



Apostleship of the Sea - Seafarers Sunday.

It was Saint Teresa of Calcutta who said that the greatest illness in the world is loneliness. People want to feel loved and valued and appreciated.

Saint Teresa must have been reflecting on the words of Jesus and His Sermon on the Mount when he challenged us all to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Apostleship of the Sea is one of the great works of the Church. We take seriously the call of Christ to welcome strangers and support those in need.

We do this by welcoming and supporting Seafarers, port workers and fishers to Aotearoa New Zealand when they come ashore for rest and recuperation.

Can you imagine what it must be like for the more than a million seafarers who spend 6-9 months at a time, away from home, working to provide for their family? How incredibly lonely they must be! Therefore a friendly face, a kind welcome and someone to support them is very much needed.

And as over 80% of them are Catholic, most are keen to go to Mass.

In addition to seafarers, we also extend a warm welcome to staff and passengers on cruise ships many of whom wish to go to Mass or find a listening ear in a distant land.

We work ecumenically alongside other churches and operate in the ports in Auckland, Tauranga, Napier, Timaru and Wellington and will soon expand to include all New Zealand ports.

Otari parishioners Peter Kerr and Johnny and Rose Celeste are members of the Apostleship of the Sea here in Wellington. Peter will be speaking at Masses today.

Prayer for Seafarers

Heavenly Father, we pray to you for those on the perilous ocean that you will embrace them with your mighty protection and grant them success in all their rightful undertakings.

Grant them in all hours of need to see that they have a God who remembers them, and grant them grace in the hour of danger to commit their souls into your hands.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who can rebuke the storm and bring it to silence, and lay the roaring waves to rest, show them who call to you out of the deep that you hear their prayer and will save them.

And finally bring us all to the only safe port.

Amen.



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Saturday Vigil:
Weekdays:
Reconciliation:

5:30 pm (Karori), **Sunday** 8.30am (Wilton) 10.00 am (Karori)
Tue 9.30am, Wed 6.30am & 9.30am, Thurs 9.30am, Fri 6.30am & 9.30am, Sat 9am
Saturday: 9.30 – 10am

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8/9 July 2017

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Liturgy of the Word:

Psalms Response: *"I will praise your name forever, my king and my God."*

Today's Reading: Zechariah 9/ 9-10; Romans 8/ 9-13, Matthew 11/25-30

Next Sunday: Isaiah 55/ 10-11, Romans 8/ 18-23, Matthew 13/ 1-23



Come to be all you who labour and are overburdened

In the midst of a section largely devoted to the rejection of Jesus and his message ([Mt 11-13](#)), this passage contains three revelations:

- praise and thanksgiving to God for having revealed to the infants (vv.25-26),
- a declaration about Jesus' special relationship to the Father (v.27), and
- an invitation to share Jesus' wisdom teaching (vv.28-30).

(v.25) "The wise and understanding" refers to scribes and Pharisees who reject Jesus. In most Jewish writings of the time the recipients of divine revelations are wise and understanding. What God has hidden from them is the significance of Jesus' mighty deeds and the presence of God's kingdom in his ministry.

(v.25) "The infants" refers to the disciples, simple and uneducated, who hear Jesus and perceive his significance despite their lack of social standing and expertise in religious matters.

(v.27) Jesus asserts that God has granted him the revelation of himself as completely as a father discloses himself to a son. The revelation between God and Jesus is so close that the only adequate terms for it is Father and Son. Therefore, only Jesus can pass on to others the real knowledge and wisdom of God.

(vv.28-30) Jesus expresses his invitation to discipleship in terms used in Sir 51:23-27. Using the traditional image of the law as a "yoke," Jesus, the authoritative interpreter of the law, promises refreshment and rest in his wisdom school. The burden is the Pharisees' approach to wisdom, the light burden is Jesus' teaching.

Some thoughts to reflect on:

Do I always act solely based on my knowledge, or do I let my heart direct me in a meek and humble way? What type of person am I?

What makes the relationship between the Father and the Son Jesus so close? How close is my relationship with God? How can I improve this relationship?

Jesus' law and teaching is easy and light "my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." What are the heavy burdens I am carrying? My job, my study, my family, my finance, my ambition...? Are they necessary? How can I make them lighter? How can He make them lighter?

Fr Ron

Stewardship Reflection on today's gospel: 14th Sunday in Ordinary time.

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

Five Languages of Love' workshop

Join us for a light lunch and an afternoon of enlightening talks based on Gary Chapman's book, *The 5 Love Languages*, which explores different ways couples relate to each other and how their relationship can be enriched. Brought to you by your Marriage Encounter Community. rsvp to james.glenis@hotmail.co.nz by 21 July.

NB. The date and venue was to be on Sunday 30 July, 12:30pm – 5:00pm, St Peter & Paul Church, 29 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville, but this may change as the Church has added a 12 noon Mass on Sundays, with the possibly closure of Newlands Church.

Early Morning Masses:

6.30am every Wednesday and Friday. Come and join us.

GO, YOU ARE SENT!

We know that slogan now, but about contributing to the process of discovering how we might witness our faith and make the Gospel more relevant in our parish and city?

Cardinal John has asked each of us to help plan a direction for the Archdiocese for the next ten years, to see how "we can influence the society of which we are a part, especially the suffering and injustice that engulfs much of it..."

Do you have an opinion about how we might find more "leaders" for our Archdiocese?

