



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Call

How often do we find ourselves stuck in a state of repetition in our lives? Lost in the noise, haste and desire for things to be there when we want them we find we have lost the time to think, to be creative, and to listen to ourselves and the world around us.

Ash Wednesday and the season it introduces is a call. A call to pause, and to listen, and in that time and space that silence holds find a place where we can truly reflect.

While Ash Wednesday begins our season of Lent it is also the beginning of our own journey with Christ to his death and resurrection. We enter this journey marked outwardly with ash signifying the feeling of what is going on on the inside. We are truly sorry for those things which have kept us apart from God and one another.

So come together this Ash Wednesday, and be united one to another through God's great love. May it be our resolve and intention to keep this Lent holy, and when we are reminded of the mark of the cross on our foreheads may we remember the first mark of Christ that assured us that we belong to him alone, and to him we will return.

Michael Fletcher
Director of Music

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).

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Ash Wednesday (A day of prayer and fasting)

- *Cathedral Parish Masses* at 8:00am & 12:10pm, 6 March, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- *Vespers (Evening Prayer) a joint service* at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, 6:00pm.

Stations of the Cross – During Lent Stations of the Cross will be led in the Blessed Sacrament chapel 7.00pm on Friday 8th and 15th March. In order to offer this on the Fridays during Lent, the parish would like to hear from people who would be happy to lead the stations. Please contact the parish office if you are able to commit your time and talent.

Parish Catholic Social Teaching Workshop - "Creating a more just and caring society in New Zealand - where must we start?"

Fr Neil Vaney SM will present a workshop on the church's social teaching on Wednesday, 13 March, 7:30-9:00pm, in Connolly Hall. Christianity has a unique emphasis on treating our fellow humans with respect and love because we are all made in the image of God. We must face the question that if we live in a nation so blessed in climate and fertility how is it that so many of our brothers and sisters are living with poverty and constant stress. We need to explore root causes for this situation and ask how, as faith inspired parishioners, we should be responding.

Lenten Study Groups

The theme of this year's Caritas Lenten programme is "Living Our Lives with Love" and is taken from "Gaudete et Exsultate – Rejoice and be glad" by Pope Francis. The themes are new beginnings, patience, compassion, mercy and love. The programme highlights the call to let love permeate all that we do. During Lent we are called both to turn away from those things that encumber our faith journey with God and to turn towards God; the Caritas Lenten Programme can help us on the journey. The Lenten Study Groups will be on Thursday 7:30-9:00pm on the ground floor of the Catholic Centre and Thursday 10:45-11:45am in the Cathedral foyer. To register your interest please contact the Parish Office.

Liturgy Workshop: 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 Bridgeman, 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.

Lent Reflection Black Book – There are a few copies of the Little Black Book Lenten Meditations for \$6.00 available after this weekend's Masses.

'Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.' - Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2019.

In Loving Memory of George Hunt

Last Thursday our faith community lost one of its long standing and much loved parishioners, George Hunt. A Rosary Vigil will be held for George in the Cathedral's Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7:00pm on Monday 4 March. The Funeral will be at 1:30pm on Tuesday 5 March at St Mary of the Angels in Boulcott Street. All are welcome.

About to get Married? - Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not! So too marriage. Engaged Encounter Weekends this year are heavily booked. Weekends are 30-31 March 2019 (one vacancy and then waiting list); 3-4 August 2019; 9-10 November 2019, all at St Teresa's Presbytery, 301 Karori Road. For more information phone Kate and Simon on 801 6192 or visit our website at www.cee-wellington.co.nz

Please remember in your prayers: Nina O'Flynn (aunt of Rosaleen Taylor) who is seriously ill in hospital.

Official welcome to Fr Doug

On Friday 29 March at 5:30pm in the Cathedral Foyer we will welcome Fr Doug to our faith community. This will be a great opportunity to get to know him and for him to get to know us. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Limited Copies of Fr James' books; "There is a time for..." and "As Good As Gold" are still from the Parish Office.

WelCom The March issue is out. Contents include:

- Cardinal John Dew's directive and pastoral letter to Archdiocesan parishes about a 'radical review of priorities'.
- Bishop Charles Drennan – 'From Facebook profiles to loving communion'.
- Summit of bishops on abuse.
- Salvation Army State of the Nation Report 2019.
- Pope's Astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory, Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, to visit New Zealand
- News and events.

Contemplative Prayer - Fr Jeff Drane SM will lead a five-week "Prayer of the Heart" series that is practical and helpful to our everyday living. Begins Wednesday 13 March at 7:00pm. 10:00am sessions are an additional opportunity for those unable to attend the 7:00 pm session. Venue: Chapel, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. To book please phone 383 7769.

St. Thomas More transport assistance

There are a few people who have asked for assistance to get to Masses at St. Thomas More. Rather than arrange a roster of cars to meet people at the Cathedral, we thought it would be a more friendly and sociable experience if we could arrange a small group of people to assign to transporting a nominated parishioner. If you are happy to offer assistance please contact the parish office.

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Mass Times

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30am & 12:10pm

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
Monday 11 March.

Parish Pastoral Council Next
meeting Thursday 28 March.

Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday
6:00pm-6:30pm Blessed
Sacrament Chapel, Sacred Heart
Cathedral.

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 Connolly Hall.

Lenten Study Groups - See inside
for details

Stations of the Cross - See inside
for details

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

Readings for the Week



Sunday 3rd – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclus 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday 4th – Ecclus 17:24-29; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 5th – Ecclus 35:1-12; Mk 10:17-27

Wednesday 6th – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 7th – Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 8th – Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 9th – Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 10th – First Sunday of Lent

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13