



2nd Sunday of Easter

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***“Peace be with you...  
As the father has sent me, so I send you”***

*“Today is the Octave of Easter – historically seen as completing the “great day of resurrection”. We gather to hear the Word of God and to share the Eucharist. We are celebrating and witnessing unity in the Risen Christ as a community. We are given the Spirit to enable us to witness to the forgiveness of sin.*

*We can all probably relate to feelings of being scared and confused, and wanting to hide away from reality, even for a while, just as we hear the apostles were doing in today’s Gospel. But, when the Risen Christ came amongst them, He offered them peace and he breathed upon them and said “receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained”. As He did to the apostles, Jesus offers us peace. Our peace comes from believing, and it is in believing that we are blessed, for as Jesus said to Thomas, “do not be unbelieving, but believe... Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed”.*

*Each week we are sent forth - sent to build the kingdom of God here and now. Sent forth to engage our wills, our skills and our heart. As we wait in hope, we are asked to love those around us by confronting the selfishness that creates suffering in the world.*

*Go forth in peace and belief, with a loving and forgiving heart. Build community as you live and share the Good News of the Risen Lord on this, Divine Mercy Sunday.*

*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).*

**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.

**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.

### Parish Newsletter by Email

Did you know that you can receive the Cathedral Connection by email? You can subscribe by going to our web page: <https://mcshwellington.org/contact/subscribe-to-our-mailing-list/> Its easy and its free!



**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.

### 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

**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/>

### Say No to the Euthanasia Bill – Care Alliance Petition

The Care Alliance has started a nation-wide petition to all MP's urging them to vote 'NO' to the End of Life Choice Euthanasia Bill.

Some of you have already taken the opportunity to sign this petition. If you have not yet done so, and you will be eligible to vote in next years election, you can still sign online:

This petition has the full backing of the NZ Bishops.

Go to [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) and simply click on the "Sign the Petition" button. Your support for this is much appreciated.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonised St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared:



"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church **will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday"**. (from Pope Francis's homily during the Mass for the Canonisation of Sr Mary Faustina Kowalska, 30 Apr 2000)

In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings.

## Compassion Soup Kitchen Street

**Appeal.** Our Annual Street Appeal will be on Friday 14 June 2019 around the Wellington region. We are looking for volunteers! If you can help with being a Street Collector for one to two hours on Friday 14 June, please sign up at [www.soupkitchen.org.nz/streetappeal](http://www.soupkitchen.org.nz/streetappeal) or call (04) 385 9299. Come and join in the fun and be part of the story of Compassion!

## 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.

**Welcome to Matariki.** Remembrance Miha (Māori mass) 9th June, 11 am. This will be followed by family friendly entertainment to celebrate the arrival of the Maori New Year season, 1.30pm – 3 pm. Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. For more details: Ph: 3837769 email [retreat@compassion.org.nz](mailto:retreat@compassion.org.nz)

**Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert.** An invitation to spend time resting and reflecting on an aspect of the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. Join us on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 10am - 2pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Simple lunch included. Registration is required. Email: [retreat@compassion.org](mailto:retreat@compassion.org) or Ph. 04 383 7769.

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

**Taizé Prayer.** Join us for an hour of meditative singing – simple songs typically featuring a line or two from the Psalms. A kind of Lectio divina in music, reading and spoken prayer along with periods of silence. First Friday of every month. Join us on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7pm – 8pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7769.

**Sunday Miha (Māori Mass).** All are welcome. The first and fifth Sunday of the month will be a Liturgy of the Eucharist, all other Sundays will be a Māori Mass. 11am, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7769.

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**Parish Council Chair:** Jim McAloon

**Sacred Heart Cathedral School**  
Guildford Tce, Thorndon  
**Principal:** Bernadette Murfitt Ph: 472 4047  
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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 28<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter

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

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – St Catherine of Siena** Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> –** Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May –** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Anthanasius** Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sts Philip and James** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> –** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19