



The Cathedral Connection



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL A BEACON OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

“Ask, and it will be given to you; ... knock, and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7)

The closure of our Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart has come as a shock not only to parishioners, but also the wider community. Many have found the Cathedral a place of spiritual enrichment, a place of beauty, and a place to take time out from busy city life. Its fine acoustics and organ have also provided a home to musicians and community groups who have used it for concerts and recordings.

We have an exciting opportunity for the Cathedral Parish, the wider Wellington community and others to help preserve this Wellington landmark. For our community it is an undertaking that represents so much more if the Cathedral is to remain the spiritual, cultural, and community home that our predecessors built it to be. Each of us may have different reasons for calling the Cathedral our spiritual home, but what makes us one family is that we all want and need the Cathedral to be the place where we find communion with God and each other.

While the detailed planning for remediation work has not started yet, it is likely that the building will be closed for a number of years and the work will cost several millions. The Parish Funding Committee, brought together by Father James Lyons, is focused on planning and raising funds for this essential work. The synergy between the Parish and Archdiocese to formulate a successful funding campaign is very strong. As stewards of our faith and church home, we'll be asking you to give generously in the same way as those before us did.

As we reflect on the work ahead, it's worth remembering that our Catholic community doesn't give to the church because it has needs; our community gives because the church meets needs.

Nigel Ingram
Chair, Funding Committee

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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Mass Times:
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:30am, 7:00pm
In St Mary's College Hall, Guildford Tce.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Holy
Communion: 8:00am. in the Lady Chapel in
St Paul's Anglican Cathedral. *Access via
the Loaves & Fishes Hall entrance.*

Please note there is no Saturday Morning
Mass until further notice.

Reconciliation: By Appointment

Baptism: By Appointment

*Deadline for newsletter material
is Wednesday midday.
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Thank You - The Leadership Team thanks everyone who helped last weekend to set up our new venues for Eucharistic Celebrations. We were truly blessed with the good weather and the positive can do attitudes of the helpers. We also want to acknowledge the generosity of spirit and resources of Sacred Heart School, St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral and St Mary's College, and thank them for their hospitality and willingness to support the needs of our Parish Community. Please keep them in your prayers and support them in whatever way you can.

Parish Prayer - Fr James has written and dedicated a prayer for our parish to lead us through the current times of uncertainty and displacement. This prayer will be printed on card over the next few weeks and made available for you to take home to pray with your family. We will pray the prayer together as the closing prayer of the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses.

Fundraising - As we await for the detailed planning and costings for remediation work we are mindful that many of you would like to start contributing now. We are working on material and avenues for fundraising but in the meantime if you wish to give you can make a deposit to the Cathedral bank account.

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Parish Office Closed: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Wed 25 July to Friday 27 July. The answerphone will be checked every day and urgent messages will be followed up.

PARISH NEWS

Weekday Masses - Sadly we have been unable to secure a venue for some of our weekday Eucharist services. For the next two weeks we will be running a reduced timetable. Please keep an eye on this newsletter and the parish website and app for updates. See page 2 for service dates and times for week of 23-27 July. Services held in the Lady Chapel of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral can be accessed through the Loaves and Fishes entrance from the carpark off Hill St.

Music and Projection at Masses - Unfortunately due to the change in venue and the physical limitations we will experience some changes to our Masses. The most obvious changes at this time are the lack of projection ability and the loss of the organ at the 10.30am Mass. We are working on ways around these issues and appreciate your patience and understanding in the meantime.

Can you help please? - The change in location for weekend Masses means some physical assistance is required at every Mass. Assistance is needed with setting up and packing away the chairs; the altar and sanctuary equipment; eucharistic vessels; opening and locking up the buildings; and rehousing the Blessed Sacrament. A roster is being prepared; please sign up for a duty if you are able. There are many ways a roster can work, including going on for a limited time. If we have many on the roster, the burden is light. It is however, the responsibility of all of us, not just of a few. Please contact the Parish Office this week to advise your availability or complete the assistance slip in the foyer.

Do you have an unwanted **lockable cupboard** that you could let us have? We need one to store the chalices and other equipment in the Hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Parish Meeting Up-date - About 50 parishioners availed themselves of the opportunity to gather at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday night to hear more about the decisions made to date and where to from here. It was great to see Fr James, who led us in prayer. Brief talks were given by the Finance Committee, Parish Council, and Nigel Ingram, Chair of the Fundraising Committee. There was an opportunity to ask questions, followed by a time of fellowship over a hot drink and light supper. Thank you to all who helped on the night, especially our hospitality ladies. If you have any further questions or comments please contact a member of one of these committees or the Parish Office. We hope more people will avail themselves of further update opportunities.

Communications - The events of last week highlight the importance of being able to contact you to keep you updated. If you have not received updates from us last week we may not have your details. Please either email the Parish Office or complete the parish census card in the foyer of the college hall. The Parish Smartphone App is an easy way to receive parish news. It can be downloaded at <http://get.theapp.co/2d6c> If you would like help downloading the app, assistance will be available after Masses this weekend.

Readings for the Week



Sunday 22nd – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday 23rd – Mic 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday 24th – Mic 7:14-15; 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday 25th – St James

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday 26th – Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday 27th – Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday 28th – Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday 29th – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 K 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



ACTIVITIES:

Music Group plays on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of month at 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Liturgy Committee meets 1st Tuesday of every month. Next meeting 7 August.

Finance Committee meets 2nd Thursday every 2nd month. Next meeting 9 August.

Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Thursday of every month. Next meeting 2 August.

On Sunday 5 August the 10:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass will be celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Martin Krebs. Archbishop Krebs is leaving New Zealand to take up the role of Nuncio in Uruguay. This will give the Catholic community the opportunity to say thank you to Archbishop Krebs and to farewell him.

Holy Hour — You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tues 24 July, 7.30 pm in the Catholic Centre next to the Cathedral (lecture room on the first floor). During this Holy Hour we pray specifically for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We include prayers, Scripture, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

Divine Mercy - Sunday 6:30pm to 7:00pm

The weekly Divine Mercy group will now meet in the foyer of the Mercy Centre (Guildford Terrace) People can enter via the steps that lead up to the gate to the Mercy Centre – not the first set of steps but the ones closer to St Mary's College.

'An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.'

- Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) #24