



The Cathedral Connection



4th Sunday of Easter

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SEEK, SERVE, SAVE

*So lately sprung from glory,
A shepherd seeks his sheep,
Across a desert country,
Through lonely rocks and steep.*

This verse from an ancient hymn sounds a cry of victory. The lost need fear no more. Our Easter Sundays are rich with positive messages assuring us that, through the resurrection of Jesus, life has nothing to be afraid of. Despite persecution, rejection, disbelief, and yes, even our own betrayals, God will not give up on us. In the resurrection life has come to stay.

The Good Shepherd theme in today's Mass puts the focus on the companionship of Jesus and our own vocation to follow his call to seek, to serve and to save. In company with Jesus and one another, nothing can stop us proclaiming the gospel news that happiness comes with being a peace with yourself. And this inner peace comes with the realisation that I am in tune with the needs around me and playing my part to meet them. It is in giving that we receive.

Last week, Debbie, our Lay Pastoral Leader, invited all to the Gift-Discernment afternoon on 5 May from 3 to 5 pm. This gathering is one of the responses to what our Archdiocesan Synod identified as an issue crucial to the health of our Church: the necessity to leave the comfort of our routine and move out, pooling our individual gifts to reach those who have misplaced their faith or fallen behind and lost touch with the caravan. Coming together we will understand the need. Only together will we meet the need. Our time for shepherding has come.

Fr James

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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.
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Vocations

A prayer for guidance

Lord, make me a better person,
more considerate towards
others, more honest with
myself, more faithful to you.
Make me generous enough to
want to do your will whatever it
may be.

Help me to find my true
vocation in life, grant that
through it I may find happiness
myself and bring happiness to
others.

Grant, Lord, that those whom
you call to enter the priesthood
may have the generosity to
answer your call, that those
who need your help may
always find it.

I ask this through Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Readings for the Week



Sunday 22nd – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 23rd – Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 24th – Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 25th – Anzac Day

Rev 14:13; Rom 5:5-11; Mt 5:1-12

Thursday 26th – St Mark

1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Friday 27th – Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 28th – St Peter Chanel, patron of Oceania

1 Cor 1:18-25; Mk 1:14-20

Sunday 29th – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



From the Archdiocesan Synod, 2017: Go, you are sent...to the peripheries of society. Recommendation 1(k) Parishes are encouraged to develop a project approach to service and justice needs.

Challenge 2000 is hosting an ANZAC Day event and Remembrance Service at 1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville on Wednesday 25 April, 2pm-4pm.



Please arrive before 2pm. The formalities conclude at 3pm and will be followed by afternoon tea. It is an opportunity to join together in a historic home and remember those who served in the first World War. If you would like to know more contact Gabby on 021 131 8489 or Megan 044776827.

The April 22 – May 5 issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishops quoted in Pope's apostolic exhortation - Church teaching had impact on union leader - 40 Days for Life brings some special graces.



Please remember to bring either 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.

Barista wanted: Our Lady's Home of Compassion has a paid barista position available. If you are interested please email islandbay@compassion.org.nz

Passionist Youth Retreat 9-12 July at Camp Rangī Woods, Manawatu, and **Young Adults Retreat** 13-15 July at the Magnificat, Wairarapa. 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/

A Caring Space A breathing 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 Saturday 5th May, Time: 11am - 2pm. Cost \$10. Please register with Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email vjpdap@gmail.com

ANZAC DAY

The annual archdiocesan commemoration for Anzac Day will be at St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St, on Wednesday (25th) at 9.am. NO Mass at the Cathedral on Anzac Day.

Please Pray -

Your prayer please, for Fr David Dowling, parish priest of Wellington South Parish, Archdiocesan Vocations Director and Chair of the Council of Priests, who suffered a stroke last week.

MASS OFFERED FOR

Nicola Shanahan RIP, 17 April, Lower Hutt



Parish Gift Discernment Workshop Saturday 5th May.

What gets you up in the morning? What gives you joy and a sense of fulfilment? Could be you are acting out of your giftedness? Join us at the Gift Discernment workshop to explore your areas of giftedness and how you are called to offer and share them in love with your family, your church, and your community. Please register for the workshop, at Connolly Hall, with Frank Doherty cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz **Note that the workshop runs from 3 to 5pm.**

Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is a Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for our seminarians Jovanie and Alfred and those discerning the call to priesthood. Pope Francis: *"Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us."* Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director - email: frdavidd@gmail.com

On Tuesday 24 April at 730pm there will be a **Holy Hour** in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The hour will include prayers, Scripture, silence, singing, and will conclude with Benediction followed by supper. All are welcome.

Spirituality of Service' discussions. With the theme 'Walking with Love', an opportunity for people of all ages and stages of 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. Inspired by the Gospel ethos of care and respect for human life, forgiveness and healing, each of us is called to 'walk with love' alongside those who carry deep hurts. The first step in this journey – is to walk humbly... there are gaps in every family through abortion, abuse, divorce or addiction. Wednesdays at 7pm - 25 April (ANZAC day) and 2, 9 and 16 May in the Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. Ph. 383 7769 to register.

HELP WANTED Are you good at counting money? Do you have a couple of hours available on a Monday morning? If so we would like to invite you to join our group of dedicated counters to count the weekend collections ready for banking. If you could help please contact the parish office on 496 1700 .

'Justice, right reason, and... human dignity cry out insistently for a cessation to the arms race. The stock-piles of armaments which have been built up in various countries must be reduced all round and simultaneously by the parties concerned. Nuclear weapons must be banned... true and lasting peace among nations cannot consist in the possession of an equal supply of armaments but only in mutual trust.' - Pope St John XXIII, 'Peace on Earth' (Pacem in Terris), April 1963, 112-13.