



5th Sunday of Easter

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Leaving a Legacy

I have just been reading a book, "With the End in Mind," by Kathryn Mannix. It's about the hospice movement and is subtitled 'Dying, Death and Wisdom in an Age of Denial.' Only when I finished it did I realize that yesterday was the Mary Potter Street Day Appeal. How appropriate.



It's a powerful book on many levels. We know of course that death is never an end, but is an important stage on the journey of life. The book (and the hospice movement), shows us how to approach death, not with trepidation but with opening, clarity and understanding.

One of the themes of the book was about leaving a legacy. What would I like to be remembered by? If I had the opportunity, what would my final words of advice be to those I leave behind? What gift could I leave that others would appreciate?

In today's Gospel, Jesus, in his darkest hour, talks of legacy, gift, what he is leaving for others to have. It is like his last will and testament. His final, parting words. Do this and you will live!

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

We are called to be great lovers. But we cannot do this unless we are touched by God's love. We can only radiate what we have received.

The journey of life is really about becoming the person God wants us to be. We can become more and more selfish or more and more selfless. Each moment, each day we make decisions that move us in one direction or the other.

Fr Ron

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.

Vacancy: Compassion Soup Kitchen Manager. We are looking for a hands on practical manager, with good people and communication skills, a compassionate mind, good judgment, good computer skills and a willingness to work flexibly. Applications close: 22 May 2019. Enquiries to info@compassion.org.nz

Teaching Night at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown, hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Wednesday 22 May, 7:30pm. Speaker: Michael Powell: , 'Inner Healing - Part 3'. Everyone is welcome!

Friends and Supporters of Cathedral Music AGM Today (Sunday) 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!



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.

'There are many *small and great actions* which obey the Lord's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you". Small everyday *actions*, *actions* of closeness to an elderly person, to a child, to a sick person, to a lonely person, those in difficulty, without a home, without work, an immigrant, a refugee...Each one of us can make ourselves the brother or sister of those whom we encounter.' - Pope Francis: [Regina Caeli](#), May 2015

Candlelight Mass for the people of 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.

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.

Pa Maria Winter Film Series: The Life Which Beats in Things: - A Spirituality for Living in Today's World. Mondays 10, 17, 24 June & 1, 8 July OR Thursdays 15, 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September. 7.00pm - 9.30pm each evening. For further information and/or to register contact Brian Cummings SM (021 703 580; email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

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



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.

Sacred Heart Parish School International Food Fair— Thursday 23 May, 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Come and enjoy Asian fusion, Pasifika, Indian and Kiwi fare at Sacred Heart Cathedral School. Funds raised will go towards our final contribution for the turf on the school's new playground. Be in quick to get your fill and plenty of take away meals should you want to stock up before winter. There will also be a baking stall and tea, coffee and cake. Bring some cash which we can change into food fair currency on site.

You are the light of the World (*Vos estis lux mundi*) Pope Francis has issued a new document addressed to bishops, priests and religious requiring them to report sexual abuse and cover ups. While it is directed to those named above, Cardinal John commends it to everyone. A link to the document can be found [here](#), or search in your browser for the title.

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:

Nenita Perez, 9 May;
George Macfarlane, 14
May (father of Catherine
Fyfe).

Lucy Mallia-Zarb, 12 May
(mother of Lucienne Hensel)



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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** Today
Sunday 19th May 12:30pm 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 19th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 20th – Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 21st – Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:21-26

Wednesday 22nd – Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 23rd – Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday 24th – **Our Lady Help of Christians**

Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 3:14-19; Lk 8:19-21

Saturday 25th – Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday 26th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29