

Wellington Central Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon

Otari Parish

St Mary of the Angels Parish, CBD

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

29 October 2017

Reflection

I remember a computer course I did in my University days. Before we could get the computer to do what we wanted it to do we had to write the code so it could perform the operation. Windows interface had not yet been invented and when it was introduced what a difference that made to what we could do. Upgrading the operating system allowed us to do so much more.

Earlier in the year I was reflecting on how often Jesus took Himself off to a quiet place to just be. Was the practice His way of upgrading His operating system? What if this is what He meant by prayer - an opportunity to see things in a different light. It's not a matter of thinking nicer thoughts but enabling us to reach a different way of seeing things. So many of Jesus' parables took this approach. He was asked a question and before he replied he took time to draw in the sand, or thought of an explanation that took the enquirer out of the mind and into the heart. It is prayer that gives us this third way of seeing. The transformational power that is inherent in prayer is rarely actioned. Just like the computer, an upgrade in our operating system is essential.

This weekend we have been asked to give ourselves time to ponder one Gospel passage. To let the word of God wash over and within us upgrades our thinking patterns by letting our heart (emotions) encounter our faith.

When we do this we allow God's word to penetrate our inner being so that the transformative power of the word shines through us. Such a process takes time, dedication and a genuine desire. Let's hope that by experiencing this way of praying in today's Mass we may use it as a launch pad into making it a regular occurrence. Then we will find, as in today's Gospel, that loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul and loving our neighbour as ourselves will become the norm and not the exception.



*Fiona Rammell
Lay Pastoral Leader
Sacred Heart Cathedral*

MASSES THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORAL AREA:

At St Teresas

All Saints day 1 November (Wednesday) 6.30am, 9.30am, 7pm.

All Souls Day 2 November (Thursday) 6.30am, 9.30am, 7pm.

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

All saints day : 8.00am, 12.10pm.

All souls day: 8.00am, 9.30am (School) and 12.10pm

All Souls' Remembrance Service with choirs of Sacred Heart and St Paul's: 6.00pm **at St Paul's Cathedral.**

At St Mary of the Angels

Both days: Masses at 7.30am, 12.05pm and 5.15pm

Sacred Heart Parish

CATHEDRAL CHOIR – RECORDING

Some years ago the Cathedral Choir produced a CD of their work, titled *Crucifixus*. The material is of an excellent standard. At \$10 each, their sale will assist funding towards our Hobday Organ Appeal.

Remembrance Mass:

5.30pm Mass on 11 November at Cathedral to remember all those in our Parish who have died over the past year or were buried from here will be remembered. Tea and coffee to follow.

Otari Parish

Visiting

Fr Ron is visiting the parish by alphabetical list of streets. He is at present on the P and R 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.



Parish Youth Liturgy Group

(Programme) 'Otari meets the Gospel' Youth Liturgy group for 9 -13 year olds started on Thursday 19th October.

We had a good group of boys and girls come to St Thomas More to play games, share a meal and study some gospel. We will continue to meet at St Thomas More Church from 6.00pm until 7.30pm, please come and join us. Thanks to our helpers, Fevian, Estelle and Mary.

World Mission Sunday at Otari Parish

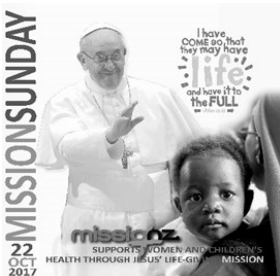
Thank you to all the people who responded to the call to 'Give back to God' by contributing to the Missions last Sunday. During the Children's Mass they were invited to place a coin on the board pictured on the left. After Mass other Parishioners added their contributions



Eucharistic Ministers Reflection Session

This afternoon 29 Oct at 2.00pm at St Teresas.

Pastoral Area



THANK YOU for supporting this year's MISSIO-NZ MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL through your kind gifts and prayers—for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world. Your generosity

makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support of this life-giving work of mission. May only goodness and kindness follow you all the days of your life.

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Vespers for the Feast of All Saints

In Memory of Leo Buchanan
Wednesday 1st November 2017 7:30pm
See www.smoa.org.nz for more information

CATHOLIC WEBSITES GET A REFRESH

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference and National Liturgy websites have had a refresh. Both sites had a soft launch last week while further revision was carried out behind the scenes.

It is anticipated the revised sites will make it easier for users to navigate and search for specific topics pertaining to the Catholic Church, such as the latest bishops' statements, announcements, and liturgy-related items, up-to-date liturgical calendars, the New Zealand Aotearoa Ordo and other publications. These sites provide a functional and accessible interface for members of the Catholic community and wider public and we welcome feedback.

President of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference, Bishop Patrick Dunn said of the site, "these refreshed portals are fantastic resources, which form part of our mission to better reach new audiences and stay connected with our current users. They will continue to grow in use with valuable social media links, regularly updated liturgy and news articles and links to key Catholic agencies and partners."

