



Pentecost Sunday

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*“Peace be with you...
As the Father has sent me, so I send you...
Receive the Holy Spirit...
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven...”*

The season of Easter concludes with today's feast celebration. Pentecost commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit, the promised advocate, upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, today's Gospel reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

The Holy Spirit empowers and enlightens us, both individually and as a community. Within communities the Spirit works to draw people from every nation together. Individually the Spirit gives us gifts that are to be used to build up the kingdom of God. We see in action every week at Mass gifts being used in the service of our worshipping community. We see it also in the work of various Christian organisations, St Vincent de Paul, Caritas, Foodbanks, Downtown Community Ministries, Home of Compassion.

This week as we go out, to carry on Jesus' mission offering service to renewing the face of the earth, you may like to consider reflecting on these questions: which of your gifts do you feel the most comfortable with? Which gift discomforts or challenges you? Which gift do you feel you would like to develop more and use for God and the community?

Go, filled with the breath of God; forgive as Jesus forgave, in the knowledge and faith that He is with you always.

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 Consultation - Over the past few weeks we have provided you with information and sought your input on understanding the needs and challenges of our Cathedral and Parish. Even as the Cathedral restoration project is quietly progressing, we are inspired by your feedback and support for making the most of the resources we have and managing our assets wisely for the maximum benefit of the community. We see this time as an exciting opportunity to cement our vision for the future, one which sees the re-opened Cathedral as a centre of worship and a hub of spirituality, culture, music, education and social activity. Opportunities for future sharing of your thoughts and ideas will be announced after the AGM.

Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday 15 June. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10:00 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m. Come-Pray-Sacrifice for unborn children and their families. For more information contact Family Life International NZ ph: 021 231 7954

The Parish Smartphone App keeps you connected and up to date with parish happenings. You can download the app at <http://get.theapp.co/2d6c>

Rā Whānau Suzanne Aubert. Suzanne Aubert's Birthday Mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew, Wednesday 19 June, 6:00pm, St Anne's Church, Newtown.

'The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half measures he inspires whole-hearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts.'

- Pope Francis: Homily on Pentecost Sunday 2018



EVENTS

Parish Events Coming Up

Parish AGM — next Sunday - 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 welcome to gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a parish Mass at 5.30pm, followed by mulled wine and light supper in the foyer. That will be the only Mass in the parish that day.

St Mary's College Open Day - Thursday June 13, 9:00 am. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective Year 9-13 students and their parents to visit the school. Parking available through Hawkestone Street entrance on the netball courts.

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

Compassion Soup Kitchen Street Appeal— next Friday 14 June around the Wellington region. We are looking for volunteers! If you can help with being a Street Collector for one to two hours, please call (04) 385 9299 or sign up at www.soupkitchen.org.nz/streetappeal

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.

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.

Stewardship Breakfast with Cardinal John - Fellowship, hospitality and inspiring speakers, hosted by Cardinal John. Venue: Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wgtn. Date: Saturday 29th June 2019. Saturday 29 June 7.00am-9.00am. Cost: \$20.00 Please deposit your money to bank account 02-0536-0003306-000 with Reference: Stwdship Code: B-Fast. Any questions please ring Chris (04) 496-1706.

Pentecost Vigil Drinks – After the Vigil Mass this weekend, everyone is invited to stay for a drink to share a little social time together.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meets Thursday 20 June, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start, Connolly Hall. Theme: "Living as a Christian in a secular world" (15-minute video with Brendan Malone, 2 short testimonies). Reminder too of a men's retreat day, Saturday 27 July, at Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St, Palmerston North. For further information call Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women celebrates 35 years and meets Connolly Hall 10:00am-3.30pm Saturday 22 June. Speaker: Johnson Sequiera, a lay preacher from India with a ministry of healing and deliverance through the Word. Information: Shura 021 072 4042.

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 2 July.

Finance Committee Next meeting
Thursday 13 June.

Parish Pastoral Council Next
meeting Thursday 27 June.

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 9th – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26.

Monday 10th – Gen 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday 11th – Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Mt 10:7-13

Wednesday 12th – 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 13th – 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

Friday 14th – 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday 15th – 2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday 16th – Trinity Sunday

Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15