



Christ the King

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FOLLOWING INITIATION

Who shot the barman is a race horse, named from an expression of the owner's mother who wondered why she had to wait so long for another drink! *Who shot the barman?* she asked.

Our parish's First Communion children are today fully initiated into the Church, with their Eucharist celebrated at St Teresa's, Karori. Like so many before them, they have journeyed from Baptism through Confirmation to the moment of Communion. We congratulate them. It is truly a cause for humble pride and a sense of fulfilment. But - what happens after initiation?

I wonder how long these children will have to wait for their second Communion? Experience suggests that many will not return to Mass before Christmas, and perhaps not even then. This is an issue for parents and, in the lead-up to First Communion, emphasis is placed on the crucial role of the family in setting priorities for the health and growth of the whole person – spiritual, emotional, physical.

This is quite a challenge for parents who try to balance sporting interests, home life, work and school commitments. In this mix, personal spiritual development is easily forgotten or left out. It is hard to foster a love for the Eucharist, or any personal relationship with Jesus, if the family culture excludes or by-passes the spiritual component of living.

Today is also the festival of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church's year, leading us to Advent and on to Christmas. Please pray for one another during this transition time. We enter a great season of joyful hope! Pray for our First Communion children, but also for those responsible for their care and upbringing. Give thanks to God for the gift of faith; may each of us value it above all else and nourish it with frequent Communion and loving service.

- Fr James

Christmas Mass Schedule -

The Cathedral Choir will sing at the midnight Mass in St Teresa's pro-cathedral with the St. Teresa's choir, and will lead our parish Eucharistic celebration at 10.00 on Christmas morning in the college hall. There will be another parish Mass with music at 8.00 on Christmas morning in the hall. A Pastoral Area booklet with all Mass and Reconciliation options for this period is now available in the foyer, on the website and on the parish app.



Christmas presents for children -

This year our parish Christmas tree will be placed in the foyer. It will arrive on 4th December. We invite you to place a small unwrapped gift under the tree for children supported by DCM (Downtown Community Ministry). Gifts will then be delivered to DCM on 18 December. Please drop your gift into the parish office, church or hall foyers anytime. Thank you!

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'.

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.



The Cathedral Choirs and Orchestra Christmas Concert features contemporary and classic carols including a newly commissioned work by past choral scholar and local composer Luka Venter - Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, Saturday December 15, 7:00pm. Tickets at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz).

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 your 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.

First Holy Communion - Congratulations to Lily Ainslie, Johan Bayot, Felix Buck, Gus Crowsley, Keiffer de Guzman, Margaux Detera, Alyona Elshout, Joshua Galan, Skyla Hibbert, Ella Loftus, Harley Logovae, Petelo Matafeo-Solia, Samuel Napier, Tamara Nguyen, Lily Nicholls, Daniel O'Brien, Peter O'Brien, Kymani O'Rourke, Myles Pamfilo, Sienna Sandford, Levi Swanepoel, Seth Ticman, Alessandra Villavicencio, and Joaquin Yap, who this weekend celebrate their First Holy Communion.



The appeal for extra Foodbank donations for last Sunday's World Day of the Poor, was supported very generously. A big thank you to all who made contributions. Remember please that the need continues.

Welcome and thank you to our Guardians – With the re-opening of the Blessed Sacrament chapel and foyer, we offer thanks to our regular, and our new, Guardians. 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.

Thank you – Fruitcakes for Kaikōura. Many thanks to the parishes and groups of the North Island part of the Archdiocese of Wellington for your generosity in supplying 145 fruitcakes, which were sent as a gesture of love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters in Kaikōura for the second anniversary of the Marlborough earthquake. They have been much appreciated. Thanks also to the Society of St Vincent de Paul who provided and funded transport.

Advent Reconciliation – Rite I Reconciliation will be available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Wednesdays 5, 12 & 19 of December 7.00-8.00pm. Rite II will be celebrated at St. Teresa's, Karori 4.00pm on Sunday 16 December.

Car parking – On Sunday 2 December the 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.

2019 Mass Venue Relocation

Due to a number of factors, the enormous effort at setting up and packing down of the Masses each weekend being a major part of the decision, from the weekend of 2/3 February 2019 all Cathedral Parish Masses will be relocated. Saturday Vigil and Sunday Choral Masses will be celebrated at St Thomas More church in Wilton and Sunday 7.00pm Mass will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Cathedral complex. Mass times will not change. More details about the venue and assistance with transport will follow. We are very grateful to St Mary's College Board of Trustees, Staff and students who have been so hospitable and accommodating during our time of loss.

'In the face of contempt for human dignity, we often remain with arms folded or stretched out as a sign of our frustration before the grim power of evil. Yet we Christians cannot stand with arms folded in indifference, or with arms outstretched in helplessness. No. As believers, we must *stretch out our hands*, as Jesus does with us. The cry of the poor finds a hearing with God. Yet I ask, does it with us? Do we have eyes to see, ears to hear, hands outstretched to offer help? Or do we keep repeating: "Come back tomorrow"? [As Vatican II said] "Christ himself appeals to the charity of his disciples in the person of the poor" .' - Pope Francis, Homily for World Day of the Poor, 18 November 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
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 in 2019.

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 25th – Christ the King

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

Monday 26th – Rev 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 27th – Rev 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 28th – Rev 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 29th – Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9; Lk
21:20-28

Friday 30th – St Andrew - Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday 1st December – Rev 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 2nd December – First Sunday in Advent

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28. 34-36.

