

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	58:7-10
<i>Your light will shine like the dawn.</i>		
Second Reading	Corinthians	2:1-5
<i>I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	5:13-16
<i>You are the light of the world.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Sirach	15:15-20
Psalm	118	
Second Reading	Corinthians	2:6-10
Gospel Reading	Matthew	5:17-37

Last Sunday's Collection

Total	\$4,288
Parish Expenses	\$3,044
Support of House	\$1,244



Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dove Wellington invites all women to their first meeting for 2014 on Saturday 22nd February 1.30 – 3.30pm at Connolly Hall (off Hill St) Thorndon. Speaker: Sheila Libano. Theme: Being Set Free. Please call Sandra on 475 5541 with any enquiries.



Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal

Collectors are needed in Wellington and Petone on Thursday 27 February 2014 for the Catholic Social Services Street Day Appeal. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help please phone Lesley or Vivien on 385 8642 or email v.chiu@wn-tholicsocialservices.org.nz.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Su-Yen Bok.

Anniversaries: Keith Ritchie Clapham, Ross Meads, Dennis Maccagno, Olive Drane, Peter Tawhaki, Dorothea Walker, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Grady.

Prayers for the Sick: Miriam Menzies, Colleen Pocock, Philip Birch, John Foden, Ann Ross, Reny Thomas, Barbara Ross, Fr Craig Larkin sm, Helen Havasi, Mary Egan, Lisa Alo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, Dulcie Campbell, Joanna Veltman, Losalia Leo, Kathleen Phelan.



Please remember in your prayers, these and the other sick of the Parish. If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

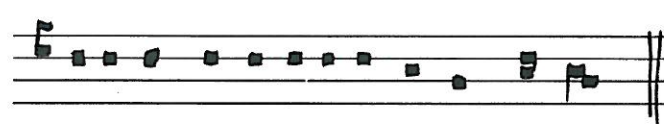
Responsorial Psalm 111

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R**



Exortum est in tenebris lú-men réc-tis:

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness.

Offertory Hymn For 12pm Mass

Number 221

'Make me a Channel of your Peace'

First Sacraments Programme 2014

Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon; St Mary's of the Angels, Central Wgtn. and Otari Parish – St Teresa's, Karori and St Thomas More, Wilton, invite registration from children who wish to be part of the First Sacraments Programme.

Registration forms can be picked up at any of the three Parish Offices, Churches or Schools. To be eligible your child should be 8+ years of age before 1 November 2014 (see below) and already be baptised. The deadline for enrolment is Friday 28th February 2014.

What is the correct age for receiving the sacraments?

There is no correct age. In the Archdiocese sacramental preparation programmes have been traditionally offered to children from the age of 7 – 8 onwards. Parents are the best judge of whether their child is mature enough to receive a sacrament. It is not easy to determine whether your child understands what it is they are doing. Understanding develops over a long period of time. The Sacramental Team can advise you if you wish to discuss whether your child is ready for the programme. No one is too old to receive sacraments. With the appropriate preparation, any person can receive the sacraments at any age.

Lenten Reflections

Lenten Reflections will begin on Monday 3rd March from 6 - 7pm in the Boardroom of the Presbytery. They will be held each Monday during Lent. Please contact Monica O'Connell at toobeaautifulforyou@gmail.com for more details.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington Branch invites all men to come and join their "Praise and Worship" meeting. The meeting will take place on Thursday 20 February, 7.30pm at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). Contact David if you wish to know more, on 387 9714 .

Adult Education in the Faith Ministry

First Level Course: Introduction to Christian Spirituality

The next meeting will be held on the 13 February from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street.

Theme: Overview: the "Five Pillars" of Christian Spirituality

Session 2: Overview (Part 2)

Second Level Course (Restricted): The Incomparable God – the Testimony of Israel

The next meeting will be held on the 12 February from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Theme: Israel's Core Testimony

Session 2: A. The Manner of Israel's Testimony (Part 2) – A.3. Standard Content of Israel's Speech; A.4. Summary

Michael Young, S.M.

SMAYACs Prayer Group

SMAYACs Prayer Group starts up again this Thursday 13th February at 6pm. All young adults and the young at heart are invited to a time of prayer, readings and reflection every Thursday in St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. The first Theology on Tap for this year will be held on Sunday 23rd February 6.30pm at Hotel Bristol. Speaker to be confirmed.

A Lenten Retreat

A Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday 1 March 2014 from 10.30am until 5.00pm.

"Lent as a door to a deeper, intimate and powerful relationship with Jesus". An impressive line of Speakers, Reflections, Adoration and Confessions. Please mark your diaries. Details to follow. Organised by the Centre for Divine Mercy and The ICPE Mission at St Gerard Monastery. It will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon.

40 Days for Life

From March 5 through April 13, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public footpath outside Wellington Hospital, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: PH. 2378343 or clare.fli@xtra.co.nz. See fli.org.nz/40daysforlife2014

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For Your Diaries : 2014

13 February, The Holy Land and Religious Freedom

A public meeting will be held on *The Holy Land and Religious Freedom – the role of Catholic tertiary education* by Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand together with The Catholic Bishops Committee for Interfaith Relations. The meeting will take place from 7:30pm - 9pm at St Joseph's Mt Victoria on Thursday 13 February 2014. Contact Cathy Bi at cathyb@caritas.org.nz for more information.

16 February, St Pius X Parish Titahi Bay Golden Jubilee

On Sunday 16 February 2014, St Pius X Parish Titahi Bay will be celebrating 50 years as a Parish. This celebration will take the form of a Parish Mass at 9.30am followed by light refreshments and the opportunity for present and past parishioners to mingle and chat in the Parish Hall. The occasion has certain poignancy as from February 2015 the Parish will be amalgamated with Tawa to form a new parish. A warm invitation is extended to all ex-parishioners and others with an association with St Pius X Parish to join us on this occasion. Enquiries to Bob Cater ph: 236 7381 email: rubob@xtra.co.nz

28 February – 2 March 2014, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Retreat weekend for those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Information and support is available for men and women. Enquiries are strictly confidential. Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 12.30pm at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon. Enquiries: Neil Coup 021896924.

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to Friday 7:30am, 12:05pm,
& 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:45am-7:30am

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm
Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm-5:00pm

9th February 2014, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Thank You

Thank you for all who so generously contributed or attended the Waitangi Day Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday. This Mass which is normally held in our Church is a significant event in the Archdiocese. A sincere thank you to Robert Oliver and the Choir who spent many hours of practice preparing for this Mass with the Maori people from Te Maori Parahi O Te Ngakau Tapu.

Thank you also to the Cathedral Parish for hosting the Waitangi Day Mass. Since the closing of our Church we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Cathedral and St Joseph's Parishes together with St John's Presbyterian Church who have hosted us each Sunday. Please keep the parishioners of these Parishes in your prayers.

Seismic Design Drawings

The design drawings for the seismic strengthening of the Church are almost complete. Some additional soil testing is required on the soil around the 'towers' and this will be carried out in the near future. This work will allow the engineers to agree on the best possible engineering solution for the 'towers' to ensure they have the necessary foundational strength in the event of a major quake.

We should be in a position in the next few weeks to present these 'design' plans to the Parish. That will be done at a special meeting and I hope a significant number of parishioners will be able to attend. It represents a huge amount of work from many different consultants and I am very grateful to these wonderful and skilled people in helping me to carry out this task.

Please keep this project in your prayers. Having the design plans is one thing; being able to raise the substantial funds required to carry out the work is another. Prayer must be at the heart of this significant challenge.

Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest

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