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Tirohia, Wānangatia, Mahia

Do to others what you would have them do to you...

The above Te Reo phrase See, Judge, Act, is the catch phrase for this year's Social Justice Week, with Fairness the theme. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that to be his disciples we must take up our crosses and follow him. Luke constantly uses vocabulary that indicates that the disciple's cross is not a singular event, but a way of life. Jesus implores us to be intentional disciples.

Pope Francis recently called for a "*revolution of tenderness*": a love that comes close and real; a movement starting from the heart which flows to the eyes, ears, and hands.

As disciples, the source of love and peace must be at the centre of all that we do. When we love someone, we show this by being loyal, by seeking to do the right thing for them, and giving preference to them. Showing love comes naturally with our family and friends, those already known to us. The real challenge comes as we seek to show love to those other around us. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference encourage us to use this Social Justice Week as an opportunity to reflect and take action on social justice issues in light of Catholic social teaching.

Next month Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary Month of Mission. Over the past two months your Pastoral Council has been reflecting on practical opportunities for fostering a spirituality of service that will invite you to, as Pope Francis has asked "get off the couch" and respond daily, taking up your cross and following Jesus.

Individually, as intentional disciples, this week may we be inspired by St Teresa of Calcutta "*Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love*". How will you mark this Social Justice Week?

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).

Māori Language Week At the request of the Bicultural relationships committee of the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace commission, Cardinal John will be saying the 12:10pm Mass at the Cathedral chapel on Thursday 12 September in Te Reo Māori, to mark Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Refreshments will follow the Mass. Haere mai—all welcome.

The Friends of Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral invite you to their movie fundraiser - **Downton Abbey**, the movie. Friday 20 September, at 8:00pm for a complimentary drink. Movie begins at 8:30pm. Penthouse Cinema, 205 Ohiro Rd, Brooklyn. Tickets \$20:00 from Parish Office.



Developing a Spirituality of Service Workshop—*Searching to understand your spirituality better? Looking for a way to express your spirituality through service?* You are warmly invited to Developing a Spirituality of Service, a six-session workshop, every Wednesday starting September 25th, 12.00pm-1.30pm in the Catholic Centre. Register with Chris 4961706 or c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

Connolly Hall - The hall is regularly used by many different groups, with bookings most Monday-Thursday evenings and many Saturday mornings. Bookings are regular and cyclic. The Hall provides the parish with an income pre-closure of \$13,000 and 2019 year to date \$7000. Enquiries for bookings to the parish office please.

'We have forgotten who we are: creatures made in the image of God... and called to dwell as brothers and sisters in a common home. We were created not to be tyrants, but to be at the heart of a network of life made up of millions of species lovingly joined together for us by our Creator. Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation... We are beloved creatures of God, who...calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation.' - Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.



Parish Gift Discernment Workshop – What gets you up in the morning/what activity makes you smile about the day ahead? It could be that in those activities you are acting out of your giftedness. To explore a spirituality of giftedness and how we are called to offer and share our gifts in love, you are invited to join fellow parishioners this Sunday 8 Sept in Connolly Hall 2:00-4.30pm.

'Thank You Volunteers' Afternoon Tea - The Pastoral Leadership team and Pastoral Council invite all who volunteer in any capacity within the parish to a chance to mingle with others at a thank you afternoon tea to acknowledge the invaluable commitment and service our volunteers make to the parish community. Please join us in Connolly Hall, 2:00-4:00pm on Sunday 22 September. For catering purposes, it would be helpful if you let the parish office know you are coming!

Archdiocese of Wellington Social Justice Week - Come join us this Social Justice Week, as we explore fairness and unfairness in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to learn about the experiences of Wellington Filipino healthcare and construction workers, and the courageous and practical response of the Barangay Assumpta (Kapiti) Servant Team/Filipino Chaplaincy. Speakers include representatives of the Barangay Sta. Maria Assumpta/Filipino Chaplaincy Outreach Ministry; Cardinal John Dew; Hon. Iain Lees-Galloway, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety. **Wednesday 11 September, 6.00-7.30pm, Connolly Hall.** For more information, contact Lisa l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz

Parish Newsletter Prayer Request - The newsletter will offer names of people who are sick or requesting prayer from this week. If you would like us to include your name please contact the parish office. Requests can also be sent via the parish website: <https://mcshwellington.org/prayer-requests/>

St. Mary's College PTFA Fundraiser Quiz - Thursday 12 September at The Shepherds Arms Hotel, Tinakori Road. Tickets on sale at: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CGS>

Parish Intercessory Prayer Group
Do you love praying for others, and wish to join an Intercessory Prayer Group? Enquiries to the office: cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org

Mass for those affected by Divorce or Separation — Cardinal John extends a warm welcome to any and all who are affected by separation and divorce to join him in the celebration of Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt, 7pm, Wednesday 25 September 2019, followed by a glass of wine and light refreshments. For more information or if you would like to help in any way with the Mass, please contact Felicity at the Marriage, Family and Young Church Ministries Office, phone 496-1719 or email

Anointing of the Sick — This sacrament gives grace, strength, and peace through the Holy Spirit. Fr Doug will be available after the Vigil Mass on 14 September and Choral Mass on 15 September for those who wish to be anointed .

Please keep in your prayers

Leo Brett Kelly



Children's Sacramental Programme 2020 - Registration is now open for the 2020 programme which begins this coming Term 4 with the sacrament of Confirmation, followed by First Reconciliation in Term 1 and First Communion in Term 2 of 2020. For your child to be eligible, he/she must already be baptised and be at least 8 years old at the beginning of Term 4. First parent's session is on October 17, 7pm at St Thomas More Church in Wilton. For registration and/or further enquiries, please contact:

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Mass Times

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am & 12:10pm

Cathedral Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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: Weekdays 11:50am-12:05pm; Saturday after 8:30am Mass, or by appointment. **Baptism** by appointment.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Liturgy Committee next meeting 7.00pm Tuesday 1 October .

Finance Committee Next meeting 5.30pm Thursday 12 September.

Parish Pastoral Council Next meeting 5.30pm Thursday 3 October .

Rosary Monday 11:30am-12:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Thursday & Friday 7:30am until the 8:00am Mass.

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

Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday 6:00pm-6:30pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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

The Parish Smartphone App can be downloaded from:

www.mcshwellington.org/parishapp

Readings for the Week

Sunday 8th – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday 9th - Col 1:24 - 2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 10th – Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 11th – Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 12th – Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 13th – 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 14th – **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday 15th – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32.



Psalm Response Today: 'In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge'.