The sites can be found at
<https://www.catholic.org.nz/>
<https://www.nlo.org.nz/>

Anglican Archbishop David Moxon is returning home to New Zealand after 5 years overseas. Cardinal John Dew and Anglican Archbishop Philip Richardson invite you to attend Vespers on Tuesday 31 October 2017 at 6pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street. Archbishop David Moxon was until June 2017, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See and the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. We look forward to seeing you there.

National March for Life: CAN YOU HELP? Are you able to offer accommodation for 1 or 2 nights for people travelling to Wellington for the March for Life on the 9th December. If so, we'd love to hear from you TXT: 021 231 7954 or Email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz

Engaged Encounter Weekend:

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Next weekend is 11-12 November. Registrations close 2 weeks before.

Venue: Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington.

For more details go to the website at <http://www.ceewellington.org.nz>

or phone Kate & Simon Olsen (+64 4) 801 6192, or email Simon and Kate at simonolsen@gmail.com



Global Christian music sensation performing live in Auckland Matt Maher in concert

With support acts, Grace Worship and Monique Holden.

Victory Convention Centre, Freemans Bay, Auckland Sunday, 3 December 2017

Internationally acclaimed Canadian Christian singer and song writer, Matt Maher will perform for what is expected to be a sell-out crowd at Auckland's Victory Convention this December. The concert will have limited seating capacity, with tickets selling fast. If you buy 10 tickets or more you receive a discount of 20%. Follow instructions on the concert website and use the promotional code: MATTMAHER2017 To book tickets and for further details please visit www.MattMaherConcert.nz

Apply now - Suzanne Aubert scholarship closes on 31 October

Secondary students in the Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North are invited to apply for a Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship. Each student selected receives \$3,000 towards their first year of tertiary study.

For more details and application download: <https://compassion.org.nz/latest-news/apply-now>

For more details please contact tact Kathy.g@compassion.org.nz

Applications close on 31 October 2017.

Christian Brothers Past Pupils Association –Wgtn Branch

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be at Sts Peter and Pauls's Church Hall in Johnsonville on Saturday 4 November from 7.00pm. All past pupils, families and friends welcome. Call Kevin McCormack 478 6792.

Final chance to speak directly to Pope Francis before 2018 Synod

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard.

Visit and complete the Synod 2018 survey before **30 November 2017** by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>



4 October-10 December Set Apart: An Exhibition of Fibre Art by Merrilyn George

Inspired by the Life of Suzanne Aubert, this exhibition of quilts by a leading fibre artist is a powerful expression of Suzanne's story and best appreciated in person. Set Apart is on display in the Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street (off Murray St), Island Bay. Opening hours: 10am-3pm Mon to Sat; 12-3pm Sun

Otari Parish monthly morning tea Friday 4th August

All are welcome to join the parish staff for morning tea in the Presbytery after the 9.30 Mass (starts approx. 10am).



We are seeking meals for our **Challenge 2000** youth houses, which provide homes for young people, some of whom are completing school or starting tertiary studies, some of whom are going through the justice system. The intention is to create a community and an environment conducive to personal and spiritual growth. The model relies heavily on the generosity of those who run the houses, and we would like to be able to support them with meals. If you are able and willing to provide a meal, for 5 to 8 people, on a fortnightly or monthly basis, your assistance would be readily received and much appreciated. Please contact Daniel on daniel.kleinsman@gmail.com, or at 021459997.

Christian Meditation day of reflection on Saturday 4th November at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. From 10 am to 3.00 pm

Fr Alan Roberts will lead the reflection on "Our deepest desire is not something we create ; it is something we desire "

Bring a lunch and a koha for expenses of the day. Tea and coffee provided.

enquiries : Hugh McLaughlin <tel:042989370> or e-mail:hugh.mclaughlinnz@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Parish

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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
Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 9.30am; Wednesdays and Fridays
6.30am . 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
Principal: Mary-Angela Tombs Ph: 939 1725
DRS: Ingrid Jacobs
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Principal: Tania Savage Ph: 475 3262
principal@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz
DRS: Mary Ryan

St Mary of the Angels Parish

17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.
Ph: 473 8074 Fax: 04 473 8066

www.smoa.org.nz

Parish Priest: Fr Barry Scannell sm
Assistant Priests: Fr Kevin Conroy sm, Fr Joe Savesi 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

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor ... The Our Father is a prayer said in the plural: the bread for which we ask is “ours”, and that entails sharing, participation and joint responsibility.

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

Please pray for

Fr John Berry
RIP 26 October

Funeral Details

Vigil Prayers Thursday 2 Nov
at 7.30pm

Requiem Mass Friday 3 Nov
at 11.00am

Both at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Readings for the Week



Monday 30 October: Rom 8: 12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday 31 Oct: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wed 1 November All Saints: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
Thursday 2 Nov: All Souls: From Masses for the Dead
Friday 3 Nov: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday 4 Nov: Rom 11:1-2,11-12,25-29; Lk 14:1,7-11
Sunday 5 Nov: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9,13; Mt 23:1-12