Can you contribute to a policy on refugees and migrants? What about our relationship with other Churches, other Faiths?

How do we reach young people?

What are your concerns regarding marriage and family?

Your reflections will be welcome. They were due yesterday 30 June, but late response may be accepted. The full document is available on line at: tinyurl.com/Synod-17-Participation



Growing Great Families, with John Cowan.

For parents who invest in their family, the rewards are huge.

You can build your family the same way as you build a house, with good foundations of love and values, strong walls of boundaries and discipline and a roof of parental 'mana' to keep it all together. Learn to make this happen with the least effort.

Wednesday 26 July 2017
Karori West Normal School 19 Allington Road.

FREE

6.30pm Doors open with light refreshments
7.00pm - 8.30pm John's presentation

Please register your interest here:
tinyurl.com/hottipsparentingcourse

For further information please contact Christine Dowell on families@kbc.org.nz www.theparentingplace.com

Dove Fellowship for Women.

Saturday 15th July 2017 at 1.15pm. Connolly Hall, Hill Street.

The guest speaker Mary Fifield will be speaking on our vision and scripture Genesis 3:8-9

For further information contact Shura Price 389 9938

Commemorating the Reformation:

We gather again at St Pauls for the next of our Faith Spoken Faith Sung series on Sunday 9 July 2.00pm. Topic: Living the Reformation - Reformation treasures that shape Lutheranism.

Speaker: Dr Pauline Simonsen, Theologian, Dean, Emmaus Bible College

Organist: Timothy Hurd QSM

Hymn: Now I have found for my salvation (Johann Rothe)

Organ: Johann Ulrich Steiglander: Vater Unser, Variation 40 (Finale) 1627.

Discussion and afternoon tea to follow

Entry by koha

St Dominic's Catholic College at Henderson are celebrating their 50th Jubilee on September 15th and 16th. Registrations are now open on their Facebook page: St Dominic's College at Henderson - 50th Jubilee OR on their website, www.stdoms.ac.nz OR contact the Principal's PA Tina Allingham at tina@stdoms.ac.nz



Marist St Pats RFC: Senior and Junior Players and Supporters of MSP are invited to attend the Clubs Annual Mass to be held at the newly strengthened and refurbished St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St, Wellington, on Sunday 23 July at 11.00am. Mass will be followed by a light lunch.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship.

Come along and join us on Thursday 20th of July 2017 at 7:30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guilford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Speaker: David Monastra, previous Leader of Joshua Wellington on "Jesus Healer, make me whole"

Want to know more? Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or

email: jntaylor@paradise.net.nz

Volunteer for Samaritans

Samaritans help people find a way through the tough times in life. They need your help so they can continue to provide free counselling and support to people in distress. Volunteer and help keep Samaritans 24/7 helpline open. The next Samaritans volunteer training course begins on 15 July. Samaritans are also looking for people to help collect for their Annual Appeal on Friday 11 August or Saturday 12 August at Karori Mall and other locations around Wellington. To help please contact Jo on 04 472 3676 or email marketing@samaritans.org.nz

End of Life Choice Bill

Next weekend there will be a national postcard campaign in the six diocese to enable parishioners to send a "No" message to Members of Parliament.

The Parenting Place – parenting expert speaks at Sacred Heart Cathedral 1 August 2017

Sacred Heart Cathedral School has teamed up with Jenny Hale from The Parenting Place to present *Raising Happy, Confident and Resilient Children*.

We would love to invite you to join us for this seminar on Tuesday 1 August at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm), at 40 Hill St, Thorndon.

This is a fundraising event for our small school, with all proceeds going towards a new school playground.

Tickets are \$25 and are available online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/edit?eid=35336832417#>

Tūrangawaewae Wānanga – Our Place to Stand.

You are invited to an engaging and gentle exploration of our connection with Maori through pōwhiri, music, story, karakia and kōrero. This varied one-day workshop is open to anyone and promises to be a rich and rewarding experience.

Facilitator: Hēnare Walmsley

Time and Venue:
Saturday 22 July, 10am – 4pm
Our Lady's Home of Compassion
2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington

Registration required for catering
Email: retreat@compassion.org.nz
Phone: 04 3837769

CWL National Fundraiser.

'The Wind in the Willows' Friday 21st July 6.30pm light supper served 6pm. Khandallah Arts Theatre, Cochran Hall, 110 Cashmere Ave, Khandallah. \$25 adults and \$20 children/concession (over 65). Treat for the Grandchildren! Transport available. Tickets: Karen Saunders 476 0044 E: choirloft56@gmail.com



CWL Gifting Sunday

The National 'At Home Appeal' this year is Pillars; a national charitable organisation supporting children of prisoners throughout New Zealand. Parishioners wanting to use internet banking, please clearly state: CWL Gift 02-0500-0702770-000 when banking. 'In faith and Service' and with grateful thanks for \$510 already donated.

Healing Service.

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 18 July beginning at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please bring those who need Jesus' healing.

Preference of Enrolment Forms to be signed:

Fr. Ron is available to sign preferences for catholic primary schools and colleges. Contact him at 021 065 8997.



**Readings for the Week
10 - 16 July**

Monday: Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7
Thurs: Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Is 55:10-11; Ron 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Masses Offered for:

*Ellen (Nell) O'Shaughnessy
Stella Gorla
Shakir Gorla
Maryam Zaya
Connie Benseman*