



# The Cathedral Connection



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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## WATER — LIGHT — LIFE

Last Sunday, seven adults and two children were welcomed into our community in preparation for their baptism at Easter. The adults have been meeting regularly with a small group of parishioners since last September, praying, studying and discussing about all things relating to Christianity and our Catholic tradition. The process is known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**.

Their formal introduction to the community included an anointing with the Oil of Catechumens, consecrating them to the Lord and commending them to the prayerful support of the whole parish. This happened at the 5.30pm Vigil and 10.30am Masses and in the context of Chapter Four of St John's Gospel – the account of Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well.

The theme of **Water** calls attention to baptism; the “spring of living water” offered by Jesus sparking a transformation in the woman. She becomes the first “missionary”, eager to tell others what she has found in Jesus. This Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>) and the next, our “Catechumens” will deepen their connection with Jesus through the themes of **Light** (John, Chapter Eight) and **Life** (John, 11). They will affirm their commitment to the Creed and will be presented with The Lord's Prayer as their anthem and link with the Christian family.

Water, Light and Life are images most closely associated with the message of Jesus Christ. As they help pilot the journey of those soon to be baptised they offer refreshment and renewal to those ahead on the road. Pause and take stock of your response to the call to have “life in its fullness”.

Fr James

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**Secretary:** Frank Doherty 8.30am - 4pm  
Parish Office is in Catholic Centre, Hill St  
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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, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturdays of month at 5.30pm Vigil  
Mass

**Divine Mercy Devotions** every  
Sunday at 6.30pm

**Prayer Group Meeting** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
5<sup>th</sup> Mondays, Connolly Hall 7.30pm

**Holy Hour** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every  
month at 7.30pm

## Parish Census

This week was our national census. Next weekend (17th & 18th) we will initiate one for our own parish. It has been several years since the last one and our very mobile population particularly influences the cathedral. Census cards will be issued at each Mass and your full cooperation will be appreciated.

## Readings for the Week



### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

2 Chron 36:14-16; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Isa 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Ezk 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Isa 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick**

Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



**Rite II Reconciliation:** Sunday 18th March, 2pm at St Thomas Moore Church, Wilton. All welcome.



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.

**Engaged Encounter** is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends scheduled for 2018 are: 17-18 Mar, 14-15 Jul, and 3-4 Nov. Venue: Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. For more details please phone Kate & Simon Olsen 801 6192; email [simonolsen@gmail.com](mailto:simonolsen@gmail.com) or go to the website <http://www.cce-wellington.co.nz>

### **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington**

Come and join us on **Thursday 15th March 2018** at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Speaker: Fr Kevin Connors, breaking open the Joshua theme for 2018: "Stay Connected to Christ". For information ring Steve Ready (04) 970-7715 or 027-356-9555 or e: [scjready@gmail.com](mailto:scjready@gmail.com).

**Stations of the Cross** will be in the Cathedral for the remaining Fridays in Lent beginning at 7.30 pm and finishing approximately at 8 pm: Fridays 9, 16 and 23 March. This is an excellent opportunity to meditate on the Passion of Our Lord during Lent.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

A Children's Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday 25 March, 2pm, at St Thomas Moore, Wilton. A number of children from the area will be making their First Reconciliation, but all are welcome to attend and participate in this Rite II service.

### **Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women Meets on Saturday 24th March**

1:15pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon. Speaker: Fr John Rea on Lamentations 3:22-24, our theme of hope, with ministry. All women welcome. Contact Shura 021 072 4042, or 3899938, or email: [shuraprice@hotmail.com](mailto:shuraprice@hotmail.com).



The March 11 issue is out now. Some

headlines are: 1500 at ordination of new Bishop of Christchurch. Pope appoints Fr Michael Dooley as Bishop of Dunedin. Cardinal Dew on Pope Francis' pontificate 5 years on.

If you or someone you know is sick or housebound and would appreciate receiving **Holy Communion**, then please contact the parish office on 496 1700.

### **MASSES OFFERED FOR**

Kevin Quinn, RIP 4 March, Albuquerque, USA (son of Shirley Quinn; brother to Kathy and John Yardley); Patrick Geenty (cousin of Fr James); Francis Pavlas (father of Paul Francis, Anniversary, 12 Mar); Eilish Whitaker, RIP 27 Feb, London, Mother of Matthew.

**February Refugee Intake – thanks to all who contributed!** Wellington Catholic Social Services thanks all groups and individuals in parishes and the community who contributed to the recent house set-up for refugees. With your assistance, we were again able to set-up homes for 43 former refugees in 15 households. Many thanks to all who contributed household and pantry items; set-up homes; and assisted with sorting, packing and transporting goods. For more information about this work, or to contribute to the April refugee intake, please see <https://wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz/Supporting+refugee+resettlement> or contact CSS: email [refugees@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz](mailto:refugees@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz) or phone 3858642.

The **Prison Chaplaincy Service of Aotearoa New Zealand** is seeking a fulltime Office Manager. See their website [www.pcsanz.org/vacancies.php](http://www.pcsanz.org/vacancies.php).

**Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust** provides education, counselling, and practical support for woman and their families during and after pregnancy. On the 2nd Monday of every month, there is a short Prayer Evening at Greenstone Doors, 15 Dudley St, Lower Hutt at 7pm, to pray for the work of the Trust, the clients and the volunteers. Everyone is welcome and if you cannot attend but would like to be part of our Prayer Team, please email Wendy at [info@greenstonedoors.co.nz](mailto:info@greenstonedoors.co.nz).

**New Marian Festival** Last weekend, Pope Francis placed another day honouring the mother of Jesus on the Catholic calendar. The Monday following Pentecost is to be celebrated as the day of Mary, Mother of the Church. This year it falls on May 21. Pope Francis wants the devotion to “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.”

**A Caring 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](mailto:vjpdap@gmail.com)

**Parish Donations and Tax Rebates** With the end of the financial year fast approaching, a reminder that any donation you may give to the parish by 31 March is eligible for a tax rebate of up to a third, providing you are a tax payer. Please contact Frank Doherty, the parish secretary, for further information or to set yourself up on our planned giving programme (which will enable us to provide you with the necessary receipt to make the claim).

Copies of the latest **Suzanne Aubert News** are available from the Cathedral Foyer or online at: [www.suzanneaubert.co.nz](http://www.suzanneaubert.co.nz)

From the certainty that God’s grace is with us comes the strength to take courage in the present moment: the courage to carry forward what God asks of us here and now, in every area of our lives; courage to embrace the vocation which God reveals to us; courage to live out our faith without hiding or diminishing it.  
*Pope Francis: Message for World Youth Day 2018*