



The Cathedral Connection



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HOME AGAIN

My time away from the parish over these past six weeks could not have been possible without the cheerful assistance of several people willing to share themselves and their time. Fr Ron and Fr Soane from Otari Parish and Fr Jim Dooley from Marist Centre enabled the schedule of Masses to continue and stepped in to cover emergencies. Our parish secretary, Frank Doherty, supported by music director, Michael Fletcher, kept the office humming beautifully and our newly appointed Lay Pastoral Leader, Fiona Rammell, gave wonderful service.

This combination of talent and commitment gave me the security to relax and enjoy a great holiday, and I am very grateful for the opportunity. I'm also grateful that you, dear parishioners, kept turning up! That speaks so positively for the leadership you experienced. Thank you, everyone!

So much of significance occurred during my absence and I shall reflect a little on that in my homily today. But, looking ahead, I want to encourage you to prepare for our response to Pope Francis' invitation to spend time with Sacred Scripture – specifically in the Masses of 28-29 October.



There will be only one Reading in that Sunday Mass, the Gospel [Matthew 22:34-40] and we will spend time together listening to it and uncovering its message for each of us. The technique is known as *Lectio Divina*, with emphasis on truly hearing the Word of God, letting that Word settle within me, drawing me to realise its relevance for my life as a follower of Christ.

Remember that Scripture is the *living* Word of God and as such is pulsating, dynamic, energising. By opening heart and mind to its influence, it can guide, challenge, comfort and renew both personal and community life. Prepare by reading the whole chapter [Matthew 22]. Using a Bible in your first language might be even more profitable. More on this next week.

Thank you for your love and support. It is good to be back home.

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

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Principal: Bernadette Murfitt Ph: 472 4047

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Mass 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

If a Requiem is scheduled, the 12.10pm Mass or Liturgy 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, 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 15th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Monday 16th – Rom 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday 17th – St Ignatius of Antioch

Rom 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday 18th - St Luke, evangelist

2 Tim 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday 19th – Rom 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Friday 20th – Rom 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday 21st - Rom 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:9-12

Sunday 22nd – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Matt 22:15-21





CAN YOU HELP?

Have you accounting or legal skills? Would you share them as service to the parish? Our Finance Committee needs two further members. We meet every two months and advise the parish priest and lay pastoral leader on all matters relating to the financial well-being of the parish. We have a big focus right now on putting a repairs and maintenance programme in place for the Cathedral, the organ restoration and the fundraising required to finance both. This is interesting and important work – a great opportunity to demonstrate ministry in a practical way.

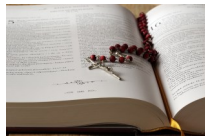
For more information please contact John Owen (chair of the Finance Committee) on 021 742 737 or johnlloydowen@gmail.com



RETIRING COLLECTION

The last Sunday of this month, **29 October**, will be a fifth Sunday, so there will be a retiring collection for the Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral Music. The Choir will be singing a new Mass setting by Scottish Catholic composer James MacMillan at the 10.30am Mass. This setting was originally commissioned by Westminster Cathedral in 2000 for the feast of Corpus Christi; it will be a great opportunity to hear a modern and quite dramatic setting of the ordinary parts of the Mass.

Welcome Home Fr James and happy birthday.



Expressions of interest - Director, National Liturgy Office

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) is seeking applications for Director of the National Liturgy Office. In addition to a background in liturgical studies/ ministry, the successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills, strong administrative and managerial experience. While currently based in Auckland there is flexibility on the location of the role. For enquiries or a job description contact James van Schie, Executive Officer, NZCBC – jvanschie@nzcbc.org.nz - including a current CV and an outline of your motivation for the role. **Final date for acceptance of applications is Monday, 20 November 2017**

SvDP Christmas Cards and 2018 Columban Calendars are available from the Cathedral Foyer Shop after Mass or the Parish Office during the week. Christmas Cards \$2.50 for a packet of five cards with envelopes, and calendars are \$12.00 each.



Next Sunday, **22 October**, is **Mission Sunday**. This collection is the major fundraiser for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Pontifical Mission is directed especially towards the Care of Children, the immediate Relief of the Poor and the support of Missionary Seminaries and Religious Institutions in dioceses in the mission territories that are in need of financial assistance.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: Last reminder! Come along on Thursday **19 October** at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Speaker: Michael Powell on "*New season of Current of Grace*". Want to know more? Ring John Taylor 0-4-389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or email: jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

100 Years of Fatima: A talk on Mary, Fatima and the Rosary, will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa on Saturday, **21 October**, 4-6pm. Speaker: Maximilian Fuhrer. For further information contact 100YearsofFatima@gmail.com

St Paul's Lutheran Church Commemoration events come to a climax on **29 Oct** at 5pm with a Reformation Cantata Vespers service in Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, featuring international organist and cantor Rick Ericson. All welcome.



Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. The next weekend is **11-12 November**. Registrations close two 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 and Simon Olsen Telephone 0-4-801 6192, or email Simon and Kate at simonolsen@gmail.com

Home of Compassion Christian Meditation Group: Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. 7pm, Crombie Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 0-4-383 7134 or 0-4-383 7769.

History of NZ Catholic Charismatic Renewal: "*The New Day that Dawned*" – a history of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand has been compiled to commemorate the 50th Anniversary Jubilee and is now available. \$20 per copy plus \$6.50 p&p. Contact ccrnz.org or Margaret Paton email margaretpaton@xtra.co.nz / phone 0-9-298.4409.



Your continued support of the Food Bank is appreciated. However, help is still needed. Please remember to bring either a non-perishable food item, toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc) or laundry items (nappies, washing powder, cleaning products etc). Thank you.

MASSES OFFERED FOR:

- Frank Fox (long-time parishioner)
Wellington, 7 October

Anniversary:

- Fr Bernie Hehir
8 October



Requiescant in pace