



The Cathedral Connection



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We have a situation! A few of my boys have gone into business together and are struggling with someone whom they have to deal with on a daily basis. They got this feeling that things were not right and instead of going to speak to her they just allowed every little thing that she does to confirm for them their thoughts around this situation.

Sound familiar? We often do this. Instead of going and seeing the person we are upset with, we talk to others about it.

In today's Gospel Jesus clearly tells us that if we feel like this we should always in the first instance go and speak to that person. But what stops us from doing this?

Pope Francis reflects in his letter *Laudato Si'* the importance of social cohesion that can enable all people to participate in society and to cultivate meaningful relationships with each other. We are born into family, whānau, neighbourhoods and communities. They are not always perfect but God intended that we grow through our interaction with others.

But it is these interactions with others that can cause us deep concern and heartache and so we often choose to do nothing. The second reading today reminds us that "love does no evil to the neighbour." We are called into community to be beacons of love. The kind of love that at times hurts, consumes and doesn't 'feel' great. But the kind of love that helps transform not just others but ourselves in the process.

And even when these neighbours refuse to listen we are called to treat them as a Gentile or a tax collector. On first reading this we may think that means to exclude them but what Jesus is trying to tell us here is to continue loving others despite their faults. Our challenge is to always think of ways in which we can add value to the lives of others. Social Justice Week gives us just that opportunity.



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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)

If a Liturgy of the Word is scheduled at 12.10pm then Reconciliation may not be available that day.

Baptism: By Appointment

**Deadline for newsletter material
is Wednesday midday.**

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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.

Readings for the Week



Sunday 10th – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Matt 18:15-20

Monday 11th – Col 1:24-2-3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 12th – Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 13th - St John Chrysostom

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17

Friday 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows, 1Tim 1:1-2,12-14; Jn 19:25-27

Saturday 16th – Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday 17th – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Matt 18:21-35





PLEASE NOTE..... CAR PARKING - SYNOD WEEKEND

On the weekend of the 15-17th September, the Archdiocesan Synod will be taking place in the Catholic Centre, St Mary's College and Sacred Heart Cathedral School. The Cathedral will be used for the liturgical elements. This is a large event involving over 300 participants from every parish in the Diocese. **As such, parking will be at a premium in and around the Cathedral.** The areas that will be full are the Catholic Centre carpark, the top Catholic Centre parking floor, and the Sacred Heart School playground. As these are the places that we usually park for Cathedral Masses, during this weekend they will be unavailable to us. As much as this will cause us some inconvenience it is also a wonderful way of showing those from the Diocese an example of what Stewardship looks like by sharing our gifts (in this case the carparks we normally use) with others.

Please allow extra time for finding a park if you are coming to either the 5.30pm Mass on the Saturday night or the 10.30am Mass on the Sunday morning. All should be back to normal by the 7pm Mass on Sunday night. Thank you in anticipation for your understanding around this matter.

Fiona Rammell, Lay Pastoral Leader; John Owen, Chair Finance; Nicholas Burley, Chair Parish Council; Jane Kelly, Chair Liturgy.

CANCELLATION

Please note, **there will be no 8.30am Mass on Saturday, 16 September**



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

We support efforts to bring about affordable housing. Excessive rents and inflated house prices are leaving families homeless and young couples despondent. Without effective policies to support regional and provincial economic development and consequent employment, we miss opportunities to alleviate this problem, which is worst in our biggest cities.



CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC) are looking for a part-time person to help take the message and mission of the Catholic Church into the digital continent! The CEC are moving from a reliance on print and television advertising to a focus on digital and social forms of media and need someone to lead them through the implementation of a new strategy. The Engagement Manager will work closely with the NZCBC Communications Adviser and will require expertise in digital media and communications, project management skills, and the ability to build relationships, influence others and champion change. For more details on the role or to apply contact Amanda Gregan on 021 611 052 or agregan@nzcbc.org.nz Applications close on Monday, 18 September.



Your friendly parish secretary and his wife Ruth are looking for long-term rental accommodation. An easily accessible and mobility friendly two to three bedroom flat/apartment/house, hopefully not too far out of the city is needed as soon as possible. If you are able to help or know someone who can then please do not hesitate to contact me in the Cathedral parish office, 496 1700 or f.doherty@wn.catholic.org.nz Many thanks and God bless, *Frank Doherty*.

Faith Spoken; Faith Sung: St Paul's Lutheran Church invite to you this Reformation series on **10 September** at 2pm in St Paul's Lutheran Church, 12 King St, Mt Cook. The session includes a spoken message and a musical message. This month Mark Whitfield, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of NZ, an accomplished organist and a scholar of liturgical and sacred music will present *the Musical Heritage of the Reformation*.

Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday **16 September**. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. 10am Mass, followed by Exposition and Rosary Procession to front of Hospital. Ends at Noon with a shared lunch. Come and pray for the Unborn Child, families and the culture of life. For more information contact Family Life International NZ Ph: 237 8343

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: Join for fellowship and prayer on Thursday **21 September** at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon. Speaker: Fr Peter Ewart sm, the Joshua Wellington chaplain on "*The Holy Spirit*" For further information ring John Taylor 0-4-389-8915 / 021-107-8538 or email jinjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

Grace Anointing Retreat 2017: A Catholic spiritual healing retreat led by Fr Dominic Valanmanal- International Catholic preacher, **27/28 September**, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, St Teresa's Church, Karori, only street parking available. Cardinal John Dew will celebrate Mass at 9.30am on Wed 27th For further information contact Ted Jordan ted.j@xtra.co.nz.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School for young adults 18 - 35 years old, runs for 10 days from **29 Dec-7 Jan**. There is only one week of Super Early Bird registration remaining. For further information visit www.heartsaflame.org.nz or contact Jane Bourke Hearts Aflame Promotional and Marketing - promo=heartsaflame.org.nz@mail225.atl121.mcsv.net

*The Sept. 10 - 23 issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are:* General Election party policies regarding bishops' key points. Smartphones and distracted parenting. Building a bridge:our gay brothers and sisters.



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.