



The Cathedral Connection



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners

Change. Letting go. These are the words flying around in my head as I draw to the end of my time with you. We tend to resist change or letting go, even though nature shows us every day how necessary and inevitable it is for life to flourish. We just need to look at the life of Jesus to see how change and letting go was such a part of his ministry. In fact, our faith believes in the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. If that isn't a lot of change in just a few days then what is!



Yet, despite all this knowledge, we still fret when change happens. We are fearful of the new. We hear ourselves say "back in my day" recounting tales of when we believed things were great and if only they could be like that now. If only things could stay the same.

Sometimes change happens to us and sometimes we effect the change. As we see the leper in today's Gospel was changed by the healing hands of Jesus.

In my short time here with you I have felt your healing hands as you have welcomed me and helped shape and mould me into the person I am today. As I leave my ministry among you, which has been an honour and a wonderful experience, I ask for your prayers as I move into a new way of being God's hands and heart to those I will go on to serve.

Yes, letting go is difficult, change is inevitable, but the memories I have of walking amongst you will remain with me. For this I am most grateful.
Love and blessings

Fiona

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Hall Bookings: Frank Ph: 496 1700

Parish Council Chair: Nicholas Burley

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 (8.30 during January), 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 11th – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Monday 12th – James 1:11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday 13th – James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 14th – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 15th – Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 16th – Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 17th – Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 18th – 1st Sunday of Lent

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



WELCOME

Welcome to Fr Mark Field, parish priest of Tauranga, who will preside at our Masses over this weekend. He is visiting a seriously ill friend in Wellington. Fr James is taking his place in Tauranga.

FAREWELL

Fiona, our Lay Pastoral Leader, leaves us this week. There will be an opportunity to thank and farewell her at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday **25 February**.

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME

With Lent approaching, Caritas have released their Lenten Reflection programme for 2018. *“Let us go together”* is about our journeying together with each other and with God.

This is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of our faith.

If anyone would like to gather a group and experience Lent through this programme, copies of the Caritas booklet are available from Frank in the Parish Office - tel: 496 1700.

Do you Know.....

From time to time you may hear or know of someone from our Parish family who is sick or in hospital. We would love to be able to visit them and let them know that during this time they are not alone. We cannot do this work without the blessing of *“your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.”* (Matthew 13:16). So if you know of anyone, please, please, please take some time to ring the office and let Frank know. Our sincerest thanks for helping us in this ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 14 February

The season of Lent opens on Wednesday (14th) with three Masses in the Cathedral: 8.00am, 9.15am and 12.10pm. There is also a combined service with St Paul's Anglican community, at St Paul's Cathedral, at 6.00pm.

Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims of Abuse and Violence in New Zealand

Friday 16th February, we are invited with other Bishops' Conferences around the world, to join in a day of prayer for the victims of abuse and violence. We all know that many people are the victims of violence in our society, especially many young people. There are two prayers of intercession that we have posted on our website which you may consider praying on this day with your family, colleagues and friends.

WELCOMING REFUGEES TO WELLINGTON



We are looking for groups able to assist with:

Collecting household and pantry items: We are still seeking four groups to collect household and pantry items (from a prepared list) for four small households. The date for drop off of these packs will be Sunday 25 February.

House set-up groups: We are looking for teams of three people to set up a house on Thursday 1 March. If you are interested in this please phone us as training is involved.

Checking and sorting: Can you spare a few hours on Monday 26 Feb or Tuesday 27 Feb to help organise the household lots at the Loaves and Fishes in Molesworth Street.

If you can help please contact Catholic Social Services (04 385 8642) or email refugees@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz

CATHEDRAL CONNECTION

Have you given any thought to helping prepare the *Cathedral Connection*, as mentioned in last week's Newsletter? Be assured, it's not an onerous job! However, it may be helpful to have access to Microsoft Publisher.

If you think you may be able to help or would like further information, please contact Frank Doherty in the Parish Office, tel. 496 1700 cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz .



Healing Service: Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in St Teresa's Church, Karori on Tuesday **20 February** beginning at 7.30 pm. This is open to all. Please bring those who need Jesus' healing. Come and hear testimonies of those who have been healed.

Join with 40 Days for Life. If you are able to stand in prayer for just one hour this Lent for the unborn and their mothers, please join the peaceful vigil on the footpath outside Wgtn Hospital by signing up your hour at www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or text "40 Days" to 021 5112205. If you are not able to do that, please pray for an end to the tragedy of abortion and a new respect for life from conception to natural death. Opening Event: Sun **11th February** 2 pm, Knox Hall, 574 High St., Lower Hutt. Come and hear about the importance of protecting unborn children, mothers and families from abortion in our community.

Holy Thursday Workshop (part of the Easter Triduum Series), 1st floor Cafeteria, Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street Wellington, 7.00pm -9.00pm Thursday **22 February** – hot drinks available from 6.45pm. Please rsvp before 15 February to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee: A weekend of celebration is planned for **October 19-21**, Labour Weekend and all past pupils, staff and friends of the College interested in receiving information about this event are invited to email Phil at philjoconnell@gmail.com page for all Jubilee year news <https://www.facebook.com/BVCJubilee/>

The Feb 11– Feb. 24 issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: What NZ's young people want from Church. New Maori leaders needed. Bishop Browne returns home to Auckland. Hearts Aflame fosters deepening of faith.



FOODBANK

Please remember to bring either a non-perishable food item, 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.

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL –

Closing date Tuesday 20 February. Have your say! You CAN make a difference.

MASSES OFFERED FOR

- Patrick (Pat) Clegg
RIP 1 Feb
- Virgie Caceres
RIP 5 Feb (Philippines)

Anniversary

- Graham Clifford Townsley

