



The Cathedral Connection



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Forgiveness
is not an occasional act,
it is a permanent
attitude

- Martin Luther King Jr. -

We have a friend who we just can't outgive. Her generosity is second to none. There is no sense of her keeping an account of what she has given, she just simply gives. Somehow she does accounting like Jesus does. He is not into balancing the books. His account is one of giving.

In today's Gospel Peter thinks he is being totally generous when he asks Jesus how many times should I forgive? Don't you just love how Peter is so human. He knows the law requires him to forgive three times so he goes to ask Jesus how many times but suggests the number seven. He has doubled what the law tells him and has added one on. So he is feeling pretty stoked thinking Jesus is going to say, "*Well done faithful servant. You're amazing. I've taught you well.*" Instead Jesus says something so ridiculous that Peter must have thought Jesus had lost his marbles.

What Jesus is trying to say is that there is no limit to how many times we should forgive. Why? Because Jesus knows we are punished **by our sin way more than we are punished for our sin.**

Jesus' teachings are not random commands that we must obey 'or else', but they are observations for how life actually works. Jesus advises us not to gossip because in so doing it will wreck relationships. Jesus advises us not to be greedy because greed will wither our hearts and suck the joy out of our life. Jesus advises us to keep on forgiving because unforgiveness will cut us off from the flow of grace and make us miserable.

It's for no reason that Jesus taught us a prayer that says, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Forgiveness.....often the hardest thing to do but also the most liberating.

Who is someone in my life who I need to forgive?

*Fiona Rammell,
Lay Pastoral Leader*

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Sacred Heart Parish



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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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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 17th – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 18th – 1 Tim 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 19th – 1 Tim 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday 20th - Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, martyrs

1 Tim 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday 21st – St Matthew, apostle & evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13

Friday 22nd – 1 Tim 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday 23rd – 1 Tim 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday 24th – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Matt 20:1-16



HELP WANTED

Urgently needed: some people who would be willing to look after the church during the weekend, for half a day on Saturday (morning or afternoon) and Sunday (afternoon only). We would like to keep the church open for visitors, during the months of October to April, especially on days when the cruise ships are in port. If you could do this please contact rita.phelon@gmail.com or phone 934 3100, or contact the parish office 496 1700.

Please see if you could give three hours to help the parish. Training would be given regarding opening and closing the church. Thank you.



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

We are deeply disturbed by the growing prison population in New Zealand. It is a national disgrace. Crime rates have in fact fallen in New Zealand. What is driving the increase in prison numbers is changes to bail law, sentencing and parole. We want our communities to be safe. We want deterrents to be positive. Pathways of care and guidance of participation and belonging, of work and purpose are what our at-risk young need, not corridors of bars and negative mentors.



MASSES OFFERED FOR:

Anniversaries:

- Sheila Whyte
- Helen Foot

Requiescant in pace

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Congratulations to **St Mary's College** 1st XV winning the national girls title last weekend. A resounding win 29-12 over Hamilton Girls' High School.



Sacred Heart Cathedral School

The Young Vinnies group from **Sacred**

Heart Cathedral School visited the Home of Compassion and entertained residents from a local rest home. The children handed round afternoon tea, chatted to guests and then tidied up. Another group visited the Vincentian Home and helped out at the Spring Dance. These students danced with the residents and chatted to them in between the music. Many of these residents are in wheelchairs so dancing with them meant whizzing them around in their chairs. *"At both visits it was so rewarding to see the looks of joy upon the faces of both the elderly and the young students and I heard so many comments about how wonderful the students are. One lady asked if they were made to come here and I could truly answer with no, they come because they enjoy it."* Mrs Ann Stephen

It is wonderful to see this type of outreach from the school to the community. Thanks to everyone who made this happen.

The Archdiocesan Young Church Ministries team invites all **Young Adults** to **The Rising Tide: Modern day Lepers and Tax Collectors** at the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street Wellington. Monday, **Sept 18**. Doors open at 6.30 pm and event starts at 7.00pm. Discussion will explore Who are the Modern day Lepers and Tax Collectors? How can we bring Christ to those living in the peripheries. For more information contact Josh Nerona 496 1701 j.nerona@wn.catholic.org.nz

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: Last reminder, come along and 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 ijnitaylor@paradise.net.nz

Modern Slavery: An evening on trafficking and exploitation in Aotearoa NZ to be held at the Anglican Church annex, Cnr Main Rd and Lyndhurst St, Tawa, Monday, 25 September, 7.30-8.30pm. Speakers Dr Rebecca Miller and Peter Devoy from Immigration NZ. Hosted by ANZRATH (Religious & Friends Against Human Trafficking). Gold coin donation.

Advent and Christmas Liturgy Workshop: – An interactive workshop with Fr Patrick Bridgman, looking at liturgies for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, including symbols and resources. Workshops are on Thursday **5 October**, 7-9pm, Catholic Centre, 22 Hill Street, Wellington and Saturday, **7 October** 10-12noon, St Theresa's Parish Hall, 210 St Andrews Road, Plimmerton. Registrations to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz before 2 October.

David Haas Workshops: – David, a musician and composer of contemporary liturgical music, will present three workshops on **13th and 14th October** in Wellington. Please see flyer on the church noticeboard for more information. Enquiries and registrations by 11 October to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa: Are you 18+ and looking for your next faith-related adventure? Life Teen Summer Camp is currently looking for Summer Missionaries for their upcoming camp! Camp will run from **13-21 January 2018** in Otaki. Life Teen Summer Camp is a great way for young people to engage in their Catholic faith (and serve teenagers from all over New Zealand). For information visit <https://lifeteen.nz/mission> or email lifeteensummercampnz@gmail.com

Sisters of Mercy: A time to explore a possible calling from God to become a Sister of Mercy. Single women are invited to attend an event at Te Wāhanga Atawhai Mercy Conference Centre, Guildford Tce, Thorndon, on Saturday **30 September** from 1.30pm – 5pm. For enquiries, please contact Sister Stephanie on 04-8198312 or skit2@xtra.co.nz. Come along and bring a friend!



FOOD BANK 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.