

Central

Wellington Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon

Otari Parish

St Mary of the Angels Parish, CBD

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

24-25 March 2018



BE RECONCILED

Today, Palm Sunday, begins Holy Week. This is the most sacred time of the year for Christians, climaxing in the Resurrection of Jesus, the kernel of our faith.

The contradictory behaviour of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with "Alleluias" fit for a king, condemning him to death a few days later, is reflected in the liturgies of this week. We find ourselves caught up in a cycle of joy-sorrow-joy-sorrow-joy, as the drama takes us through Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday to Good Friday and on to the great Easter Vigil and the Day of Resurrection.

The starting point is made special with 40 children celebrating their First Reconciliation this afternoon (2pm at St Thomas More Church, Wilton). This Sacrament combines the themes of sorrow and joy powerfully and beautifully, easing and lifting burdens with the loving mercy of forgiveness.

There is an open invitation to join the families gathering this afternoon, and our parish timetable lists several opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this special week. We should all consider completing Lent and honouring the gift of Jesus, by formally expressing sorrow *for what we have done or failed to do* and experience that sorrow turning to joy.

Please try to participate in some, if not all, the Easter ceremonies. The Chrism Mass (Tuesday), the Last Supper (Thursday), the Friday commemoration of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. They celebrate the essence of our faith and the purpose of parish life.

Fr James

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Census

Thank you to the approximately 250 families and individuals who completed our parish census at all Masses last weekend. For those who have yet to complete a census card these are available on a table in the foyer, or can be emailed to you by contacting the parish office.

Commissioning Mass for our new Lay Pastoral Leader

At the 5.30pm Vigil on Saturday 7th April Debbie Matheson will be presented to Cardinal John and formally commissioned as our new Lay Pastoral Leader. Debbie and Fr James will also be installed as the new Leadership team for our parish. You are invited to offer them your support by attending the Mass and then joining them afterwards for drinks and nibbles in the foyer. A small plate of nibbles for the table would be appreciated.

CATHEDRAL HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2018

Sunday 25th March – Palm Sunday

Mass: 5:30pm Saturday Vigil
10:30am Sunday
7:00pm Sunday

Monday 26th March – Holy Week

Mass: 8:00am & 12:10pm
Reconciliation: 11:45am – 12:05pm

Tuesday 27th March

Mass: 8:00am &
7:30pm CHRISM MASS
(No 12:10pm Mass)

Wednesday 28th March

Mass: 8:00am & 12:10pm
Reconciliation: 11:45am – 12pm
& 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Thursday 29th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
(No 8:00am or 12:10pm Masses)

Friday 30th March

Stations of the Cross: 10:00am
Reconciliation: 11.00am to 12noon
Commemoration of
The Lord's Passion: 3:00pm

Saturday 31st March

Reconciliation: 10.00am to 11.00am
Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection: 7:30pm
(No 8.30am Mass)

Sunday 1st April – Easter Sunday

Mass of the Resurrection
10:30am & 7.00pm

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd April

Mass: 8:30am (No 12:10pm Mass)

Otari Parish

Otari Parish Holy Week and Easter Mass Timetable

Palm Sunday 25 March

2pm - 1st Reconciliation – St Thomas More Church, Wilton

Tuesday 27 March

9.30am Mass St Teresa's Church, Karori
7.30pm – Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wednesday 28 March

9.30am Mass; St Teresa's Church, Karori

Holy Thursday – 29 March

7.30pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Adoration follows) St Teresa's Church, Karori

Good Friday – 30 March

9.30am Ecumenical Way of the Cross.
This begins at St Anne's Anglican Church, Northland, Wilton. We walk in a procession to St Thomas More Church, Wilton. After the Service you are invited to share Hot Cross buns.

3.00pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion St Teresa's Church

Easter Saturday Vigil – 31 March

7.30pm – St Teresa's Church, Karori (please note change of time)

Easter Sunday Masses – 1 April

8.30am St Thomas More, Wilton
10.00am St Teresa's, Karori

Planned Giving

As we come to the end of the tax year (31 March), it is a good time to review your financial commitment to the Parish. If you are not part of the Planned Giving programme you are very welcome to contribute to the parish in this way. Donations can be made via Bank Direct Credit or Planned Giving Envelopes. By registering your donations with the Parish you could be eligible to claim a tax rebate of up to 33.3% at the end of the financial year. For further information please contact the parish office on office@otariparish.co.nz Tax receipts and sets of new envelopes will be available for collection in the church foyers in mid April.

