



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-second
Sunday of the Year

JAMES THE LESS

Today's second reading is from the Letter of St James. There were two apostles called James; this one is also known as 'James the Just' and James the Less', that is, the younger, James 'the Great' being one of Zebedee's sons.

The authorship of some New Testament books, at least, is debated. Was the Letter of St James actually written by the apostle? The Revised New Jerusalem Bible (RNJB) leaves the question open, but the great English Anglican scholar N. T. Wright sees good arguments for authorship by James, 'the brother of the Lord'.

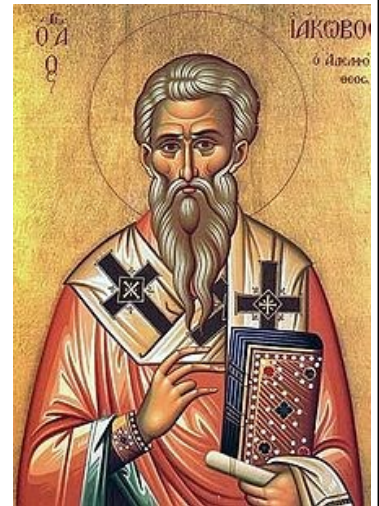
What is James saying to the church? As often, the piece we hear at Mass is not a whole passage but a selection of verses, with some missed out. But reading the whole of the first chapter (indeed, the whole letter) shows us what Biblical scholars emphasise, that James is drawing very much on the Wisdom tradition of the Hebrew scriptures, that is, Proverbs, Ecclesiasticus, and the Book of Wisdom.

Much of what James writes is, in a way, an answer to the question which the rich young man put to Jesus, as we are told in chapter 10 of St Mark's gospel. Indeed, today's Gospel reading, also from Mark, has Jesus telling his listeners that it is how we live that matters.

James makes the same point. The RNJB translation of part of today's reading is 'every generous act of giving, every perfect gift is given us from above'. James repeatedly urges his readers to care for the vulnerable and marginalised, to be very cautious about judging others, to be moderate in our language, to avoid jealousy and rivalry. James warns us to take nothing for granted, for life is uncertain. We might, as he says in chapter 4, anticipate doing this or that, making money, having a good time – but 'you never know what tomorrow will be'.

Thus, James encourages us to perseverance, and exhorts us to do our best to ensure that the faith we profess is matched by the way we live our lives. He commends 'deeds done in the gentleness of wisdom'.

Jim McAloon



Readings For The Week

Sunday 29th – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Monday 30th – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday 31st – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday 1st September – Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday 2nd – Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

Friday 3rd – Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday 4th – Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday 5th – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Psalm Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

OUR MISSION & VISION
To joyfully share God's
love. To be a missionary
people united in the
hearts of Jesus and Mary.



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)

Quote of the week

How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons.

— Pope Francis: [Extraordinary moment of prayer for the Covid-19 pandemic](#), 20 March 2020



COVID-19

Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Fundraising Events Postponed:

Journeying the Camino de Santiago with Cardinal John Dew 8 September and Spring Concert with Fr Chris Skinner 26 September. Due to the uncertainty around Covid 19 Alert Levels, these two events scheduled for September have been postponed. Sold tickets will be refund and new dates for both events will be announced in due course. Thank you for your continued support of our parish fundraising efforts. Keep well and stay safe.

ORATIO IMPERATA—A prayer for this time of pandemic

God our Father, we come to you in our need to ask your protection against COVID19 that has disturbed and even claimed many lives.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

Protect the medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health soon. Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying time to work for the good of all and to help those in need. We implore you to stop the spread of this virus, and to save us from our fears.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



SEASON OF CREATION

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God". Attached to this weekend's newsletter email is a leaflet with suggestions and material with which you can engage during this period.

Parish On-line opportunities this week. This is a great way to get to know more of your parish community from the safety of your own home.

On-line Rosary - Monday. Come and join with our regular Monday Rosary group.

Monday 11:30am—12.00noon [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82511950838?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82511950838?pwd=S1NqSGtzeUJyNkREeUFxUkxPM0RmUT09)

[pwd=S1NqSGtzeUJyNkREeUFxUkxPM0RmUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82511950838?pwd=S1NqSGtzeUJyNkREeUFxUkxPM0RmUT09)

Meeting ID: 825 1195 0838 Passcode: CnRi95



On-line Scripture Reflection - Tuesdays. Great to see some new faces last week lets have some more. "Zoom" on in.

Tuesday 5:00pm - 5:30pm by Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlgwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

Children's Sacramental Programme 2022

The Sacramental Programme for this new year is about to commence and registration is now open. The programme covers 3 sacraments: Confirmation in Term 4 this year, Reconciliation and First Communion in Term 1 and 2 of 2022 respectively. To be eligible, your child/ren must already be baptised and currently in Year 3. The first parents' meeting is on 23 September 2021, 7pm at St Thomas More Church in Wilton.

