



The Cathedral Connection



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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As last year's *Year of Mercy* drew to a close, Pope Francis had "an intuition" to call the whole Church to a "*World Day of the Poor*". This would be on the Sunday prior to the festival of Christ the King "who identified Himself with the little ones and who will judge us on the works of mercy."

The Pope explained it would be a day for each baptised person to reflect on "the way in which poverty is at the heart of the Gospel (leading each to) a pastoral conversion to be a witness of mercy."

On this first World Day of the Poor, Cardinal John offers a reflection on the theme which will be screened at each Mass. He reminds us we do not live in the dark but in the light of Jesus Christ, "so we cannot claim ignorance of the struggles that people face in coping with daily life."

Called to be stewards of the gifts with which we have been blessed, we can each help to overcome the difficulties of one another. There is generally good support for our weekly "Food Bank", but the poor are not only those lacking food or shelter. Pope Francis illustrates the broader sweep of poverty:

*Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor, bringing hope.
Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity.
Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange –
These are hands that call down blessings on their brothers and sisters.*

All this is showing us that the witness of mercy is only truly given in deeds and action and rarely in words alone.

Fr James

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Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

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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 19th – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 20th – Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday 21st – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Macc 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday 22nd - St Cecilia - 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday 23rd – St Clement - 1 Macc 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Friday 24th - St Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions

1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday 25th – St Catherine of Alexandria

1 Macc 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sunday 26th – Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46





DRIVEWAY REPAIRS

From 8am tomorrow Monday until Friday 24 November remedial work on the driveway in front

of the Cathedral foyer entrance will allow no vehicle and limited pedestrian access. It will not be possible to use the area for dropping off or picking up school children, there will also be restricted parking for weekday Masses. Entrance to the Cathedral will be via the main doors. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.



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.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 21 November** beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral Chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. Please note that this date is the 3rd Tuesday not the 4th Tuesday as is usual. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence, prayer and praise and concluding with Benediction followed by supper. All are welcome.

CATHEDRAL PRINT

Take a close look at the print of the cathedral in the Foyer display case. It captures the architectural beauty of the building with care and in great detail, and promises a lasting and valued memento. At just \$10 per copy it is an ideal gift. Proceeds towards the Cathedral/Organ Restoration Appeal, Get your copy today.

The Nov. 19 – Dec. 2 issue of *NZ Catholic* is available in the foyer. Some headlines are: Making our parishes into oases of mercy. NZ bishops to ask ICEL to look at 1998 translation. Sainly pope's relic in NZ church. Parish place for ashes of loved ones



CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

This year, the Cathedral annual Christmas Family Mass will be at 10:30am on Sunday, **17 December** and

we would love as many children of the Parish as possible to be included. We are looking for children who are keen to take part in our Nativity Tableau so please email the Children's Liturgy team by 26 November if your children would like to have an active role in the Mass and include their age and roles they would like to be considered for e.g. welcoming, readers, collectors, offertory and children's nativity display. We will need the children to be available for a couple of short practices directly after Mass in December prior to the 17th.

Email: Bing Fernandes: r_rfernandes@yahoo.co.nz or
Amanda Gregan: agregan@nzcbc.org.nz



Join the Cathedral Choirs, Cathedral Orchestra supported by members of local Wellington choirs for a magical Christmas fundraising concert in the Metropolitan Cathedral Wednesday, **6 December** at 7:00pm. Proceeds from this concert will go towards our fundraising for the much needed work on the Cathedral's 111 year old Hobday pipe organ. Our programme includes much loved Christmas works such as Gerald Finzi's *In Terra Pax*, *Stars* by Erik Esenwalds and several stunning arrangements of well known Christmas carols by Mack Wilberg and much, much more.

Tickets are \$30/\$20 concession available online at www.eventbrite.co.nz or at the door. So, please join us for an evening of beautiful music to uplift you in the joy of the season!

Healing Service: Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in St Theresa's Church Plimmerton on Thursday **23 November** beginning at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Especially invite those who are in need of Jesus' healing. Included in the service are testimonies of people who have been healed.

A Caring Space: An invitation for those who care for a loved one, to spend a few hours creatively exploring with God, what scriptures says about their role as carer. Led by Gill Schaap and Veronica Parton. Monday **27 November** at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay, Wellington, 11am – 2pm, hot drinks provided, please bring your own lunch. Cost: \$10. For more details and to register contact Veronica Parton vjpdap@gmail.com

Open Lecture 2017: The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa NZ is holding an Open Lecture at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **3 December** at 8pm. The subject is Pope Francis' document on the family *Amoris Laetitia – the Joy of Love*. Koha at door. See notice board in foyer for further information or contact Catherine Gibbs c.gibbs@tci.ac.nz All welcome.

National March for Life NZ: Parishes, groups and all people of goodwill are invited to be a part of this historic event on Saturday **9 December, 2017 Theme: We Love Them Both**. Be a beacon of light for Kiwi families, mothers and the unborn! Gather at 2 pm in Civic Square ready to walk to Parliament. www.marchforlifenz.org.nz There will be Mass and Holy Hour on the eve of the March, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM, starting at 7.30 pm in St Anne's Church, Emmett St., Newtown. Celebrant : Monsignor Burns. For more information contact Ph: 237 8343.



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.



MASS OFFERED FOR:

Anniversary:

- Francis Philip Selvaratnam
19th November
(father of Madonna Francis)

Requiescat in pace