Good Companions

Good Companions is on Tuesday 27th March in the St Teresa's Hall from 11am-2pm. All are most welcome.



Did you know.....

If you log into otariparish.co.nz on your phone you can access the mobile version. Check out all our services over Holy Week, and general news on what's happening in our parish.

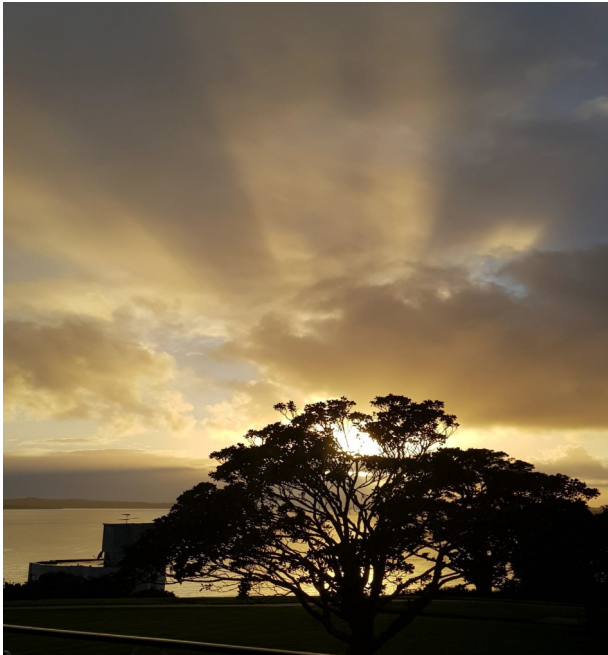
Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: If you require transport please ring 9343510 or 021189380.

Pastoral Area

Wellington Council of Churches Annual Sunrise Service

Mount Victoria Lookout
6.30am Easter Sunday 1 April 2018
Hosted by
Wesley Wellington Methodist Parish

For more info phone 0272018766



Let us keep our Clergy in our prayers as they have their Clergy Prayer Day at the Church of St Thomas More Wilton, next Tuesday 27 March, led by Sisters Anne Powell and Clare O'Connor of the Cenacle.

The Annual Collection for the Holy Land is to be taken up again this year on Good Friday. Cardinal John has been reminded in a letter from Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches, that the New Zealand offerings are allocated for 20 University Scholarships and the Parish of Cana in Galilee. Your generous support would be greatly appreciated.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebration All are invited to the joint Divine Mercy Sunday celebration to be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Thorndon on the 8th of April, 2018, from 2pm to 5pm. The celebration will be jointly led by Fr John Rea and Monsignor Gerald Burns. For more information please contact Shirley on 0211260544



The Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited after the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday in St Teresa's Church.

Pentecost Liturgical Workshop

On Thursday April 19th 6.45pm-9.00pm at the Catholic Centre there will be an interactive workshop, with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor.

Fr Patrick will help us unpack Pentecost seeking ways to be truly culturally inclusive within our liturgies and gatherings.

Workshops are open to all, being particularly relevant to members of Liturgy teams, Children's Liturgists, Parish Pastoral Leaders and Directors of Religious Education.

Please register with Ann Williams before Friday 13th April at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Inner Peace in Divine Love

An Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life based on a programme developed by Australian, Michael Hanson SJ.

Participants meet weekly, under the guidance of trained guides, to pray and share in small groups their experience of prayer.

The retreat is open to all and will be held at the church of St Peter and Paul,

37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville
over five Thursday evenings - 12, 19, 26 April and
3 and 10 May, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

To book or for further information
contact Sarah Dench 04 389 1038 or
021 0814 4424

Can you help?

A lovely refugee family of six is looking for a 3-4 bedroom place for to rent. They are parents with children aged 9, 14, 16 and 24 who are originally from Eritrea, They have been renting a house in Mt Victoria, kindly provided by the local Catholic parish, on a temporary basis until another refugee family of six arrive from Afghanistan. The new family are now expected within the next 4-6 weeks. They have been paying \$300 per week rent, and can probably afford \$350 per week but would probably struggle to pay \$400 per week. Wellington City Council has said that there are 20 families ahead of this family waiting for a 4 bedroom place so realistically the Council is not going to be able to help them. If you can help, please contact Amanda Calder QSM LL.B, Chairperson of the Refugee Family Reunification Trust. Tel: 64 4 4757994 or Email: acalder@xtra.co.nz

Caritas Prayer for Palm Sunday

"We pray that we will experience Christ's death and resurrection as a reality in our own lives, and in that of our community."

