



4th Sunday of Easter

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OUR SHEPHERDS

This Sunday is known liturgically as Good Shepherd Sunday, when prayers are offered for vocations to the Church's ordained priesthood. This year we also celebrate Mother's Day. Today Jesus, Pastoral Leaders and mothers are all people who shepherd us in various guises.

In last week's gospel Jesus instructed Peter to "feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep". We are Jesus' sheep, who hear his voice and respond by following him.

Over the past week you have received letters from the shepherds in our community, the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council. They have written to you as a first step in seeking to begin the process of consultation, responding to Cardinal John's directive.

United like a flock of sheep, shepherded by Jesus, led by Pope Francis, and Cardinal John, supported by the pastoral leadership team and our parish leadership teams, you have been asked to embrace the call to community.

As you reflect on our community letters and hear and respond to the Word of God on this Shepherding Sunday you may like to begin with these three questions:

- How do I listen for the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd in my daily life?
- How is He calling me to follow him at this moment in my life and specifically in this community?
- How is He calling me to respond to Cardinal John's directive?

Happy and blessed Mother's Day to all those mothering and shepherding people in our community and in our lives.

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).

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.

Candlelight Mass for people in Sri Lanka Please join Cardinal John and the Otari community in a candlelight Vigil Mass offered in memory of all the lives lost and badly injured during the Sri Lankan Easter tragedy. Saturday 5.30pm, 1 June St. Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, 301 Karori Road, Karori.

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

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.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Let us also pray for our seminarians Alfred, Matthew and Kinh and all who may be discerning the call to priesthood.

The diocesan director of vocations is Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director: frdavidd@gmail.com.



Parish Events Coming Up

Pentecost Drinks – You are invited to join the Parish Pastoral Council members for a drink after the Pentecost Vigil Mass at St Thomas More church on Saturday 8th June. Please do stop for a drink and an opportunity to get to know the team members.

Parish AGM will be held in the church directly after 10.30am Choral Mass at St Thomas More on Sunday 16th June. Reports from various ministry teams will be available and membership of the Parish Pastoral Council will be affirmed. Morning tea of scones with jam and cream will be served after the meeting.

Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus – Friday 28th June is our parish feast day. You are all encouraged to gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a parish Mass at 5.30pm, followed by mulled wine and light supper in the foyer. More details closer to the time.

'It is not always easy to discern the Good Shepherd's voice...There is always the risk of being distracted by the din of so many other voices. Today we are invited not to let ourselves be distracted by false wisdom, but to follow Jesus, the Risen One, as the one sure guide who gives meaning to our life.'

- Pope Francis: Angelus, 7 May 2017.

Say No to the Euthanasia Bill – Care Alliance Petition — 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.

Christian Brothers Past Pupils’ Association - Annual Mass on Sunday 26 May, 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral Chapel. Mass will be followed by lunch in Connolly Hall at 11.45am. Our guest speaker is Tony Mackle, on “From Buckle St to the Waterfront – a brief history of the art collections at Te Papa.” Please contact Kevin McCormack on 478-6792. N.B.—the 10:30am Cathedral Parish mass will be celebrated as usual at St Thomas More.

Friends and Supporters of Cathedral Music A reminder that next Sunday 19th May is the AGM for the Friends of Music which will be held at 12:30pm in Connolly Hall. If you appreciate the music here and want to find out more about how you can support the musical life of our Cathedral please come along and join. We even have tea, coffee and light refreshments!

Please continue to support the food bank, especially as the weather becomes colder, with donations of non perishable foods or toiletries and sanitary or laundry items.

Collection boxes are beside the doors in the foyer of St Thomas More and the Cathedral Chapel. Thank you.



Interfaith Relations — The Catholic Bishops’ Committee for Interfaith Relations is launching its booklet “Promoting Interfaith Relations in Aotearoa New Zealand” on Saturday 18 May at 11:30am, at St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St. All welcome.—copies of the booklet will be available.

Christ the Compassionate Stranger. A Retreat, 14-16 June. Christ’s encounter with the Woman at the Well invites us to embrace a Spirituality of Gift, seeing the person of Christ in our neighbours and moving towards truly inclusive communities. Join Anglican priest and theologian Dr Raymond Pelly at the Home of Compassion in reflecting upon the radical generosity of the God of our Christian tradition. Retreat fee \$100.00 plus accommodation costs for live-in; a day attendance option also available. Enquiries and registration; spirituality@compassion.org.nz or call Christine, ph 3837769.

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.

Mass offered for:
Fr John Pearce CP
(parish priest,
Marlborough), 5 May;
Russell Jacobsen
(anniversary, 6 May).



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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 4 June.

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 12th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 13th – Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 14th – St Matthias, apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday 15th – Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn12:44-50

Thursday 16th – Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 17th – Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 18th – Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday 19th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Rev21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35



10 May 2019

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Cathedral,

Most of you will be aware of Cardinal John's February pastoral letter, asking parishes to review their buildings and finances. Many parishes have been asked to consider whether they need all the buildings they have, but that obviously does not apply to us. Our parish buildings consist of one cathedral and one community hall; we do not own a presbytery. For us, the pastoral letter raises three issues:

- a) mission
- b) financial sustainability
- c) provision for building maintenance

Following the 2017 Synod, with the theme, 'Go, you are sent', we are all challenged to think about our mission (the very word 'mission' comes from a Latin root meaning 'sent'). We are asked to look to the future. What is our mission? Where is it? With whom? Before we are 'sent', we are a community, meeting for worship, to encourage and sustain each other in our mission.

What is our job as the Cathedral parish in looking after the Archbishop's seat and being available for archdiocesan events?

Are there needs in our parish, in our part of the city which we could help meet, by working perhaps with other neighbouring parishes in the Pastoral Area? What are our relationships with other faith communities in our part of the city?

The synod asked us to manage our assets wisely, and to remember that we are not here for ourselves alone.

Do we make the best use of our buildings – the Cathedral and the Hall?

Could there be new ways in which the buildings meet our own needs, and the needs of others in our wider community?

The Parish Finance Committee wrote to you last week. We are very grateful for the generosity of parishioners in responding to our funding needs. However, the parish is not making enough money to meet present and future costs. As well as running costs, we will need to provide for future maintenance of the buildings, including insurance.

As a parish, we are asked to reflect on and discuss all these things mentioned. All parishioners should have the opportunity to be involved in discussions. Next weekend (18-19 May) Fr Doug will introduce the first stage of consultation leading a quick individual focused survey during Mass.

At the end of all Masses over the weekend of 25-26 May everyone is asked to stay for a short time and complete a form ranking community focused questions on a scale of your perception. These questions will be available on Survey Monkey for those unable to attend Mass. Feedback of both responses will be available at the Parish AGM on 16th June.

This is the first stage of consultation. We would be very pleased to receive any suggestions as to how we might carry out further parish consultation. Please forward these to the parish office. All the consultation will guide our parish leadership teams in formulating our parish response.

If you are unable to attend a session, please consider a written response to the parish office at cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz or Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, P.O. Box 1937, Wellington 6140.

With every blessing,



Jim McAloon
Parish Pastoral Council Chair