



**Easter Sunday**

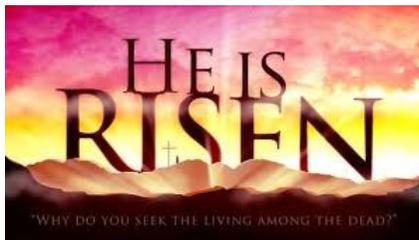
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It took time for those who first experienced the presence of the Risen Jesus among them to find the words to describe it – and even the faith to recognise him. They felt fear and incredulity before recognition fully dawned, the light became stronger and the sunrise of recognition broke over them. It is the same for us.

There are many things in life's mystery of which this can be said. But nothing of which it is as true as the Resurrection. The Risen Lord enters our life without making a noise. He walks beside us without taking up space. He gives us all of his time without asking anything in return. He is at the centre of everything without forcing our attention. He is invisibly visible.



He is a new way of being, a new way of living. He gives our lives hope and meaning, a purpose in life. He makes the impossible possible. We are never alone and never will be. He is always with us. We just need the faith to see.

*He surprises us.*

*He makes death transparent and life radiant.*

*Lent has launched us.*

*Easter is everywhere.*

*We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.*

Fr Ron

*(adapted from words of Laurence Freeman, OSB).*

*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).*

**Congratulations** – To Yousef Salah on his baptism and reception into the Catholic church and Irene Foo being confirmed and received into the Catholic church by Cardinal John at the Easter Vigil this weekend.

**Parish Office Easter Closure** — The parish office is closed for the first week of Easter and will re-open at 10:00am on Monday 29 April. Please contact Fr Doug on 496-1790 in an emergency.

**Staying connected** – while we are out of the Cathedral many of our fellow parishioners, for a variety of reasons, are unable to join us for worship and fellowship at St Thomas More. We would like to reach out to these community members, to let them know that we have noticed their absence and that we desire to maintain a genuine connection with them.

We need your help to do this. If you can recall someone that you have not seen for a while, perhaps you could give them a call; invite them for a coffee or drop them a note. As a parish community let us seek to share the joy of the risen Christ with all, not only those around us, but with those whom we have noticed are not amongst our midst at the moment.

He is not here... he is risen! This is the message that sustains our hope and turns it into concrete gestures of love. How greatly we need to let our frailty be anointed by this experience!... How greatly we need our myopic horizons to be challenged and renewed by this message! Christ is risen, and with him he makes our hope and creativity rise, so that we can face our present problems in the knowledge that we are not alone. To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our "conventions", those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralyzing us. To celebrate Easter is to allow Jesus to triumph over the craven fear that so often assails us and tries to bury every kind of hope. -

Pope Francis, Homily, Easter Vigil 2018.

**Anzac Day Mass** – Cardinal John will celebrate Mass at 9.00am on Thursday 25 April at St Mary of the Angels followed by a shared morning tea. Please take a plate of finger food to share. There will be no service at the Cathedral.



### **URGENT**

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to greet at the Sunday 10.30am Mass? We need people/families who would be willing to greet and hand out the song sheet and newsletter once a month. If you would like to give it a try please contact Rita Phelon ([rita.phelon@gmail.com](mailto:rita.phelon@gmail.com)) or telephone 934 3100) or the parish office ([cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) or telephone 496 7100). Thank you

**Parish AGM** – will be held after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June in the church at St Thomas More. Please put this date in your diary now. Further details closer to the time.

**Transport to St Thomas More** – If you are unable to get to St Thomas More and would like assistance please contact the parish office

**The Pope's Astronomer**— Cardinal John invites you to hear the Director of the Vatican Observatory, Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, at The Cardinal's Lunch, Tuesday 7 May, 12:00noon-2:00pm, at Te Papa National Museum. Tickets cost \$115.00. Book through <https://cardinal-lunch.lilregie.com>. For other talks by Br Guy, see <https://skies.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

### **Divine Mercy Sunday celebration**

The feast of the Divine Mercy next Sunday 28 April will be celebrated at St Teresa's Church Karori from 2:00pm – 4.15 pm.

**The End of Life Choice Bill** (often called 'assisted dying' or 'voluntary euthanasia') has been reported out of select committee and its second reading debate in parliament will be in late May. The second reading is usually the most important vote on a Bill. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.defendnz.co.nz](http://www.defendnz.co.nz).

Every one of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) is encouraged to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill.

**Christian Meditation Group.** An hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. Times are Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm, and Thursdays 11:00am-12:00pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769. All welcome.

**Vinnies Book & Fabric Fair**— Saturday 27 April: 8am – 4pm and Sunday 28 April: 9am – 3pm, St Anne's Church Hall, 22 Emmett Street, Newtown. All books are \$2 or less alongside fabrics and recycled haberdasheries from our very own Vinnies Re Sew. The proceeds support Vinnies Welfare Programs— from providing food parcels and advocacy support to helping people move into their new homes, combating loneliness and upskilling members of our communities. If you are interested in joining the Book Fair volunteer team, call 04 389 7122 or email [volunteer@vinnieswgtn.org.nz](mailto:volunteer@vinnieswgtn.org.nz).

### **Holy Hour**

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 April beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

### **The Bach Choir of Wellington**

Directed by Shawn Michael Condon  
Soloists: Nicola Holt, Linden Loader, John Beaglehole, Roger Wilson, with Douglas Mews (piano) and Thomas Nikora (harmonium). 2pm Saturday 11 May at St Andrews on the Terrace. Tickets are \$30 / \$25 concession, available on Eventfinda, from Marsden Books, and at the door on the day.



**Please support the food bank** with donations of non perishable foods, or toiletries or laundry items. Collection boxes are beside the doors in the foyer of St Thomas More and the Cathedral Chapel. Thank you.

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## Mass Times

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
8:00am & 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturdays of month at 5:30pm Vigil  
Mass.

**Liturgy Committee** next meeting  
Tuesday 7 May.

**Finance Committee** Next meeting  
Wednesday 1 May.

**Parish Pastoral Council** Next  
meeting Thursday 2 May.

**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.

**Prayer Group** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays, 7:30 pm in Connolly Hall.

*Newsletter items should be sent to*  
[cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)  
*by Wednesday midday.*

## Readings for the Week



### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day**

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31