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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (Karori), **Sunday** 8.30am (Wilton) 10.00 am (Karori)
Weekdays: Tue - Fri 9.30am, Sat 9am |
Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 – 10am

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3rd-4th

Year B

Liturgy of the Word:

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

Today's Reading: Deu 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28; Mk 12: 28-34

Next Sunday: 1 Kq 17: 10-16; Heb 9: 24-28; Mk 12: 38-44

What do I live for ?

This week our Jewish friends have been very much on our minds. Last Saturday, while at worship in their synagogue, 11 of them were gunned down and killed in Pittsburgh, USA. Certainly this killing was another example of what human nature is capable of at its worse.

What is the answer? We see it in today's Gospel. The daily Jewish prayer begins with the phrase "Shema Ysrael (Hear O Israel)". 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' (Deut 6/4-5). Jesus then adds to this the 2nd commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Lev 19). In fact, all commandments are meaningless if the commandment of love is not understood. That is why Jesus' last instruction for his disciples was to love one another (Jn 15:12,17).



I belong to a group called the Abrahamic Group, so named as Abraham is a communion person in Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths. We seek to understand each other better, both for ourselves and for the wider community. Recently we were asked to be part of an advertisement for Kiwi bank. The initial word next to our photo was to be 'Respect.' But, on watching us interact, they chose instead the word 'Understanding,' as they felt it had a deeper meaning.

Commentators on the Pittsburgh massacre have suggested that we need to learn again how to interact, respect, dialogue, and understand each other. Otherwise, the bad things that happen will only continue.

We cannot change the world, but we can change ourselves. Let us try to learn more about each other, so that our own 'blind spots' can go and we can see better the world around us, and better contribute to it.

Points for Reflection:

- In the three love relationships (with God, with neighbours, and self) where are your strongest? The weakest?
- What have you found that helps you to grow in love of God and of others?
- What are my 'blind spots?' What can I do about them?

Fr Ron

St Teresa's Church:

Exposition and Adoration: Is held on the first Friday of the month in the chapel after 9.30am Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Divine Mercy Devotion is every Saturday night at 5pm.

Remembrance Mass:

**Wednesday 21st
November 2018 at 7:00pm**

We warmly welcome members of our parish pastoral area and school communities to our Remembrance Mass on Wednesday 21st November at 7:00pm at St Teresa's Church. This is a beautiful Mass led by our Folk Group and is a celebration for all members of our parish community, but in particular those who have suffered the loss of a loved one over the past year. We will remember those special people and thank God for the time that we have shared with them. We also celebrate the wonderful memories that we hold of our loved ones. You are invited to bring a photo or memento of your loved one to place on the altar before mass. Please gather in the foyer before Mass so that we can light a candle for our loved ones, which Fr Ron will bless. We will enter the church together to the opening hymn, placing our candles on the altar. Please join us in this special celebration which will be followed with a glass of wine in our church foyer.



Holy Souls:

November is the month of Holy Souls, a time to remember our loved ones who have died. You are welcome to register the names of those you wish to be prayed for during this month, together with the offering you would like to make. A labelled box will be available in the foyer of both churches.



Many thanks to the parishioners of Otari and to Fathers Ron and Sanele for your kindness to me last weekend when I spoke about the Marist Messenger. I'm grateful for your support and friendliness.

Thanks to all MM subscribers, and to all the new subscribers from Otari Catholic Parish.
Kevin Head SM

Stewardship thoughts for today: *And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.* MARK 12:33 Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talents in parish ministry is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Stewardship Breakfast:

You are invited to a Stewardship Breakfast and talk by Cardinal John. Saturday 10th November. 7.15am for 7.30(start) to 9.00am Venue: Angus Inn 5 Cornwall St. Lower Hutt. Cost \$22.50. Registrations by Tuesday 6th November to a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. Please specify any dietary requirements

World Day of the Poor:

The Archdiocese of Wellington is one of 12 Dioceses throughout the world who have been asked to lead activities for Pope Francis's World Day of the Poor. Details are available on the notice displayed on the parish newsletter and on the Archdiocese of Wellington website.

Some highlights include:

Archdiocesan Mass for the World Day of the Poor: St Michael's Taita, Sunday 18th November, 10.30am, *if possible please bring a non-perishable item for the foodbank collection.*

Better off together-He waka eke noa Gathering: Bishop Viard College, Porirua, Saturday 17th November, 10am-5pm, speakers, workshops, liturgy led by Challenge 2000.

