



The Cathedral Connection



5th Sunday of Lent

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PARISH CENSUS

Last week everyone in New Zealand participated in the 34th national census which sought to gather a “snapshot” of the country. This weekend we ask you to please participate in our own Parish Census. The information gathered will support our pastoral leadership teams, in their role of acknowledging, guiding and empowering our parish community.

Over the last two months they have been exploring how to encourage a parish life that will honour our Christian understanding of stewardship and the wisdom garnered from the 2017 Diocesan Synod.

The outcomes from the Synod theme ‘Go you are sent...’ have common threads underpinning them, the call to holiness and to be responsible stewards of our community and environment. As our leadership teams strive to model responsible stewardship, to be consultative, collaborative and accountable, they need an informed understanding of who we are as a parish and who is in our wider communities.

You are encouraged to complete our parish census, so that together as a community we are equipped to ‘Go...’ – to our own peripheries; to society’s peripheries; to develop a spirituality of service; as members of the one Body of Christ... As you fill out your census card let St Teresa of Avila’s words ring in your heart:

‘Christ has no body, no hands, no feet now but yours’.

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader

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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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Stabat Mater at St Paul's. A suite of eight paintings by renowned New Zealand artist Melvin Day entitled *Stabat Mater Dolorosa*, has been gifted to Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. The paintings are being unveiled for permanent display in the Cathedral during the Choral Evensong service on Sunday 18 March at 5pm. All welcome.

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)

MASS OFFERED FOR

Casey Foo RIP 8 March
(Husband of Irene).

Martin Sloan RIP 16 March
in Ireland.



Our Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Mary His Mother, was dedicated by Cardinal Tom Williams on 18 March 1984. Cardinal John will honour the anniversary today (18th), presiding at our 10.30am Mass.

Inner Peace in Divine Love — Retreat in Daily Life

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, email sarahdench@yahoo.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Children's Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday 25 March, 2pm, at St Thomas More, Wilton. A number of children from the area will be making their First Reconciliation, but all are welcome to take part 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

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 ; or go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz>

Readings for the Week



Sunday 18th – 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 19th – St Joseph

2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51

Tuesday 20th – Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday 21st – Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday 22nd – Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday 23rd – Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday 24th – Ezk 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday 25th – Palm Sunday— Entrance: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47

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.

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).

Holy Hour You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 20 March beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, hymns, Scripture, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 8 April This has been observed on the Sunday after Easter since 2000, following the words of Jesus as reported by the Polish nun St Faustina Kowalska (1905-38). There are two opportunities to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in Wellington. One is after the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa. The celebration includes the blessing of religious objects, the Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Reconciliation will be available from 9:45am to 10:30am. Refreshments will be served after the service. The other is organised by the Centre for Divine Mercy, and will be at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting a Teaching Night at St Francis de Sales Hall, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay, on Wed 21 March, at 7:30pm. Speaker: Fr John Rea. Theme: The gift of Faith. Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Pentecost Liturgical Workshop Thursday April 19th 6.45pm-9.00pm at the Catholic Centre. This 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

Francis of Assisi. For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation: these days we do not have a very good relationship with creation, do we? He is the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man.... How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor.

Pope Francis, 16 March 2013