



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vol. 7 Issue 40

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Are you ready?

Mark's account of this week's Gospel is often called 'The little Apocalypse'. It is a discourse by Jesus about the end of time. Our life on earth is part of the paschal mystery, the dying and rising of Christ.

Our time here is grace. It is a free gift. Nothing we did or will do earned our existence, and nothing we do can guarantee our number of days here. Our time on this earth is limited. Our life will come to an end; of that we can be sure. *'But of the day or hour, no one knows'*.

In this Gospel Christ wants to remind us of the need to remain prepared, not in worry and fear, but in the love of God and in charity and compassion towards the needy.

Christ calls us to embrace not the things of the world but the things of God: the eternal treasures of love and mercy, the joy that comes from selfless giving, the satisfaction that comes from lifting up the hopes and dreams of others.

The Collect prayer today identifies for us where the source of "constant gladness" and "full and lasting happiness" is to be found: it is to be found in serving "with constancy the author of all that is good". This Collect asks that we make sure we are using all our gifts and resources to serve God well.

We love God whom we cannot see through loving our neighbour whom we can see, and we praise the Creator whom we cannot see through valuing the creation we can see. How is God being served through your gifts and resources.

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader

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 -

A full pastoral area leaflet of all Masses during the Advent, Christmas and January period is being prepared. Meanwhile, we can announce that the Cathedral Choir will be singing at the midnight Mass in St Teresa's pro-cathedral with the St. Teresa's choir, and will lead our parish Eucharistic celebration at 10.00am on Christmas morning in the college hall. Children's Masses are available at St. Teresa's at 5.00pm and St Thomas More at 7.00pm on Christmas Eve. At 8.00am on Christmas morning Sr Marie and a few singers/musicians will lead a parish Mass in the college hall. More details to follow.

Christmas Concert Get your seasonal jingle bells on and join us for an evening of contemporary and classic carols including a newly commissioned work by past choral scholar and local composer Luka Venter. The annual Christmas concert with the Cathedral Choirs and Orchestra is hosted this year at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul on Saturday December 15 at 7:00pm. Tickets will go on sale online from Monday at \$35/\$20 (+fees) and can be purchased online at Eventbrite.co.nz

Blessed Sacrament Chapel —

From Monday 19th November our day chapel will be re-open for all weekday Masses .

Car parking – On Sunday 2nd December the annual Thorndon Fair will be held in the grounds of St Mary's College. Car parking in the college grounds will not be available on this day. Parking will be available in Sacred Heart school grounds, around the Catholic Centre and in the car parking building as normal.

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

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'.

Welcome and thank you to our Guardians

– With the re-opening of the Blessed Sacrament chapel and foyer, we offer a warm welcome back to all of our regular, and our new, Guardians. Thank you for the wonderful work you do in welcoming and show casing our parish home. If anyone is interested in becoming a Guardian or wish to find out more information about what is involved in being a Guardian please contact the parish office.

Holy Hour — Tuesday 20 November 7.30 pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Sacred Heart Cathedral, to pray for religious vocations. Prayers, Scripture, a short homily, silence and singing, concluding with Benediction followed by supper. All welcome.

Remembering those who died in the 1918 Influenza Epidemic -

'With Peace came Pestilence'. More than 741 people died in Wellington of Influenza in November and December 1918; 667 of them were buried at the Karori Cemetery. In the Catholic Section of the cemetery, 104 Catholics were buried in four weeks, 8 November to 6 December. There will be tours of these graves: 18 November, 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm, and 25 November, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm.

Information: <https://1918influenzakarori.weebly.com/>

Parish Re-opening Party – Have you marked 5.30-7.00pm on Friday 23rd November in your diaries yet? The Parish Leadership Teams are looking forward to showing off our refurbished Connolly Hall and welcoming you back into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and church foyer. We will gather in the cathedral foyer for drinks and nibbles from 5.30pm and then at 6.15pm move up to Connolly Hall. Please bring a small plate of nibbles to share. The parish will provide drinks. If anyone is available to assist with the setting up and clearing up after please see Debbie.

Advent Reconciliation – Rite I Reconciliation will be available during December at all three churches in the Cathedral and Otari parishes on three Wednesdays during Advent. Dates and times are on the parish website and in the Pastoral Area Advent/Christmas/New Year leaflet, and will be advertised in the newsletter later this month. There will also be an inter-parish Rite II service held at St Teresa's church in Karori at 4.00pm on Sunday 16th December.

National March for Life—
Saturday 8 December 2:00pm from Civic Centre to Parliament Grounds. More info from www.marchforlife.nz

First Holy Communion – next Sunday, 25 children from our parish will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 10.00am Mass at St Teresa's pro-cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this milestone. A huge thanks to Angela, Geraldine and Bede for preparing these children to meet Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.

Wanted - an Accountant – Are you an Accountant? Are you able to assist the parish? Can you commit to one meeting every 6-8 weeks? If you answer is yes, we NEED you. The Parish Finance Committee needs to add an additional member with accounting skills to it's team. Please contact Debbie if you are interested, or know someone who might be.

Pro-cathedral – You are invited to join Cardinal John on Saturday 8th December at the 5.30pm Mass at the pro-cathedral, where the cathedra (Cardinal's chair) will be installed. **There will be no 5.30pm Mass at St Mary's College Hall on Saturday 8th December.** Parishioners are instead invited to support Cardinal John in the formal installation of St Teresa's church as the Pro-Cathedral at 5.30pm on Saturday 8th December.

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

'God's answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God's answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise, within the limits of what is humanly possible. The World Day of the Poor wishes to be a small answer that the Church throughout the world gives to the poor of every kind and in every land, lest they think that their cry has gone unheard. It may well be like a drop of water in the desert of poverty, yet it can serve as a sign of sharing with those in need, and enable them to sense the active presence of a brother or a sister.'

-Pope Francis: *Message for the 2nd World Day of the Poor, 2018*

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Mass Times

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Masses: 8:00am, 12:10pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
of the Sacred Heart Cathedral

SATURDAY

Mass: 8:30am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
(From 19 November)

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 4 December.

Finance Committee Next meeting
Thursday 13 December.

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 Blessed Sacrament Chapel of
the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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 18th – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Monday 19th – Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 20th – Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 21st – Rev 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 22nd – Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday 23rd – Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 24th – Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40



Sunday 25th – Christ the King

Dan 7:13-14; 5 Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37