



3rd Sunday of Easter

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CALLED TO SERVE?

Every parish in this archdiocese has a parish pastoral council. The council is described in the archdiocesan guidelines as 'the primary consultative body that assists the pastoral leadership team... especially in the area of pastoral planning'.

The council is responsible for developing and updating a pastoral plan, and working with the whole parish to make it happen. The plan will address the 'spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and social needs' of the parish, and the parish's mission in church and city. The pastoral council does not do everything – as we know, we are blessed with many people in the parish who generously give their time, and we have liturgy and finance committees as well. Its role is more about oversight and advice.

In this parish, the pastoral council members have usually been invited by the parish priest to serve. As a group, we think it would now be helpful for the pastoral council to be affirmed by the parish annual general meeting. This might make the pastoral council more visible, and it might make it more clear that the council serves the parish as a whole. It might also make the beginning and end of individuals' terms clearer.

Normally our council has had around ten members. With departures, we need between four and six new members. It is important that the council members together represent the parish as a whole – in terms of ages, cultural communities, which masses they attend, a balance of men and women, and so on.

If you would be interested in serving, or would like to suggest someone who might be willing – usually for terms of two years at a time – please contact me at jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz, or contact Debbie Matheson.

Jim McAloon, Chair Parish Pastoral Council.

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 16th 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.



Please continue to support the food bank, especially as the weather becomes colder, 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.

Mother's Day Flowers — you are invited to join with Otari parishioners to make up Mother's Day posies for distribution in both parishes on Mother's Day. Please gather in St Teresa's Church foyer and bring greenery, ribbon and clippers/shears. **Saturday May 11 at 2:00pm.** All welcome.

Offertory Giving - If you wish to gift your tax refund to the Cathedral Parish our bank account number is: 02 0506 0138488 00. Please put your Planned Giving number in the reference section of the deposit. If you are not yet signed up to the parish planned giving programme and wish to do so then please contact Frank in the Parish Office.

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, which will soon return to parliament. If you would like to sign the petition, and will be eligible to vote in next years election, you can do so online:

This petition has the full backing of the NZ Bishops.

Go to www.carealliance.org.nz and simply click on the "Sign the Petition" button.

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

'God asks us to view life as he views it, for in each of us he never ceases to see an irrepressible kernel of beauty. In sin, he sees sons and daughters to be restored; in death, brothers and sisters to be reborn; in desolation, hearts to be revived.'

Pope Francis: *Homily for the Easter Vigil*, 20 April 2019

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 call (04) 385 9299 or sign up at www.soupkitchen.org.nz/streetappeal Come and join in the fun and be part of the story of Compassion!

WelCom for May is out. Contents include:

Prayers and solidarity for Sri Lanka; Cardinal John Dew's column – 'Jesus puts peace into our hearts so that we can give it to others'; Bishop Charles' column – 'From Desks to Neighbourhoods with the Oils of God's Workshop'; *Christus Vivit* – Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation to young people after last year's Youth Synod; 'The Environment of Worship: considering the Liturgical environment' by Fr Joe Grayland; News and events.

Catholic Women's League Otari Parish— invites women to its meetings. The next two are at 10.00am in St Teresa's Church on Wednesday 19 June and Wednesday 17 July.

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).
Saturday 11 May, 2:00pm at St Andrews on the Terrace. Tickets are \$30 / \$25 concession, available on Eventfinda, from Marsden Books, and at the door on the day.

Interfaith Relations — The Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations is launching its booklet "Promoting Interfaith Relations in Aotearoa New Zealand." on Saturday 19 May at 11:30am, at St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St. All welcome.—copies of the booklet will be available.

Events at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay:

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert. Time resting and reflecting on an aspect of the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. Monday 9 May, 10:00am - 2:00pm. Simple lunch included. Registration is required. Email: retreat@compassion.org or Ph. 04 383 7769.

Christian Meditation Group. An hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. Mondays 7:00pm-8:00pm, Thursdays 11:00am-12:00pm.

Taizé Prayer. An hour of meditative singing – simple songs typically featuring a line or two from the Psalms, with reading and spoken prayer along with periods of silence. First Friday of every month. 7:00pm – 8:00pm,

Sunday Miha (Māori Mass). The first and fifth Sunday of the month will be a Liturgy of the Eucharist, all other Sundays will be a Māori Mass. 11:00am.

For information on any of these events, phone 04 383 7769.

Friends and Supporters of Music We invite those who appreciate and those who support the music here Cathedral to come along to the Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral Music AGM Sunday 19th May 12:00pm Connolly Hall and learn more about the relaunch of the Friends under a new charitable body.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish

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Lay Pastoral Leader: Debbie Matheson
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Office Hours: 10:00am-3:00pm located in
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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 2nd and 4th
Saturdays of month at 5:30pm Vigil
Mass.

