



6th Sunday of Easter

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The Gift of Peace

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus knows and is aware of the deep anxiety of his disciples as they face the reality of his leaving them. They are who they are because of him. Without him who will they be? Jesus carefully prepares them for his departure. Before he returns to the father, he counsels his disciples not to be afraid because go he must. He leaves them with his word, his peace and the promise of the Holy Spirit who will help them in the future to be the wonderful apostles they will become.

We too are not alone nor helpless. As Denis McBride writes:

‘We have the word of God and the presence of the Spirit to help us do what the Church must always do: face the real confusion and aim for peace. It will not be until the heavenly Jerusalem that we will know total peace. Meanwhile we face the real world with confidence because of the great gifts in our community: the word of God, the presence of the Spirit, and You who still argue for the freedom of the Gospel.’

May the peace of God be with you always

With every blessing
Fr Doug

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 Office Closure – The office will be closed from 3.00pm Tuesday 28 May to 10.00am Tuesday 4 June. For urgent enquiries or assistance, please contact Fr Doug on 496 1790 or Debbie on 496 1744.

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

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 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.

Peace... is a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:

- peace with oneself, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing "a bit of sweetness towards oneself" in order to offer "a bit of sweetness to others";
- peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say;
- peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God's gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

Pope Francis: Message for the World Day of Peace 2019

New Parishioners – A warm welcome to all new parishioners. We look forward to being able to invite you to our parish family gatherings. Please let us know how best to contact you by emailing the parish office on cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

Matariki—the Māori New Year — will be celebrated with a Remembrance Miha (Māori mass) Sunday 9 June, 11.00am, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. Family entertainment from 1.30pm-3.00pm to create warmth and celebrate togetherness and new beginnings in Aotearoa. For more details: email spirituality@compassion.org.nz<<http://org.nz>> or ph Christine 3837769.

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!

St Mary's College — Advance Notice of the College Open Day, Thursday June 13, from 9am. Details to come.

Surveying - at Masses this weekend, everyone will be asked to complete a short survey about how our parish community uses its buildings. This survey will help the parish shape its response to Cardinal John's February pastoral letter. Thank you everyone for your participation in this and in last week's survey! If you are unable to complete the survey at Mass then it is available online from this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWNNHQX> Many thanks.

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)

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.

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.

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.



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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.

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 26th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 27th – Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 28th – Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 29th – Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 30th – Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday 31st – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday 1st June – Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

Sunday 2 June – The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53.