If you would like to enrol your child/ren, please contact your parish coordinators:

Bede Clarke for St Mary of the Angels at bedeclarke@xtra.co.nz

Parish Office for Otari Parish at office@otariparish.co.nz

Angela Helbano for the Cathedral Parish at angela.nzet@gmail.com

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED



Afghan families arriving in Wellington: It is good news that some families from Afghanistan will have arrived in New Zealand and will be coming to Wellington. Catholic Social Services (CSS) are aware that the Cathedral and Ōtari Parishes recently donated Household and Pantry Items and carried out a House Set-up for a Family of 4. They do not want to place too much demand on us, however, the need from Afghanistan is desperate. There are just a few weeks to find rental accommodation. Anywhere in Wellington will help - City, Hutt Valley or Porirua, any 1–4-bedroom houses, flats, units that can be rented for at least 6 months and ideally longer. CSS are also seeking basic furniture and household packs for the families including bed linen, towels, kitchen utensils etc and pantry items like rice, cooking oils, canned black/kidney beans, tea and coffee etc. If you can assist with rental housing, household and/or pantry items, basic furniture like beds, drawers, dining table, then please contact: Paul Alsford at Catholic Social Services on 021 754 145 or p.alsford@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz More information is available on the document from Catholic Social Services included with this weekend's email.

LOCKED DOWN

Some thoughts from the archdiocesan Church Mission Team ...

Couples

Lockdowns can be really hard on relationships. The Marriage Ministry Team regularly posts useful tips and resources for couples at this time. Visit us [here](#).

Young People

It's not easy being away from friends, feeling isolated at home, even if surrounded by family. It's easy to question where God is in this situation? Truth is, we aren't alone, God is always there. Check out [@ADWyoungchurch](#) on [IG](#) and [FB](#) to see how you're not alone, and find some inspiration during lockdown.

Families

'Doing faith' in families can be a challenge anytime but even more so when stuck at home! But it can be a rewarding and valuable project (not to mention a reminder to treat each other well!) [Here are some ideas for parents wanting pointers](#).

Praying at home

An option for praying at home is the simple practice of "Lectio Divina" – *Praying with Scripture*. You could try this on your own or with your family. The readings for the Sunday can be found [here](#). *Don't forget our Parish Scripture Reflection on Tuesday evenings. See Pg. 2 for details and all are welcome.*

Keep up with the Mission Team at [Family Ministry - Archdiocese of Wellington - Home | Facebook](#)

COURSES AND RETREATS



Notices from Titipounamu

Online Session (Evening): The Eucharist – a Gospel event and Sacrament (Follow up)
We will watch the video recording of the presentations by Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms from 23 August, followed by Q&A with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday 30 August, 7-8pm. Free. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-eucharist-a-gospel-event-and-sacrament-follow-up/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> and **new** on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TitipounamuStudyandJoy>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Fathers' Retreat Day — Saturday, 4 September, advertised in previous weeks, has to be cancelled because of Covid-19.

Prayer Requests - please give any requests for prayer to the parish office or send via the parish website:

<https://mcshwellington.org/prayer-requests/>

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral strengthening, and restoration campaign can be made to bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025**

Particulars: Your surname & initials **Code:** Your phone number. **Reference:** REOPEN.

Check the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website: www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz and please mention it to your friends too.

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MASS TIMES

SUBJECT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL

Weekdays

(Except Public Holidays)

8:00am Monday to Friday

12:10pm Tuesday to Friday

12:10pm Monday *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

All in the Connolly Hall Chapel

Saturday

8:30am – Connolly Hall Chapel

5:30pm (Vigil for Sunday) -

St. Thomas More, Wilton

Sunday

10:30am - St. Thomas More, Wilton

7:00pm – Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon

Reconciliation: Saturday after 8:30am Mass, or by appointment.

Baptism: by appointment. Contact Parish office.

Please keep in your prayers

Gabrielle McLeavey

Brian and Moira Dunn

Ken Matheson

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne (Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)

Simon Lai

Ron Blackwell



Mass offered for

Emily Dio
RIP 22/08/21
Philippines

Robin Adair
Anniv. 21/08/2015



Keeping Clean



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the Pharisees that having your soul clean from sins is more important than keeping your body clean!

But that doesn't mean that we should be dirty! God wants us to keep our bodies and our souls clean. We keep our bodies clean when we wash our hands or take a bath. Do you know how we keep our souls clean?



When someone does a big sin he or she needs to go to confession to get cleaned up. Confession cleans away our little sins too. Other things that take away small sins are going to Holy Communion, praying, and blessing ourselves with holy water.



Answers to True or False:
1.false 2.true 3.true 4.true
5.false 6.true 7.true

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The Kids' Bulletin

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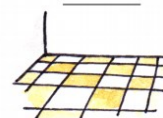


Mark 7:1-8,
14-15, 21-23

The Jews knew that it was important to keep their bodies and their dishes clean. But Jesus told them that something else was more important. What was it?

Match the letters from the top pictures with the things they clean at the bottom of the page to find out what is the most important thing to keep clean!

Your _____ !



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