



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vol. 7 Issue 37

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HONOURING HOLINESS – HONOURING LIFE

This week the whole Church gets together! All the Saints come to meet us on Thursday and the next day we spend time remembering our beloved dead. All Saints Day (Nov 1) and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (Nov 2) focus on the Body of Christ in its totality: the Church on earth and the Church in heaven. One family, under one God.

Those officially recognised as saints are models of Christian living. They show us what faith, hope and love make possible, and urge us on to live the way of Jesus with joy and trust. The saints are not gods, but people like you and me. They simply took Jesus at his word and followed him. Life for them, as for us, was not easy but they persevered and put the needs of others ahead of their own.

Baptism has already sanctified us; we are members of the Body of Christ – saints in the making.

Praying with and for the faithful departed reinforces belief in the “hereafter”. It announces that *in death life is changed, not ended*. Those who say there is nothing beyond this life, that dust is all we have to look forward to, are to be most pitied. They shut themselves off from any hope of reunion with loved ones; for them love is fleeting; consoling, but not enduring.

That Jesus truly died, was buried and truly rose from the dead, is the core belief of Christianity. It is our buffer against disappointment and sadness, while giving life meaning and purpose. We miss those who have died, but they are not far away. They are with God, and God is very near. All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day. Honouring them, we honour life.

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).

Fruitcakes for Kaikōura: North Island parishes are invited to express love and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Kaikōura by supplying wrapped fruitcakes or other festive fare, which will be delivered to Kaikōura in time for the 2nd anniversary of the 2016 earthquake on 14 November. These can be dropped off at the Compassion Soup Kitchen (132 Tory St, City), Challenge 2000 (1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville) or Catholic Centre (22-30 Hill St, City) up until midday 12 November. For more information please contact Lisa Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meetings are open to anyone interested: Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm at the Catholic Centre:
31 October - 'The Church: God's People' and 'Peter and the Church'
14 November - 'The Life of Faith' and 'The Sacraments of the Church'
28 November - 'The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation' and 'The Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist'
12 December - 'The Structure of the Mass' and 'Sin and Forgiveness'.

Young Church Ministry Coordinator — The Archdiocese is looking for a dedicated person to join a passionate, creative and qualified pastoral ministry team working to support and grow ministry with young people in the Archdiocese of Wellington (20-30 hours per week negotiable). For information and applications see www.seek.co.nz and search for 'Young Church' or contact i.mccafferty@wn.catholic.org.nz. Applications close 15 November.

Proclaimers of the Word -

All Proclaimers are encouraged to join Fr James on Tuesday 13 November from 7.00-8.30pm in the Catholic Centre cafeteria for a time of reflection and formation that will nourish your soul, enhance your skills and grow your ministry.

Child-friendly Liturgies within the Mass

Fr Patrick Bridgman will help us explore ways to make our Masses more inclusive for children. Everyone Welcome. It is particularly relevant to members of Liturgy teams, Children's Liturgists, Musicians, Pastoral Council members and Directors of Religious Education. Sunday 4th November 2.00pm-4.00pm (tea/coffee from 1.30pm) - Ss Peter & Paul, 60 Knights Rd, Lower Hutt **Please register** with Ann Williams before 30 October at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

World Day of the Poor: We are one of 12 Dioceses throughout the world asked to lead activities for Pope Francis's World Day of the Poor. Some highlights include: Archdiocesan Mass for the World Day of the Poor: St Michael's Taita, Sun 18 Nov, 10.30am. If possible please bring a non-perishable item for the foodbank collection.

Better off together-He waka eke noa Gathering: Bishop Viard College, Porirua, Sat 17 Nov, 10am-5pm, speakers, workshops, liturgy led by Challenge 2000.

St Vincent de Paul free pop-up stores: Newtown, Hutt Valley, Porirua, Wairarapa and Levin, Sat 17 Nov.

Wellington JPD Commission social analysis workshop: St Joseph's church foyer, Upper Hutt, Wed 14 Nov (please register with l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz).

Mass and Service Times 1-3 November

All Saints Day Thursday 1 November: the usual Masses at 8:00am and 12:10pm.

All Souls Day Friday 2 November: as well as the normal Masses at 8:00am and 12:10pm, there will be an additional Mass at 1:10pm and a joint service with the Cathedral of St Paul, at that Cathedral at 6:00pm.

Saturday 3 November Because of electrical works, the 8:30am Mass on 3 November is cancelled.

Armistice Day—November 11. This



day is the centenary of the official end of fighting in the First World War. A Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria, at 11am on that

day, to remember all those who lost their lives in that war. Descendants of veterans are warmly invited and encouraged to bring any memorabilia they may have and a hand bell if possible. A cup of tea and sharing will follow.

Please continue to support the food bank with donations of non perishable food items, or toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc.) or laundry items (washing powder, cleaning products, nappies, etc.). Collection boxes are beside the doors in the foyer of St Mary's College Hall. Thank you.

November - we remember the Holy Souls in prayer. Our 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 3 November will be offered as a special memorial to our loved ones who have died in this past year.

Building Update - the temporary bracing is coming down soon; the Connolly Hall refurbishment is nearly complete. We will have a parish celebration of the 're-entry' on Friday 23 November - details next week.

Mass Offered For: Sir John Joseph McGrath, RIP, Wellington, 19 Oct
Jean Dowling RIP, Wellington 25 Oct, Mother of Fr David Dowling.
Anniv: Fr John Berry (26th)
Barbara Humphries (27th)
Adele O'Brien (27th)



Grab your phones and mark your calendars for **Saturday December 15th at 7pm** is the date for this year's **Christmas concert by the Cathedral Choirs and Orchestra**. More details next week.

While the blind man cried out, calling to Jesus, the people rebuked him to silence him, as if he had no right to speak. They had no compassion for him; his shouting only annoyed them. How often do we feel annoyed when we see many people on the street — people in need, sick, hungry. How often, when we find ourselves facing the many refugees, do we feel annoyed. It is a temptation we all have. All of us; me too! That is why the Word of God admonishes us, reminding us that indifference and hostility render us blind and deaf, they impede us from seeing our brothers and do not allow us to recognize the Lord in them.

Pope Francis, [General Audience 15 June 2016](#)

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Guildford Tce, Thorndon

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Mass Times

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Masses: 8:00am, 12:10pm
Viard House

SATURDAY

Mass: 8:30am

Viard House

Mass: 5:30pm

St Mary's College Hall

SUNDAY

Masses: 10:30am, 7:00pm

St Mary's College Hall

Reconciliation and Baptism by appointment

PARISH 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 6 November.

Finance Committee Next meeting 8
November.

Parish Pastoral Council Next
meeting Thursday 22 November.

Divine Mercy

Sunday 6:20pm-6:50pm

Meet in the foyer of the Mercy
Centre (Guildford Terrace). Entry by
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.

Rosary Monday 11:30am-12:00pm
in the "Weekday Mass Chapel" in
Viard House.

Prayer Group 1st, 3rd and 5th
Mondays, 7.30 pm in the Catholic
Centre lecture room 1st floor.

Newsletter items should be sent to
cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz
by Wednesday midday.

Readings for the Week



Sunday 28th – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Monday 29th – Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday 30th – Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday 31st – Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday 1st November – All Saints

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

Friday 2nd – All Souls

Is 25:6-9; Rom 5:5-11; Mk 15:33-39, 16:1-6

Saturday 3rd - Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday 4th – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time –

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34