



# The Cathedral Connection



Easter Day

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Dear Parishioners and visitors to our Cathedral,

The first Easter dawned under a cloud of betrayal and great loss. During the week we now call “Holy Week”, nerves cracked and courage failed and, in moments of great fear and panic, friendship was forgotten. Those closest to Jesus found their loyalty strained to the limit. At his arrest they abandoned him and fled.

None of us is free of guilt when we consider our personal faithfulness to the way of Jesus. Not one of us is perfect enough to cast the first stone. How come, then, that those same cowardly and unreliable followers of Jesus became the strong, dependable foundation stones of the Christian community? Because the death of Jesus was not the end of Jesus! The discovery of the empty tomb was the beginning of an undying hope – and you and I have inherited that same hope. The memory of his love linked the hope of life with the hope of forgiveness, making renewal possible.

May you know in your heart that Easter is the realisation that every act of love {and every loving action, word or gesture} is a further and constant witness TO love and to the life love brings. We are never more alive than when we are loving. It's love that heals relationships, forgives hurts and enables personal growth. It's also love that lets us die to ourselves so that others might feel life in themselves – and this kind of dying actually enhances your own life.

The resurrection of Jesus tells us we can never be so lost, or so afraid, so disappointed or disillusioned, so alone or so troubled, that we are beyond the reach of God – or that we are beyond discovering, or re-discovering, the wonderful peace that is not only in the name of Jesus but in every word that comes from his lips: life-giving words from a self-giving love – given, for the life of the world.

Happy Easter – everyone.

Fr James

*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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**Parish Priest:** Fr James Lyons  
**Lay Pastoral Leader:** Debbie Matheson  
**Director of Music:** Michael Fletcher  
**Secretary:** Frank Doherty 8.30am - 4pm  
Parish Office is in Catholic Centre, Hill St  
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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 & Tuesday: 8.30am only

Wednesday 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*

## 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

**Liturgy Committee** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. Next meeting 6 March.

**Finance Committee** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every 2<sup>nd</sup> month. Next meeting 12 April.

**Parish Council** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. Next meeting 5 April.

**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

## Readings for the Week



### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

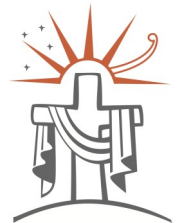
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy**

**Sunday** Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Sunday after Easter has honoured God's mercy since 2000. Sacred Heart Cathedral and Our Lady of Fatama Church, Tawa, will host this observance next Sunday, 8 April.

At Tawa: after the 10.30am Mass, the blessing of religious objects, the Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will take place. Reconciliation will be available from 9:45am to 10:30am. Refreshments will be served after the service.

At the Cathedral: 2-5pm led by Msgr Gerard Burns and Fr John Rea sm.

See noticeboard for details and [www.centrefordivinemeracy.org](http://www.centrefordivinemeracy.org)

### 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](mailto:sarahdench@yahoo.com)

**WelCom** edition for April 2018 is out this week. Contents include:

- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ— Fr Neil Vaney, Joy Cowley
- Cardinal John – 'Pope Francis' five years of Remarkable Papacy'.
- Deacon Danny Karatea-Goddard appointed archdiocesan Vicar for Māori.
- NZ Anglican and Catholic Bishops meet for discussions.
- Catholic Thinking: 'Aiming for Fairer Circulation of Money' by Dr Sarah Hart.

### Commissioning Mass for our new Lay Pastoral Leader

At the 5.30pm Vigil next Saturday 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.

### XLT (eXaLT) Youth Worship:

Friday 13th April @ St Anne's Hall, 7pm to 9pm. Relevant Worship, Adoration, fellowship. Come with your friends! Open to Year 9-13 students and young adults.

**Modern Slavery:** Many of us learnt that slavery was abolished in the 19th century. However Slavery today involves approximately 45 million people around the world. It even affects New Zealand and last year the first successful prosecution was brought. What can we do? On April 26 Dr. Rebecca Miller and Peter Devoy from the Ministry of Immigration will speak at St. Anne's Hall, Emmett St., Newtown at 7.30pm. Gold coin donation.

## Our Lady's Home of Compassion Calendar - April 2018



- **Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert.** An invitation to spend time resting and reflecting on an aspect of the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. Join us on 12 April, 10am - 2pm. Simple lunch included. Registration is required. Email: [retreat@compassion.org](mailto:retreat@compassion.org) or ph. 04 383 7769.
- **Taizé Prayer.** An hour of meditative singing – simple songs typically featuring a line or two from the Psalms, with reading, prayer and silence. First Friday of every month, 7pm – 8pm.
- **Christian Meditation Group.** Each Monday evening: an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All welcome. 7pm.
- **'Spirituality of Service' discussions.** An ideal opportunity for people of all ages and stages of their faith to reflect on the Easter mysteries and each person's call through baptism, and to consider the influence this might have in their life. Wednesdays at 7pm on 11, 18 and 25 April (ANZAC day) and 2, 9 and 16 May.
- **Volunteer at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay: information session** We have shifts for people who would like to share the story of Suzanne Aubert and the Sisters of Compassion, and the charism of Compassion. A range of regular and occasional roles are available including greeting & guiding and Chapel guardians. Our next information session is on the evening of Tuesday 17 April. To register your interest in volunteering, contact Deirdre Hanlon, at [volunteers@compassion.org.nz](mailto:volunteers@compassion.org.nz), ph 282 1953.

**Venue:** All these events will be in the Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

**Science and Faith:** Otago University's Centre for Theology and Public Issues is with New Zealand Christians in Science hosting a public lecture, 'Eclipsed? The Significance of Human Life in an Incredible Universe', by Dr Jennifer Wiseman, a senior astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre. Dr Wiseman specialises in the ways stars and planets form in our galaxy. Tuesday 10 April, St John's Centre, cnr Willis and Dixon Sts, 6pm refreshments, 630pm lecture.

**Christ's resurrection** is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit... However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. - Pope Francis: *Evangelii Gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), #278

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