



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners,

the Gospel story this Sunday is not so much about fishing, but trust. Jesus is saying to Peter: 'How far are you willing and prepared to trust me?' It was a major turning point in Peter's life. What started out as a failure to catch fish ended in a new beginning, starting out in a new direction.

Jesus was calling Peter and his companions to the most important undertaking in the salvation of the world.

He was calling them to serve God and to serve humanity to be his disciples in accomplishing His mission.

We too are called by Christ to venture into the 'deep.' We too are challenged in how willing and prepared we are to trust completely in Jesus.

Through all our fears, insecurities and doubts he calls us to be his true disciples. To live for God, to live for our families and to live for one another.

God of All, grant us in our tasks your help, in our doubts your guidance, in our weaknesses your strength and in our sorrows your consolation. Amen

Now a little about me.

Thank you for warmly welcoming me into the Cathedral Parish. When I heard I was to be appointed to Sacred Heart I thought I was venturing into the deep because it was a Cathedral Parish. I have been a priest for a little over five years after being a teacher in Primary Schools for thirty-five years. I was very blessed and privileged in being the priest at St Benedict, Onslow parish and then the combined parish of Ōhāriu, that includes Johnsonville and Newlands. I now start on a new journey being your Assistant priest in serving you, sacramentally, pastorally and by being a chaplain to our awesome primary school and college.

Fr Doug
Parish Assistant Priest

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).

Thank you and Farewell to Fr James –

A Parish farewell to Fr James will be held on Sunday 17 February. We will mark the occasion with a combined Vigil and Choral Mass to be held at 12.00 noon at St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by a picnic lunch on the lawn at Parliament. Bring your own food and drink — and some spare chairs for those who don't wish to sit on the grass would be appreciated. If wet, we will have our meal in Connolly Hall.

A **retiring collection** will be taken after Masses this weekend, so that anyone who wishes to may contribute to a gift for Fr James.

(There will be no 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 16 February and no 10:30am Msss on Sunday 17 February to enable people to attend the Farewell Mass)

Please continue to support the food bank in this new year

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, and will be at St Thomas More and the Cathedral Chapel from next weekend. Thank you.



Children's Sacramental Programme

begins Thursday 7 March for all children in year 4 or 8 years plus. Please register your interest with the Parish Office.

Debbie Matheson, our Lay Pastoral Leader, is on leave until 13 February. Please direct any parish-related enquiries to the parish office.

Catholic Social Teaching — our church has a rich heritage of social teaching developed over the last 130 years by Popes and by the Second Vatican Council. As a Lenten reflection, Fr Neil Vaney SM will present a workshop on that teaching on Wednesday evening, 13 March. Further details later. All Welcome.

Parish Retreat— As an opportunity for Lenten Reflection, Fr Jim Dooley SM will offer a retreat afternoon on Sunday afternoon, 7 April. Further details later. All welcome.

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to men and women both older and younger for Mass followed by supper (Please bring some finger food to share!) on Thursday 21st of February 2019 at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice Street, Mount Victoria.

Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart (Joshua Wellington Chaplain)

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra on mobile 027 4477 280 or e-mail: mqscl@xtra.co.nz

'True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word "justice" can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow".' —Pope Francis, 'Rejoice and be Glad' (Gaudete et Exsultate, 79.

Mass Venues and Transport

We hope that the first weekend at St Thomas More went smoothly, with the Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass and the 10.30am Sunday Mass celebrated there, as well as the Sunday 7.00pm Mass, celebrated in the Cathedral Chapel.

Parking around St Thomas More includes a considerable area of on-street parking; please leave the off-street carpark by the church for those with mobility or other needs.

During February we will trial a shuttle bus from Sacred Heart at Hill St to St Thomas More. This will leave at 5.00pm and 10.00am and return directly after the Vigil Mass and at 12.00noon on Sunday. If you would like to use this service, it would be helpful if you advise the parish office to confirm your seat. If you can offer to transport a fellow parishioner, please contact the parish office.

Celebrate Love on St Valentine's Day! - Mons. Gerard Burns on behalf of Cardinal John Dew invites you to join in a celebration of love on St Valentine's Day, Thursday 14 February, 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church, 152 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria For further details please contact Felicity Giltrap at ADW Marriage Ministries (04) 496 1719 or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

What a gift! DCM's 50th birthday year has got off to a great start with the wonderful news that we will be able to hold another fundraising Bookfair. What a gift to DCM, our taumai and the many, many Wellingtonians who turn up at the Bookfair every year. Mark your diaries for Saturday 17 August 2019.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women. Our meeting is on Saturday, 16th February at 1:30pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon. Come and make a joyful sound before the Lord, the King. All women Welcome. Enquiries Shura 3899938

Liturgy Workshops:

This We Believe: Music for Sacraments of Initiation with Children. Songs for the preparation & celebration of Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion and Reconciliation for children—led by Michael Mangan, liturgist and musician from Brisbane. **Tuesday 26 February 7.00pm-9.00pm** Ss Peter & Pauls Church Lower Hutt. **Please register** before Friday 22 February with Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. Entry by Koha.

A '**Good Friday**' Liturgical Workshop on **Thursday 14 March, 6.45pm-9.00pm at the Catholic Centre.** This will be an interactive workshop, with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor. Fr Patrick will help us unpack the symbolism and rituals associated with Good Friday. Everyone welcome. **Please register** before Friday 8 March with Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz.

Kapati Parish annual pilgrimage to Mary's Statue Today, Sunday 10 February at 2pm to honour Mary and give thanks for God's providence.

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Mass Times

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30am (8am & 12:10pm start 1 Feb)

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel
of the Sacred Heart Cathedral**

SATURDAY

8:30am - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

5:30pm - St Thomas More, Wilton

SUNDAY

10:30am - St Thomas More, Wilton

7:00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Reconciliation and Baptism by appointment

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

Liturgy Committee next meeting
Tuesday 5 March.

Finance Committee Next meeting
Thursday 21 February.

Parish Pastoral Council Next
meeting Thursday 28 February.

**Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday
6:00pm-6:30pm** 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 10th – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Monday 11th – Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 12th – Gen 1:20-2:4; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 13th – Gen 2:4-9; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 14th – Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday 15th – Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 16th – Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday 17th – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26