TOGETHER WE STAND

Wellington Closing Event - *40 Days for Life*.
Sunday 25th March @ 12.00 p.m. (Noon) outside Wellington Hospital, Riddiford Street. This will be followed by a lunch and sharing time in St Anne's Hall.

It's time to celebrate all God has accomplished over these 40 days. A plate of food would be appreciated if possible but not a requirement. All *40 Days for Life* participants and supporters are invited!



Sacred Heart Parish

22-30 Hill St, Thorndon.
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Ph: 496 1700

www.mcshwellington.org

Eucharist 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

Reconciliation: before 12.10pm Mass (Mon - Fri); after Sat
Mass (Reconciliation may not be available before a Liturgy of The Word)

Baptism: By Appointment

Parish Priest: Fr James Lyons
Lay Pastoral Leader: Debbie Matheson
Director of Music: Michael Fletcher
Secretary : Frank Doherty 8.30am- 4pm (Mon-Fri)
cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz
Parish office: Catholic Centre, 22 Hill St
Hall Bookings: Frank Doherty Ph: 496 1700
Parish Council Chair: Nicholas Burley
Sacred Heart Cathedral School: Guildford Tce, Thorndon
Principal: Bernadette Murfitt Ph: 472 4047

Deadline for newsletter material is midday Wed.

Otari Parish

Box 17-011, Karori
Ph: 476 6131 Fax: 476 8131

www.otariparish.co.nz

St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Rd, Karori.

Mass Times: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10.00am
Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 9.30am; Wednesdays and Fridays
6.30am . Saturday 9am
Exposition: 1st Friday of the month.

St Thomas More Church, 30a Worcester St, Wilton.

Mass Times: Sunday 8.30am
Reconciliation and Baptism: by appointment

Parish Priest : Fr Ron Bennett
rbennett@actrix.gen.nz Ph 021 065 8997
Priest in residence : Fr Sanele Finau
frsanele@gmail.com
Administration : office@otariparish.co.nz
Parish Council Chair: Erwin Palado
St Teresa's Hall Bookings : Mira Ph: 476 2851
St Thomas More Lounge Bookings : refer to website
St Teresa's School 299 Karori Rd, Karori
Principal: Mary-Angela Tombs Ph: 939 1725
DRS: Ingrid Jacobs
Cardinal McKeefry School 166 Albemarle Rd, Wilton
Principal: Tania Savage Ph: 475 3262
principal@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz
DRS: Mary Ryan

St Mary of the Angels Parish

17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.
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Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Conroy sm
Assistant Priests: Fr Joe Savesi sm, Fr John Allardyce sm,
Pastoral Worker: Sr Frances Gibbs

Mass Times: Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
Monday - Thursday
Exposition: 6.45am – 7.30am
Mass: 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Reconciliation: 11.30am - 12pm, 12.30pm – 1pm, 4.30pm – 5pm

Friday
Exposition: 6.45am – 7.30am, 11am – 12pm
Mass: 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Reconciliation: 11.30am - 12pm, 12.30pm – 1pm, 4.30pm – 5pm
Saturday
Reconciliation: 10.30am - 11am, 4pm - 5pm
Mass: 11am



"This Jesus, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry: "Crucify him!" He does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs, or in the videos that circulate on the internet. No. He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from slave labour, from family tragedies, from diseases... They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike. Women and men who are cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded... Jesus is in them, in each of them, and with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye to be acknowledged, to be loved."

Pope Francis, Homily on Palm Sunday 2017

Please pray for

Those who have recently died
and for:

David and Elsie Flanagan
Lourdes Virginia B Reyes (2nd ann.)
John Damian Murray - Son of
Martin & Darrel (3rd ann.)

whose
anniversaries occur around this
time.

Readings for the



Week

Readings for the Week 26 March – 1 April

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21 – 33: 38
Wednesday: Isaiah 50: 4-9; Matthew 26:14-25
Holy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
John 18:1–19: 42
Easter Saturday Vigil: Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-8
Easter Sunday: Acts 10:24-43; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9