Liturgy Committee next meeting
Tuesday 7 May.

Finance Committee Next meeting
Thursday 13 June.

Parish Pastoral Council Next
meeting Thursday 30 May.

**Friends of Sacred Heart
Cathedral Music** AGM Sunday 19th
May 12:00pm Connolly Hall

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 1st, 3rd and 5th
Mondays, 7:30 pm in Connolly Hall.

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

Readings for the Week



Sunday 5th – Third Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 6th – Acts 6:8-16; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 7th – Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 8th – Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 9th – Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 10th – Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 11th – Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday 12th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART

3 May 2019

Dear Parishioners

The 1st of April each year signals the start of the Parish's financial year. The last financial year was a momentous year in the life of our Parish. It tested our resolve as a community to operate without having access to our beloved Cathedral and Hall. It was however pleasing to see that while we still did not have full access to the Cathedral, we continued to grow as a faith community.

Despite our limited access to the Cathedral, your monthly contributions through giving and collections continued and exceeded the amounts given in 2018 by nearly \$29,000. We are truly grateful for your increased and on-going generosity.

Our operating expenditure for the same period also declined by about \$7,000 to \$379,000. We are grateful to our Pastoral Leadership Team and staff for their efforts in keeping costs down.

Even with your support and decreased expenditure, the Parish still had an operating cash shortfall of \$36,000. We also incurred major maintenance expenditure, primarily to Connolly Hall, which meant that we ended the year with a cash deficit of \$108,000 which was funded from the Parish's fast declining cash reserves.

As we begin the new financial year, the outlook is not any brighter. We are conscious that the current Mass arrangements are impacting our Mass attendance and will therefore affect our income. The Finance Committee has finalised the budget for 2020 (which covers the day to day costs of running the Parish and does not include any capital expenditure for the restoration of the Cathedral). This shows a projected cash shortfall of \$72,000, which equates to a deficit of approximately 23% or \$6,000 per month. We therefore need to ask that you please consider increasing your regular giving if you are able.

Please be assured that the Parish Leadership Team and Finance Committee remain committed to managing our expenditure very carefully.

A summary of the Parish's financial situation for the last two years and the budget for 2020 can be found overleaf.

What can you do?

There are a number of ways you can assist the Parish:

1. Continue to attend Mass and be part of our faith community;
2. Encourage those known to you who may not be attending Mass to stay in contact with the Parish;
3. Continue your regular financial support of the Parish;

4. Review your planned giving amount and consider whether you can increase this;
5. If you are not on the planned giving programme, please register to join, there are a number of payment options available;
6. Consider gifting your donation tax refund to the Parish;
7. Volunteer your services to one of the various groups in the Parish and become an active member; and
8. Consider making a bequest to the Parish in your will.

We thank you again for your ongoing support and prayers.

Yours in Christ



Sarah Hensen
Chairperson: Finance Committee



Father Ron Bennett
Moderator

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL							
OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - ACTUAL 2018 & 2019 BUDGET 2020							
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		Year to Date		Monthly Average		Full Year	Monthly
	Notes	2019	2018	2019	2018	2020	2020
OPERATING INCOME							
Giving/Collections		240,695	211,609	20,058	17,634	213,600	17,800
Rental Income		9,109	26,356	759	2,196	4,860	405
Interest Income		15,150	26,018	1,262	2,168	17,325	1,444
Archdiocesan Grant		69,858	60,206	5,822	5,017	67,051	5,588
Other		8,992	18,124	749	1,510	4,600	383
Total Operating Income		343,804	342,313	28,650	28,526	307,436	25,620
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
Archdiocese levies (including insurance)	1	132,800	144,365	11,067	12,030	130,548	10,879
Personnel		111,772	105,894	9,314	8,824	100,250	8,354
Pastoral	2	47,758	49,628	3,980	4,136	61,059	5,088
Rent - Expense		18,829	17,093	1,569	1,424	18,000	1,500
Other operating	3	68,665	69,760	5,720	5,813	69,766	5,814
Total Operating Expenditure		379,825	386,741	31,650	32,228	379,623	31,635
Operating shortfall		(36,020)	(44,428)	(3,000)	(3,702)	(72,187)	(6,016)
Property Repairs and Maintenance - Major		72,301	44,765	6,025	3,730	22,000	1,833
Cash shortfall		(108,322)	(89,192)	(9,025)	(7,433)	(94,187)	(7,849)
Notes							
1 - includes insurance, clergy, national agency and seminary support							
2 - includes church music and liturgical supplies							
3 - includes travel, cleaning and printing costs							

For automatic payments the Cathedral Parish bank account number is 02-0506-0138488-00. Please reference your giving with your first initial and last name e.g. J SMITH

If you would like to receive planned giving envelopes and receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year, please contact the Parish Office on 496 1700 or email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz