



The Cathedral Connection



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Have you ever wondered why the bridesmaids in today's parable, didn't share their oil with the bridesmaids who didn't have enough? Perhaps they missed the memo to do to others what you would want done to you.

Is there is a deeper meaning here? Maybe the oil is representing not something to share but something that is already ours.



I remember saying to my children you can't have my faith. You need a faith of your own. What if the oil represents our faith? Understanding the Gospel in this way turns it on its head. Just as I cannot give my maths ability (which has taken years of study to achieve), to someone else, so too, I cannot give my faith to someone else. Each one of us needs to cultivate our own faith and we do this by being prepared, staying awake and with an awareness of the importance of remaining connected to God and present to all that is around us - God's love shown in so many different ways.

So when the lamp (us) is full of oil (God's love) we can be light (love) to those we meet. And to do this we choose (free will) whether to fill our lamps with oil or not. How we fill our lamps is unique to each one of us but no one else can do the filling for us. We cannot live a life of faith by proxy, but by being fully aware and part of the process.

We are responsible for our own oil which then will keep our light burning brightly in anticipation of the great feast that we are already part of and one day will share with everyone.

The practice of Lectio Divina which we experienced a few weeks ago was one way of keeping oil in our lamps. What other ways do you ensure you have enough "oil" in your "lamp" so you can burn brightly with love to all those you meet?

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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 12th – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 13th – Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday 14th – Wisdom 2:23 - 3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday 15th - Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday 16th – **St Margaret of Scotland**

Wisdom 7:22 - 8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Friday 17th - **St Elizabeth of Hungary** -

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday 18th – Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday 19th – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20; Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30





THE SPRING CLEAN

Next Saturday (18th), 9am to Noon! Can you give an hour or three to help tidy the cathedral gardens and spruce up the courtyard and church interior, in readiness for Advent and Christmas? Bring a garden tool or dusting cloths. Morning tea provided. Do come. It'll be fun!



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.



Vinnies is looking...

for an outgoing, people person who wants to help others on a daily basis. We currently have

a part-time role of 12 hours per week, to be filled within our Pregnancy Assistance department for five months, starting in December. For further details, please email

marketing@vinnieswgtn.org.nz



Donations from our Cathedral Parish for the annual Mission Sunday appeal (22

October) was \$749. Fr Bernard Espiritu svd, National Director, has written his thanks to parishioners. Funds raised assist struggling missionaries in isolated stations and support the health and religious formation needs of mission children.

CATHEDRAL MUSIC – the

Retiring Collection taken last weekend raised \$681.80. This is greatly appreciated by all associated with developing our choir and music expertise. A reminder that our own choir's CD, titled *Crucifixus*, is available in the Foyer at \$10 each. Sales assist funding towards our Hobday Organ Appeal.

CATHEDRAL GUARDIANS – We

are still on the lookout for volunteers to be guardians at the cathedral, to enable the cathedral to be open for visitors during the day. You are asked to give three hours (10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm – two Guardians per session) weekly or fortnightly. We also need people for the weekends over the summer season, Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoon. Please see Fr James or contact Parish Office (496 1700) for further information.

NEXT SUNDAY (19th) Pope Francis initiates the first WORLD DAY OF THE POOR.

A video on this theme will be screened at each Mass, stressing the urgency of Pope Francis' call for action. We can prepare by reflecting on the Pope's words: *There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative in so many young people that keeps them from finding work. There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility... There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation...*



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington: Last reminder. Please 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: ijnjtaylor@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 6.00pm and event starts at 6.30pm. 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



Challenge 2000 are holding their Annual Street Day Appeal on Thursday, **23 November**. Are you able to help by donating your time or money; emailing your friends/business colleagues/family asking them to support Challenge 2000; praying for the poor and the struggling and those who journey with them? For further information call Megan Ratuki on 04 477 6827 or email challenge2000@xtra.co.nz

Greenstone Doors Annual Christmas Fundraiser:- Cocktail Party, **30 November** at the Dowse Art Museum, 6pm, \$25 per person includes food, wine and cocktails and entertainment. We would love you to support Greenstone Doors by gathering a group to attend. To purchase tickets phone 04 566 5037 or 027 254 9222. Email info@greenstonedoors.co.nz

Home of Compassion Events:

- **First Friday Taizé Prayer, 1 December.** Join together for an hour of meditative singing, scripture and prayer in the Taizé tradition. 7pm – 8pm, Crombie Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.
- **Advent Waiting.** On 2 December, take time to leave the busyness of Christmas preparation, and rest and reflect within the beautiful grounds of Our Lady's Home of Compassion. For more information: retreat@compassion.org.nz



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. It's not too early to start including items for Christmas. There are collection boxes beside the doors in the foyer. Thank you.