



The Cathedral Connection



1st Sunday of Lent

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ONCE AGAIN – LENT

ONCE AGAIN Lent is with us. From a time when the emphasis was on “giving up” and “making sacrifices”, we are now asked to see this graced season as an opportunity to improve ourselves and our relationships by



- deepening our awareness of what it means to be a Catholic Christian in the 21st century;
- examining our personal relationship with God, self, others and creation;
- looking beyond our own needs to help alleviate suffering and hardship elsewhere.

Reaching these goals can be helped by taking time for quiet reflection or meditation and/or joining one of the archdiocesan adult education programmes. The *Caritas* Lenten initiatives open paths to developing faith and becoming more alert to the ways in which faith can be put into action.

The ash that signals the beginning of Lent is the banner that champions change. It can make winners of us all.

Fr James

GOING FOR GOLD

Burned palms
 Echoes of triumph
 Trampled underfoot
 Squashed into ash
 Useless

Smear'd on foreheads
 Lifted up for blessing
 Hopeful new beginnings
 With the sign of the
 Cross

Runners on the mark
 And forty days ahead
 Ash defies the critics
 Signalling glory
 Going for gold

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish is a partner in the Wellington Central Pastoral Area with St Mary of the Angels (CBD), and the Catholic Parish of Otari (Wilton and Karori)

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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 (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.
Frank ph: 0-4-496 1700*

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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. Next meeting 6 March.

Finance Committee meet 2nd Thursday every 2nd month. Next meeting 12 April.

Parish Council meet 1st Thursday of every month. Next meeting 1 March.

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 18th – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 19th – Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday 20th – Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday 21st – Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday 22nd – The Chair of St Peter, apostle

1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Friday 23rd – Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday 24th – Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday 25th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



BREAK-IN AND CASH STOLEN



You may notice the absence of the Donation Box from the Foyer. Last Saturday (10th), someone wielding a heavy instrument smashed the thick Perspex covering the box and emptied the contents. At the same time, the collection box for Food Bank, Vincent de Paul and paper sales was also ransacked, resulting in substantial damage.

The Cathedral had been left open as a courtesy for visitors,

despite the lack of Guardians whose presence has proven a most effective deterrent. There has been only two responses to the request for more volunteers. The request, with more urgency, is reprinted below.



GUARDIANS

So that the Cathedral can be kept open for visitors, we need volunteers for three-hour shifts: 10am-1.00pm; 1.00pm-4.00pm each weekday - and at weekends during the Cruise Ship season. Preferably two people for each shift. Team up with a friend, or come and meet a new one. A wonderful way to serve our community and a sacred environment. Call Parish Office for details 496 1700 or speak with Fr James.

FAREWELLS

Fiona, our Lay Pastoral Leader, finished this week. There will be an opportunity to thank and farewell her at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday . Please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea following Mass.

Ann Williams has produced her last newsletter with this edition after generous, faithful service the last two and a half years. Thank you Ann. You are one of our treasures. An early thank you to Jim McAloon of the Pastoral Council, gifting his talent to take over from Ann.

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL

Last chance to have your say!
Submissions close at midnight
Tuesday 20th February – next
Tuesday. Do not delay.

You CAN make a difference!

FIRST COMMUNION: Enrolments are now open for the Sacramental Programme 2018 and will close on February 25. Enrolments forms are available in the Cathedral Foyer.

**MASS OFFERED FOR
Anniversary:**

- Lourdes Virginia Borromeo Reyes March 2016



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.

Contemplative Prayer Series at the Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay, starts Wednesday **21 February** at 10am and repeated at 7pm. Five weeks of sessions with topics which include; Our image of God, Growth in Prayer, Meditation & Contemplation, Inner Healing, The influence of St Ignatius Loyola. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. To register your interest, please contact: retreat@compassion.org.nz or ph 04 383 7769

Teaching Night @ St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal on Wednesday **28 February**, at 7:30pm. The speaker is Gordon Copeland and the theme *The Gift of Wisdom*. Evening includes Praise and Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Noted lay Catholic apologist, author and broadcaster, **Raymond de Sousa KM**, is speaking on *What are Good and Evil and Who Decides?* at the Northland Memorial Community Hall, 5 Woburn Rd, Northland, Saturday, **3 March** 7-8pm, all welcome. A plate for supper and Koha would be appreciated. For further information contact M Townsley 472 5049.

A Caring Space: We offer this breathing space for all who care for a loved one, a chance to step away for a few hours. It is an opportunity to gently explore, together with God, the way this role is changing your life, hopes, dreams and perspectives and above all the relationship with the one you care for. Led by Gill Schaap and Veronica Parton at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St., Island Bay, Wellington on Monday 19th March Time: 11am - 2pm. Cost \$10. Please register with Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email vjpdap@gmail.com

Pilgrimages to the Holy Land (departing 29 April) and Medjugorje (departing June and October.) All pilgrimages accompanied by a chaplain. For Holy Land itinerary, contact Pukekohe Travel Tel: 09 237 0013; toll free: 0800 785 386 or email tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz. Medjugorje pilgrimages contact Mir Pilgrimages on 0274 219 064; email: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz; Website: www.pilgrimage.nz

The **Prison Chaplaincy Ministry** is currently looking for volunteers who can join a team, or groups from churches who can form their own team, to conduct small interactive church services with the inmates. The types of roles we are looking for are:

- **Team leaders** – someone who can be a team leader, and take the discussion
- **Musicians** – who can lead singing
- **Prayer warriors** – happy to sit and pray throughout a service
- **Support team** – those who can join in and support whatever the leader needs.

There are flyers available in the Cathedral foyer or email Dr Sylvia Pack, on sylviapack@gmail.com

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone... When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Pope Francis: Message for Lent 2018