



# The Cathedral Connection



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

When the Archdiocese adopted the Stewardship principle for pastoral ministry nine years ago, the above words from the song, *The Summons*, became symbolic of the direction we would aim to travel. Following Jesus means responding to his call; and we should expect his call to draw us to places and into situations we might find uncomfortable were he not with us. Rejoicing in his presence, we imitate his way of life: his kindness, his generosity, his patience, his forgiveness. Through us, the love and the name of Jesus become known.

But we only follow what we have come to know and love; following becomes our response, our thanksgiving for the love shown us. So, the first step in Stewardship is the conscious awareness of just how blessed I am; appreciating that everything I have is gifted to me, I will gladly choose to share what I have: my time, whatever skills I have, and the success I enjoy, [*time, talent, treasure*].

If you have been part of this parish over these years, you will have heard much about Stewardship and, hopefully, have been reflecting how the principle might further strengthen and direct your faith. Being able to positively respond to the summons will unite you more closely with the community and enable its outreach to let the love of Jesus be shown and his name known.

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name?  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.*

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)*

# Sacred Heart Parish

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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  
Hall Bookings: Frank Ph: 496 1700  
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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

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

**Finance Committee** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every 2<sup>nd</sup> month. Next meeting 14 June.

**Parish Council** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. Next meeting 3 May.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Ss Philip and James

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17



**From the Archdiocesan Synod, 2017:** Go, you are sent... to develop a spirituality of service. 2(g) Different forms of personal prayer are promoted as pathways to encounter with Jesus.

**A Caring Space** If you are caring for a loved one, a chance to step away for a few hours, 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, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St., Island Bay, Wellington on Sat 5 May, 11am - 2pm. Cost \$10. Register with Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email [vjpdap@gmail.com](mailto:vjpdap@gmail.com).

**Please remember**, as the weather becomes cooler, to bring either non-perishable food items, or toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc) or laundry items (washing powder, cleaning products, nappies, etc) for the food bank. Collection boxes beside the doors in the foyer. Thank you.



**FOOD BANK**

**Liturgy Workshops** with Michael Mangan: 'Family Friendly Liturgies' Sat 19 May, 2.15-4.30pm at Ss Peter and Paul's, Lower Hutt, and 'The Purpose and place of music in the liturgy' Sun 20 May, 1.45-4.00pm at St Theresa's, Plimmerton. Michael Mangan is an Australian composer, teacher and music liturgist. All welcome. Register with Ann Williams by 14 May, [a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Parish Gift Discernment Workshop Saturday 5th May, 3-5pm, Connolly Hall.** Please remember to register for the workshop, at Connolly Hall, with Frank Doherty [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Christian Meditation Group -** Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134. or 04 383 7769.

**The Bach Choir of Wellington** celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year by performing J S Bach's renowned Mass in B Minor, in the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3pm on Sunday 13 May. The choir will be joined by soloists Nicola Holt, Maaïke Christie-Beekman, Lachlan Craig and Simon Christie, members of The Chiesa Ensemble, led by Rebecca Struthers, with Douglas Mews playing organ continuo. Peter Walls will direct from the podium.

**Vigil for the Unborn:** Sat 19 May. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m. Contact Family Life International, ph 2378343.

**MASS OFFERED FOR:**  
Bernadette Munn (Ann.)  
Rosetta Pasquale (RIP Italy),  
sister of Bianca Cassino  
Gerald Robert Turnbull (RIP  
Summerland, BC, Canada)



**2017/18 Tax Receipts and New Envelopes** are now available for those who gift to the parish via the envelope system. You can pick yours up in the foyer. A reminder that if you are a tax payer you are able to claim a tax deduction on your donations. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, it is both appreciated and needed.

**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 10 May, 10am - 2pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Simple lunch included. Registration is required. Email: [retreat@compassion.org.nz](mailto:retreat@compassion.org.nz) or Ph. 04 383 7769.

**Taizé Prayer.** Join us for an hour of meditative singing – simple songs typically featuring a line or two from the Psalms, silence, reading and prayer along with periods of silence. First Friday of every month, 7pm – 8pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7769.

**Barista wanted:** Our Lady's Home of Compassion has a paid barista position available 10am – 3pm Wednesday to Saturday and 12noon – 3pm Sunday. If you are interested please email [islandbay@compassion.org.nz](mailto:islandbay@compassion.org.nz)

**Help Wanted** with counting the weekend Mass collections. If you have a couple of hours available on a Monday morning and are good at counting money, might you join our group to count the weekend collections ready for banking? If you could help please contact the parish office on 496 1700.

**The Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association** annual Mass will be the 10.30am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 20 May, followed by lunch at 11.45am in Connolly Hall. Our guest is Dave Olivier who will speak about his time as Principal of Christian Brothers College at Mount Edmund, Pretoria, South Africa. Those interested in attending please phone Kevin McCormack 478-6792.

**The 'New Atheism' & the Unbelief of the 'Nones':** a symposium organised by the University of Otago's Centre for Theology & Public Issues, Saturday 12 May 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, St. John's Centre, Dixon St. Keynote lecture by Peter Lineham, Professor of History, Massey University, "Why 'No Religion' is on the Rise". Further information on noticeboard.

You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.  
- Pope Francis, 'Rejoice and be Glad' (Gaudete et Exsultate), 23.