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Saying Yes

Last weekend I attended the Archdiocesan Stewardship Retreat. The theme was based around the Sunday's gospel reading - the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus. We were invited to reflect on a number of themes, including Jesus' question to Bartimaeus, 'what would you like me to do for you?' We were also invited to imagine putting this question to Jesus – what would he like us to do for him?

Turning the question around in this way emphasized that we are all called – as Pope Francis has recently reminded us – to be holy, and for most of us holiness lies in the ordinary things of life rather than in heroic achievements.

I remembered reading somewhere years ago that we can be apprehensive about saying 'yes', because we don't know where it will lead, what other 'yes' will be asked of us as a consequence.

We offer our time, our talent, and our treasure in our parish and other communities, and this willing giving is what makes our parish the community it is. We give in this way – we say 'yes' – because we see a need, or because we are asked to, not for prestige or status. For all of us in this parish community, we are encouraged to say 'yes', because we know that we are supported by each another. So it was when I was asked, several weeks ago, to become parish pastoral council chair – and I want to thank Nicholas Burley for his capable, kind and thoughtful leadership of the council over the last two years.

As we negotiate our building issues, many of us have been, and will be, asked to say 'yes' to things we did not expect. We thank you for being open to requests and your offers of help. We take heart this week in knowing that the Chapel and Connolly Hall will be re-opened later this month.

- Jim McAloon, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

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).

Christmas Mass Schedule –

Cardinal John will preside at Midnight Mass at St Teresa's Pro-cathedral. Our parish will celebrate Christmas Masses on Christmas Day at 8.00am and 10.00am (Choral) at St Mary's College Hall. We are also exploring offering an 8.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve, if there is a need. Please let us have your feedback on these times by email or phone before 5.00pm on Tuesday 6th November.

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meetings are open to anyone interested: Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm at the Catholic Centre:

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'.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

meets Thursday 15 November, fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Topic: "Becoming a New Man". Loaves and Fishes Hall, Anglican Cathedral of St Paul. Information: Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

During November, the Faithful Departed, especially relatives and friends of parishioners are remembered at every Mass.



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.

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.

WelCom The November issue includes: Cardinal John – Being an Active Disciple of Jesus; Bishop Charles - War and Peace; Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse; Armistice Centenary; Second World Day of the Poor: 18 November; Caritas 5th State of the Environment for Oceania.

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.





to Nolina Johnson who kindly made our new green altar cloth that freshens up our altar. You are a star.

Armistice Day—November 11. During our 10.30am Mass we will pause for two minutes at 11.00am to remember in silence the ending of the First World War and the human cost of peace. A Memorial Armistice Day Mass is being held at St. Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria, at 11.00am that day.



World Day of the Poor: you are invited to a number of events:

Archdiocesan Mass: St Michael's Taita, Sunday 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, Saturday 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, Saturday 17 Nov.

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

Parish Re-opening Party – To celebrate the re-opening of the parish centre complex (minus the church), the parish leadership teams invite you to join them for nibbles and drinks on Friday 23rd November from 5.30-7.00pm. This is an opportunity to come together as a parish community, to look through the newly renovated Connolly Hall and mingle with each other in a social environment. There will be an opportunity also to hear the latest news about the church strengthening and to ask questions about the future.

Fruitcakes for Kaikōura: North Island parishes are invited to express support for 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) until midday 12 November. For information please contact Lisa Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz

Prayers for Healing: with Fr John Rea, Thursday 15 November, 7.30 pm, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Parata Street, Waikanae. All Welcome: Come with your prayer intentions and bring a friend.

'When we find ways of drawing near to the poor, we know that the primacy belongs to God, who opens our eyes and hearts to conversion. The poor do not need self-promoters, but a love that knows how to remain hidden and not think about all the good it has been able to do. At the centre must always be the Lord and the poor.' — Pope Francis, [Message for the 2nd World Day of the Poor](#), November 2018.

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Parish Council Chair: Jim McAloon

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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 4th – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

Monday 5th – Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday 6th – Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday 7th – Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 8th – Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10

Friday 9th – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Saturday 10th – Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday 11th – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 K 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44