



The Cathedral Connection



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FAREWELL TO A PRIEST

Fr John Berry was parish priest of our Cathedral Parish from 1997 to 2004. He died last week, 26 October, after some years of ill health and care in the Home of Compassion, Silverstream. His Requiem Mass was in the Cathedral he served and loved so faithfully, on Friday 3 November.



It is difficult to summarise the life of a priest. His ministry is among people and within the circumstances, concerns and even contradictions of their lives. He meets their sorrows and their joys, and holds confidences which he can never share. His own personality can be interpreted or experienced according to the variety of roles in which he is placed. He is a public figure for whom privacy can be elusive. He is an individual who lives for the common good.

From the tributes given Fr John, it is apparent that he lived his priesthood with great generosity, touching the lives of people with compassion and empathy. I knew him as priest eager to give his best. He placed his communication and music skills at the service of God's people with humour and delightful energy and brought dignity and grace to the liturgy. He lived a life of stewardship.

For all this, he offered his priesthood without favour, meaning that each person could perhaps have a different appreciation of his work. That is why an accurate summary is so difficult. What is most important now, is to thank God for the priestly ministry that meant so much to John Berry and to those he served, to pray for him as he enters the reign of God he lived for, and to encourage others to take his place in our crazy, difficult to define but extraordinarily wonderful priesthood!

Fr James

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Parish Office is in Catholic Centre, Hill St

Hall Bookings: Frank Ph: 496 1700

Parish Council Chair: Nicholas Burley

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Principal: Bernadette Murfitt Ph: 472 4047

DRS: Jane Regan

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
ph: 021 207 6978

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 05th – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Monday 06th – Rom 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday 07th – Rom 12:5-16; Luke 13:15-24

Wednesday 08th - Rom 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday 09th – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Friday 10th - St Leo the Great: Rom 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday 11th – St Martin of Tours, bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday 12th – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13





MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The 5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 11 November at Cathedral will be offered 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.



HOLY SOULS:

A box in the Foyer invites you to place the names of deceased relatives and friends for

remembrance at Masses celebrated in the Cathedral during November, together with any offering you may wish to make. Forms for your use are also available.

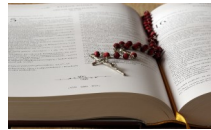
CAROLS IN PARLIAMENT

Hon Kris Faafoi MP, in association with the Council of Wellington Churches, invites parishioners to Carols in Parliament in the Banquet Hall, Parliament Buildings on Sunday, **10 December** at 7pm (please be seated by 6.50pm). Speaker is Rev Ben Johnson-Frow and music will be provided by Wellington South Salvation Army Band and Nota Bene choir. For security reasons, it is essential to RSVP by **1 December**. Email with names to cwc1449@gmail.com



When people work together looking for each other's good, the world reveals itself in all its beauty.

Pope Francis, 22 October 2017



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.**

MASSES OFFERED FOR:

- Fr John Berry
Wellington, 26 October
- Adele O'Brien
Wellington, 27 October
- Fr John Heijnen AA
Wellington, 31 October

Anniversary:

- Soekirman Indrawan
2 October (Fr of Sony Indrawan)

Requiescant in pace



WelCom November WelCom is available. Contents

include: Synod '17 – Cardinal John, plus Synod lift-out pages for Archdiocesan readers; People and places – Kaikōura earthquake a year on; Hikoi of Faith – Our Lady of the Valleys Parish; First World Day of the Poor – 19 November 2017; Stories from dioceses, parishes, youth and schools.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is hiring up to three short-term, fulltime, staff to help process donations arising from the Bishops' Lenten Appeal 2018. The work will be at the Wellington office of Caritas from Wednesday, 21 February to Friday, 13 April 2018 inclusive. Training will be provided. The pay rate will be \$20.20 per hour plus 8% holiday pay. Attention to detail, speed, accuracy and good communication skills will be important for the success of applications. Understanding of and commitment to the values of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand are essential. Applications can be made to rogere@caritas.org.nz and must be received by 5pm, Wednesday, 15 November.

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. The next weekend is **11-12 November**. Registrations close this week. 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



Elastic Man: religion and gender: The Abrahamic Council of Wellington invites you to join them on Wednesday **15 November**, 7pm, in the Salvation Army Citadel, 92 Vivian St. Entry by koha. In this ever-changing world, as women's role(s) have been and are constantly re-defined, they impact and revise the role of men. What do our religions (continue to) make of gender? Speakers: Jewish: Sue Esterman, Temple Sinai; Christian: Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Presbyterian Church; Muslim: Rehanna Ali, Islamic Women's Council.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: Come and join us for our last meeting for the year on Thursday **16 November** at 7:30pm, in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Speaker: Pauline Griffiths, a clinical psychologist on *"How have I responded to influences received from my parents"*. Want to know more? Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or email: jntaylor@paradise.net.nz

Dove Wellington invites all women to their end of year Mass with Fr Ron Bennett on Saturday **18 November** at 1.15pm in the Chapel, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, and afterwards to afternoon tea in Connolly Hall. For further details, contact Shura 389 9938, or shuraprice1@gmail.com

The Rising Tide: What about me and my dreams? The Archdiocesan Young Church Ministries team invites all Young Adults to the Catholic Centre 22-30 Hill Street Wellington, Monday **20 November**. Doors open at 6.00 and event starts at 6.30. The evening will discuss *'Are my desires and ambitions from God or for my own fulfilment?'* For more information contact Joshua Nerona 496 1701 or j.nerona@wn.catholic.org.nz



Your continued support of the Food Bank is very much appreciated. Please remember to bring either a non-perishable food item (spagetti, tinned fish, biscuits/crackers etc), 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.