



# The Cathedral Connection



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

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## THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

A new “Exhortation”, or letter, from Pope Francis is a simple, yet deeply enlightening appeal for everyone to recognise that the purpose of life is to become holy. *Rejoice and be glad [Gaudete et Exultate]* is the title and from its opening lines Pope Francis is clear that he wants us to appreciate that holiness is very attainable through ordinary daily living. He writes:

*I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile.... Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence. [N.7]*

Doing little things well, is holiness; keeping your room tidy, is holiness; being patient in a queue, is holiness; biting back a rude or insulting remark, is holiness’ forgiving an injury, even if you cannot fully forget it, is holiness. The possibilities are endless. Holiness, the Pope insists, is not reserved to saints, but is the call of God to each one of us. Realising this, can put us on a new and clearer path to peace both within and around us.

Today’s scripture readings bring us close to the climax of Jesus’ mission. We hear there is “no greater love” than to gift your life for your friend, with the Apostle John identifying God as “love” and assuring us that this God has first loved us – long before we could even think of loving God. All this must surely give rise to thanksgiving, and what better way of showing gratitude than to try and become like God – holy.

Fr James

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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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**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 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 5 June.

**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 7 June.

**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 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

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** - Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 17:15,22-18:1;  
Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – The Ascension of the Lord**  
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20



**From the Archdiocesan Synod, 2017:** Go, you are sent ...to find leaders (3f) Formation and mentoring for leadership roles is provided at the parish level and throughout the Archdiocese



**FOOD BANK** Please remember, as the weather becomes cooler, to bring 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.



The **Compassion Soup Kitchen** is holding its annual Street Day Appeal

on Fri 25 May. We are looking for volunteers who can give a little time to hold a bucket in the Wellington CBD, the Hutt City Area or Porirua City. If you can help please contact Paula on 0211811862 or [volunteers@compassion.org.nz](mailto:volunteers@compassion.org.nz).

**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.

**XLT (eXaLT) Youth Worship**  
Fri 11 May @ St Anne's Hall, 7pm to 9pm.  
Relevant Worship, Adoration, fellowship. Open to Year 9 – 13 students and young adults.

A Memorial Mass for Frank Solia will be held in the Cathedral at 5pm on Tuesday 8 May.

**WelCom** for May 2018 is out this week. Contents include: - Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate: Rejoice and be Glad, a reflection -- Pope listens to young people in Rome ahead of October Synod -- Oceania Bishops Meeting in PNG discussions include climate change and human rights—Pentecost reflection by Joy Cowley.

**NZ Catholic** latest issue is out now. Some headlines: Bishop Dooley ordained in Dunedin - Bishop Colin Campbell looks back on his ministry - Helping young singles reclaim dating.

**Planned Giving:** Please collect your tax receipts and envelopes from the foyer. Thank you for your support!

**The Bach Choir of Wellington** celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year with 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, Maaike 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.

#### **MASS OFFERED FOR:**

Helen Wilson RIP, Perth 23 April;  
Michelle Fishburn RIP, Brisbane 22 April;

Frank Solia RIP, Wellington  
1 May; husband of Maria

Russell Jacobsen,  
anniversary 6 May.



**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](mailto:retreat@compassion.org) or Ph. 04 383 7769.

**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.

**Rental housing** is needed urgently for two Wellington refugee families: a family of eight and a family of six. Can you help find an affordable rental home? Please contact [l.beech@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz](mailto:l.beech@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz) if you can assist.

**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.

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** - Sat 19th May 1.15pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce. Speaker: Shura Price, President Dove Wellington - "My journey guided by the Holy Spirit". All women welcome for fellowship, prayer ministry available. Enquiries: Shura 04 3899938

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** - Thurs 17 May 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace. Theme: What would you like to see happen at the monthly Joshua meetings? Contact Steve Ready (04) 970-7715 or 027-356-9555 or email: [scjready@gmail.com](mailto:scjready@gmail.com)

If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! - Pope Francis, 'Rejoice and be Glad' (Gaudete et Exsultate, 98).