 for three.

The Compassion Soup Kitchen needs your support. October 13th - 14 Hours Homeless - everybody Deserves a Home.

Sleep out to raise awareness and funds to create positive change for Wellingtonians experiencing homelessness. Go online to find out more and to register. Join Sister Lusiana, staff and volunteers at the Compassion Soup Kitchen participating in this event. Be with us and stand in solidarity with people who find themselves homeless. <http://www.14hourshomeless.org.nz/event/Wellington>

Visiting

Fr Ron is visiting the parish by alphabetical list of streets. He is at present on the K streets. However, if you wish to have a visit from a priest immediately, please contact the parish office 476 6131 or Fr Ron 021 065 8997.



St Teresa's Feast Day

On October 1st we will be celebrating our feast day with our choirs at the 10.00am Mass followed by morning tea in the hall.

St Therese of the Child Jesus

St Therese of the Child Jesus, one of the most instantly popular saints of the 20th century, was canonized less than 30 years after her death in 1897 at the age of 24.

A principle reason for her great appeal was her Little Way to Holiness - her example of achieving sanctity, not through undertaking great deeds, but through personal devotion and dedication. The young nun's autobiography, Story of a Soul, presented people with a compelling example of spiritual maturity and piety achieved by an ordinary young girl. Her shrine at Lisieux, France, is still one of the most popular pilgrimage sites

Parish Youth Liturgy Group

When: Every Thursday 6.00pm until 7.30pm. (Starts October 19th)

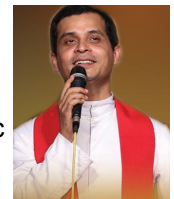
Where: St Thomas Moore Church Lounge.

Who: Aimed at 9 year olds to 13 year olds (post Sacramental Programme)



Grace Anointing Retreat 2017

Come and experience the grace and anointing of the Lord led by Fr Dominic Valanmanal—International Catholic preacher.



Wed 27th - Thurs 28th September from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. at St Teresas .

Note: Only street parking is available.

On 27th Wednesday September Cardinal John Dew will be celebrating Mass at 9:30 am.

For further information contact Ted Jordan at ted.j@xtra.co.nz.

Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day—1 October 2017

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has asked that we remember Venerable Suzanne Aubert on this day. Suzanne Aubert died 91 years ago, and during her 66 years she showed the compassionate face of Christ to some of the most neglected in our society.

Sacred Heart Parish

Have you had a look at the Cathedral App yet?

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



Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 September beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence, praise and worship and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

Patrica Blackmore's requiem Mass will be held on Monday at 11.00am. Please note there is no 12.10pm Liturgy on Monday.

Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience designed for loving couples.



It's a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It's a time to share their feelings, hopes and dreams with each other.

The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. The weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship.

The next weekend will be at the Silverstream Retreat Centre, on 6 – 8 October. For more information, www.marriageencounter.org.nz

The Ecclesia Dei Society of New Zealand,

which promotes the Traditional Latin Mass in union with the Bishops of New Zealand, warmly invites you to attend our annual retreat with Bishop Basil Meeking, Emeritus Bishop of Christchurch.

Bishop Meeking will give three inspiring talks:
God Exists/Jesus Lives/Church Saves.

Date: 20 to 22 October 2017

Venue: Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

For further information please contact:
Neil Coup: 04 589 6924/ Mobile: 021 896924
or Email: jtcurran@vodafone.co.nz

RCIA - Would you like to...

...learn about Catholicism?

...know what Catholics believe?

...consider becoming Catholic?

A progressive series of discussions and reflections is available to support your interest. RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – offers a guided journey through beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. Our Cathedral Parish opens its 2017-18 course on Wednesday 27 September. It will run fortnightly over two "Terms", with a break during Christmas-January, concluding at Easter.

Invite someone you think might be interested in the Church and bring them along. All are welcome, including Catholics who wish to revise their own understanding of their Faith.

For more details please contact the parish office.

The Sisters of St. Peter Claver are holding a Multi-Cultural Mission Concert on Sunday 15 October 2017 at 2pm to 4pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 15 - 19 Rongotai Road, Kilbirnie. Admission \$5.

Enquiries : Sisters of St. Peter Claver, Ph 383 8401. We will be most grateful for your support to help the Missionaries and the people they serve. Be assured of our prayers for all your parishioners.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, 3-5 November 2017

A retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion.

An opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. All enquiries are strictly confidential.

Contact Wendy Hill rvnzretreats@gmail.com or 027 2549222 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Book Fair



Vinnies is hosting our bi-annual book fair, **Saturday 30 Sept. – Sunday 1 October**, at St Anne's church hall (Emmett Street, Newtown). You are all invited to join us for a browse through the collection OR if you are available to assist during the event please email Ana, community@vinnieswgn.org.nz ; we appreciate the ongoing support and being generous with your time

A big Thank you

Thanks to each and everyone of you that helped make the Synod so successful. Thanks to those who said yes to being a delegate and thanks to everyone who prayed for its success and to all those who, in St Therese's words, made sure "the little things were done well."

I would also like to acknowledge those of you who may have felt somewhat displaced from your normal Mass this week due to the parking issues. It seems this weekend we were true to the Synod message of "Go you are sent..." with our numbers at Mass being down. I look forward to seeing you all again this weekend. (Fiona Rammell)

Sacred Heart Parish

22-30 Hill St, Thorndon.
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Ph: 496 1700

www.mcshwellington.org

Eucharist Times: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10.30am, 7pm
Monday to Friday Mass or Liturgy of The Word with Holy
Communion: 8am, 12.10pm
Saturday 8.30am in Cathedral Chapel

Reconciliation: before 12.10pm Mass (Mon - Fri); after Sat
Mass (*Reconciliation may not be available before a Liturgy of The Word*)

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 newsletter 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
rbennett@actrix.gen.nz Ph 021 065 8997
Priest in residence : Fr Sanele Finau
frsanele@gmail.com
Administration : office@otariparish.co.nz
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
Cardinal McKeefry School 166 Albemarle Rd, Wilton
Principal: Tania Savage Ph: 475 3262
principal@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz
DRS: Mary Ryan

St Mary of the Angels Parish

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www.smoa.org.nz

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

Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no "ifs" or "buts" or "maybes": they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis, Message for the First World Day of the Poor, 2017

Please pray for

Patricia Blackmore 18 Sept
RIP
Rosary 5pm Sunday 24 Sept
Requiem Mass 11am on Mon
25 Sept at the Cathedral
Note: there will be no 12.10pm
Liturgy on Monday

Anniversaries:

Franco Cassino (25 Sept)
Lelis Loria (23 Sept)
Ernesto Mape (23 Sept)

Readings for the Week



Sunday 24th Sept. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24,27; Mt 20:1-16
Monday 25th Sept: Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday 26th Sept: Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wed 27th Sept: Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday 28th Sept: Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday 29th Sept: Dan 7:9-10,13-14 Jn 1:47-51
Saturday 30th Sep: Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45
Sunday 1st October: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32