



# The Cathedral Connection



27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isn't life frustrating? You can do everything right, ensure everything is prepared, feel like you've dotted your i's and crossed your t's and then things don't quite work out the way you thought they would.

We see this in the first reading today where the vineyard owner does everything "right" and yet the crop is nowhere near what he expected.

In the Gospel the vineyard owner also expects that by sending his son, the tenants will pay up, but once again his expectations are dashed.

I read recently that an expectation is a disappointment waiting to happen. When we live life expecting certain behaviour from others, we live in constant flux.

The Gospel confirms for us that yes we will be treated badly in this life, yes things don't always go the way we want them to, yes our expectations are often dashed and yes there are people that will want control no matter the price.

Paul shows us in the second reading that we can be at peace despite our circumstances. Here he is, in prison yet fully at peace with his situation.

Often we are the architects of our own lack of peace. When all hell is breaking loose around us it is much easier to walk in that spirit than it is to be counter intuitive and walk in a spirit of peace and love. Think of any hero or great person and what set them apart almost always was their working in a spirit opposite to that which was happening all around them.

Take Jesus for example. He never let his circumstances become the excuse to give up hope. In today's readings he once again makes this point. Even though at times it is so hard to remain peaceful and gracious when every hair on our body is aching to scream out at the injustices we see happening all around us, we are called to be people of justice, people of love, people of forgiveness, people of honour. This does not mean that we do nothing but that whatever we do is done from a peaceful centre. Then it won't be our circumstances dictating our behaviour but our behaviour being led by a spirit of peace.



*Fiona Rammell*  
*Lay Pastoral Leader*

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**Lay Pastoral Leader:** Fiona Rammell  
**Director of Music:** Michael Fletcher  
**Secretary:** Frank Doherty 8.30am - 4pm  
Parish Office is in Catholic Centre, Hill St  
Hall Bookings: Frank Ph: 496 1700  
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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*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturdays of month at 5.30pm Vigil Mass

**Liturgy Committee** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
of every month

**Finance Committee** meet 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday every 2<sup>nd</sup> month

**Parish Council** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every  
month

**Bible Study Group** Wellington  
Sacred Heart Bible Study Group  
Contact: Elisapeci Waqanivalu  
ph: 021 207 6978

**Divine Mercy Devotions** every  
Sunday at 6.30pm

**Prayer Group Meeting** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays, Connolly Hall 7.30pm

**Holy Hour** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at  
7.30pm

## Readings for the Week



### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11.; Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - St John XXIII, pope**

Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Mal 3:13-20; Luke 11:5-13

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** - Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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





**Can you help?** The parish's finance committee is looking for two new members. Ideally we would like someone with an accounting background and someone with experience in the building industry. 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](mailto:johnlloydowen@gmail.com)

## LECTIO DIVINA

Last year at the end of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote a document for the Universal Church called *Misericordia et Misera*. In it he wrote:



*"It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused."*

Over the weekend Masses of the **28 and 29 October**, each parish has been asked to read the Gospel using Lectio Divina. This practice helps us to read, meditate and live the Word of God.

There are four phases: the **lectio** or reading of God's word; the **meditatio**, or meditation on that which we have heard read to us; the **oratio**, or prayer which is when we enter in dialogue with God; and finally the **contemplatio**, or contemplation stage in which we abandon ourselves to holy thoughts. This is when we leave behind our own thoughts and get ready **to listen to God's voice**, who speaks within us.

You may like to sit with a scripture passage at home and follow these phases in preparation for experiencing this at the Mass. Please feel free to bring along a Bible in your own language on this weekend.

Each one of us is precious; each one of us is irreplaceable in God's eyes.

*Pope Francis, June 2017*



If you or someone you know are sick or housebound and would appreciate receiving holy communion, then

please contact the parish office on 0-4-496 1700.

### MASS OFFERED FOR: Anniversary:

- Mary Therese Prattleyou  
29 September

*Requiescat in pace*



October is the month of the **Holy Rosary**. The Rosary is a beautiful meditative prayer that we reflect on the life of Jesus and Mary. Here is a good website to learn how to pray the rosary- <http://www.theholyyrosary.org/>

**St Pats Old Boys Association Annual Dinner:** Calling all 'Town' and 'Stream' Old Boys, you are invited to attend our annual dinner, to be held **19 Oct** at 6pm for 7pm, SPC Hall, Kilbirnie. Guest speakers are newly elected MP's Paul Eagle and Greg O'Connor. Cost: \$50.00pp. Online banking 02 0500 0021983 000 enter first name and surname as reference then email: [dinner@spcob.org.nz](mailto:dinner@spcob.org.nz) to advise OR contact Hadyn Nicholls on 04 9734244 or 021 545113. We will also be announcing this year's Old Boy of the Year and launching our new promotional video.

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington:** Come along and join us 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](mailto:jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz)

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** invites all women to celebrate our 25th anniversary at our meeting on Saturday **21 October** at 1.15pm, Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon. We begin our new Current of Grace season with guest speaker Sandra Kinney. For further information contact Shura Price 0-4-389 9938

**St Gerard's Monastery Open Day** is back on Saturday, **October 28**. Do take this opportunity to visit this iconic landmark on Mt Victoria, overseeing Wellington Harbour. You'll get a chance to satisfy your taste buds with an array of international cuisine on sale; be part of a guided tour around this Category 1A historic site. Have fun time for kids and the young at heart with face painting and games. Bring your family and friends to have a memorable day (10am-4pm). Spread the word around!

**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.

**Non-Residential Guided Retreat:** "*Companions on the Journey*", **13-17 November**, 9.30am-4.00pm each day. \$200. Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM: phone 0-4-212 4691 / 021 703 580 or email [bqcumings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bqcumings@xtra.co.nz)

The Oct. 8-21 issue of ***NZ Catholic*** is out now. Some headlines are: In Rome, NZ expert speaks out on abuse; Current of Grace conference in Palmerston North; Historic Catholic Maori hui for Auckland; Spirit flows at Wellington's sixth synod.



Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank. 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).



**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 \$12.00each.