



The Cathedral Connection



3rd Sunday of Easter

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Opening the gift that is you!

I'm sure we can all remember receiving a gift. The feeling of excitement, or possibly apprehension about the unknowingness of the gift. Sometimes gifts come wrapped, but the wrapping is not the gift. Sometimes we need assistance in opening the gift.

Each of us is a unique gift package from God. We are a gift, first to ourselves and also to others. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Are you willing to be given to others, to be a gift for others? Have you 'really' looked inside your wrappings? Are you afraid to? Could there be something inside the wrapping other than what you think there is? Maybe you've just never seen the wonderful gift that you are - how could God's gift be anything but beautiful?

Gift discernment is a reflective process which helps people identify, understand, and affirm their unique gifts, with life-giving ways to grow, develop and share them, 'to put them at the service of others'.



A parish gift discernment workshop is being held on Saturday 5th May. This workshop offers time for reflection and discovery that will help you to begin to open your own gift package, and find your gifts for abundant living and service in God's creative action in the world.

Debbie Matheson, Lay Pastoral Leader

Did you recently fill out a Parish Census form? If not, then forms are available in the Cathedral foyer please complete and leave it in the Cathedral foyer office. Thank you.

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)

Sacred Heart Parish

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Sacred Heart Cathedral School
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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 2nd and 4th Saturdays of month at 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Liturgy Committee meet 1st Tuesday of every month. Next meeting 1 May.

Finance Committee meet 2nd Thursday every 2nd month. Next meeting 14 June.

Parish Council meet 1st Thursday of every month. Next meeting 3 May.

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 15th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Monday 16th – Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 17th – Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 18th – Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 19th – Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 20th – Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 21st – Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday 22nd – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



Men! — Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meets on Thursday 19 April at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace.

Speaker: Fr Peter Ewart, Joshua chaplain "The Holy Spirit working in my life more than I realise". Contact Steve Ready 9707715 or 0273569555, email: scjready@gmail.com

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women meets Saturday 21st April 1:15pm at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce. Speaker: Sr Marie Gore on Holy Spirit with baptism in the Holy Spirit. All women welcome. Contact Shura 021 072 4042, email: shuraprice@hotmail.com.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Teaching Night, Wed 18th Apr, 7:30pm. Speaker: Fr John Rea, on 'The gift of miracles'. Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. Everyone is welcome!

Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust provides education, counselling, and practical support for women and their families during and after pregnancy. It is holding a Movie Night Fundraiser at the Lighthouse Cinema, Petone. The film is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society", on 23rd April 5:30pm—\$20 per ticket. The Trust is also holding a Peace Retreat for single mothers 4-6th May. Fully sponsored, this is at the Magnificat Retreat Centre. To register for either of these events, or to be on a prayer list, email greenstonedoors15@gmail.com

Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre 78 Hobson St, has a number of events in the next weeks:

- Non-Residential Guided Retreat: "The Pilgrim"
- Winter Film Series: "Called to Be Blessed"
- Spiritual Theology Courses: "Evil, Sin and the Seven Deadly Sins" and "Befriending the Painful Emotions"
- Reflection Day (November): Happy are The Poor in Spirit".

For further information, including dates and costs, please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM: ph 212 4691 or 021703580, email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz



FOODBANK

Please bring a non perishable food item, toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc) or laundry items (washing powder, cleaning products, nappies, etc) for the food bank. There are collection boxes beside the doors in the foyer. Thank you.

Help urgently needed: Last weekend a Catholic Social Services staff member and her new baby lost everything in a house fire. Thanks to many friends and family support both are safe and being well looked after, but need a new house/ flat to live in. If anyone knows of affordable accommodation (under \$250 per week) please call Brian Hunt, 0223916196.

MASS OFFERED FOR
Kevin John Quinn, died 3 March 2018
Eileen Yardley, died 15 April 2013
John Livingston, died 19 April 2013.



Parish Gift Discernment Workshop Saturday 5th May. This will take place 5 May, 2.00 to 5.00pm in Connolly Hall, and will be conducted by Lorraine McArthur from the Archdiocesan Offices. Please register your interest to Frank Doherty, ph 4961700, email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz



Work with Caritas: Caritas is advertising three vacancies—a full time *Communications, Marketing & Fundraising Advisor*, a part time *Communications & Marketing Assistant* and a short term contract role of *Social Justice Week Advocate*. If you're interested, email catharinvossen@micahpartners.co.nz or visit <http://www.caritas.org.nz/get-involved/work-us>

Challenge 2000 is organising two events to commemorate **Anzac Day**. A Youth Mass at Ss Peter and Paul, Johnsonville, at 10.30am on Sun 22 Apr will remember all who served in wartime and pray that we as young people will have the courage to serve in our time. You are welcome to bring family items for display, and if you have family names on the roll of honour to read out, or for any other information, call Anna 027 842 1280. On Wed 25 Apr from 2-4pm there will be a remembrance service, for those who served in World War One, at the Challenge 2000 - Wellington City Council Halfway House (248 Middleton Road, Glenside). Please arrive before 2pm. The formalities conclude at 3pm and are followed by an afternoon tea. For information call Gabby 021 131 8489 or Megan 044776827.

Passionist Youth Retreat 9-12 July at Camp Rangī Woods, Manawatu, and **Young Adults Retreat** 13-15 July at the Magnificat, Wairarapa. The retreats will be facilitated by Tim McDade from Brisbane, who has worked with Passionist retreats for seven years. These retreats have proven to be life changing for many, are fun, provide an accepting, inclusive environment, serve great food, are practical and offer precious time to share and explore the bigger questions in one's life. For information contact Linda Darbyshire, email paulandlinda.d@gmail.com, ph 063546171 or 0273546171, or see www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats/

Open your heart, open your home. Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children seeks people from all walks of life to care for children and teenagers. If you have a room (or two!) and can provide a safe, loving home then you can help create positive outcomes for our tamariki in a practical way. There are many types of care from temporary and respite through to permanent and we'll support you in which ever role you choose. For more information call Doug Fauchelle, Oranga Tamariki, 04-917-1140.

If we dare go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there. Jesus is already there, in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, in their wounded flesh, in their troubles and their profound desolation. He is already there.

Pope Francis: 'Rejoice and Be Glad' ([Gaudete et Exsultate](#)) #135, 2018.