St Vincent de Paul free pop-up stores: Newtown, Hutt Valley, Porirua, Wairarapa and Levin, Saturday 17th November.

Wellington JPD Commission social analysis workshop: St Joseph's church foyer, Upper Hutt, Wednesday 14th November (please register with l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz)

Fruitcakes and Festive Fare For KAIKŌURA:

North Island parishes of the Archdiocese are invited to express love and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Kaikōura by supplying wrapped fruitcakes or other festive fare, which will be delivered to Kaikōura in time for the 2nd anniversary of the 2016 earthquake on the 14th November.

These can be dropped off at the Compassion Soup Kitchen (132 Tory St, Wellington), Challenge 2000 (1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville) or Catholic Centre (22-30 Hill St, Wellington) up until midday 12th November. They will be delivered to Kaikōura by the Society of St Vincent de Paul as part of the World Day of the Poor activities of the Archdiocese of Wellington.

For more information please contact Lisa Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz

Mass on Armistice Day:

A Mass on Armistice Day will be held at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria on Sunday November 11th at 11am. The presiders will be Fr. J Wagg & Fr. F Whitaker.

This mass is to remember all those who lost their lives in WW1. Descendants of veterans are warmly invited and encouraged to bring any memorabilia they may have and a hand bell if you can. A cup of tea and sharing to follow.



Cardinal McKeefry School Fundraiser:

When: Wednesday 14th November
Where: Old St Pauls, 34 Mulgrave Street
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets are available at:
www.tingurl.com/Te-Radar-CMck

Come and listen to Te Radar describe his visit to Antarctica

Wonton Making Fund Raising event:

Come join us for some fun, learning to make wontons on Sunday 11th November 2018 St Thomas More Church Lounge from 11 am to 12.30pm.



Cost - \$20 per person

We are raising funds towards the cost of a robotic arm for a 19 year old by who has cerebral palsy.

For more information: give a little page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/blakes-robotic-arm>

Please RSVP by Thursday 8 November to help estimate the amount of ingredients.
 Contact: Angie's email is zealandia100@gmail.com

The Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association, Wellington, is holding its Annual Christmas dinner on Friday 9th November, at the Angus Inn, Waterloo Rd, Lower Hutt, commencing from 6.30pm. Our guest is Brother Bill Dowling who will speak about his life and the work of the Christian Brothers. Those interested in attending please contact Kevin McCormack on 478-6792.

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon:

Non-Residential Retreat, 12th -16th November, 9.30am - 4.00pm daily.
Reflection Day, Saturday 24 November, 9.30am - 4.00pm.
 For further information, please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz or 021 703 580.

Supporting released prisoners and homeless people – Cana Communities talk:



Come and have a conversation with Julie Sneddon CEO of Cana Communities, NSW and Sr Anne Jordan pbvm, Spiritual Director. These two people belong to a group called Cana, NSW and are members of a volunteer group that support people on the peripheries in a special way in particular the homeless and released prisoners.

This talk is on Tuesday 6th November: 7.30 to 9pm at St Thomas More, 30 Worcester Street, Wilton.

It is being hosted by Otari JPD group in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Justice, Peace and Development Commission.

NOVEMBER: In Loving Memory Of Our Beloved Ones:

MISSIO-NZ receives Mass Intentions to pray for your beloved ones (living and deceased). We forward your Mass request to priests in dioceses in developing countries. Most of them only rely on Mass Stipends. Thank you.

You may send your Mass Request and details to Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD at MISSIO-NZ - PO Box 43226 Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt 5048. We will post you a receipt. Mass Intention Brochures are in the foyer of the church.

Readings for the Week



Readings for the week: November 5th –11th

Monday: Phil 2: 5-11; Lk 14: 15-24
Tuesday: Phil 2: 5-11; Lk 14: 15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2: 12-18; Lk 14: 25-33
Thursday: Phil 3: 3-8; Lk 15: 1-10
Friday: Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, Jn 2: 13-22
Saturday: Phil 4: 10-19; Lk 16: 9-15
Sunday: 1 Kg 17: 10-16; heb 9: 24-28; Mk: 38-44



Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Help Needed for Cardinal McKeefry School:

Cardinal McKeefry School are in great need of volunteers to drop off leaflets to mailboxes advertising their major fundraisers; *Te Radar on 14th November* and the *Car Boot Sale on Saturday, 24th November*. They have stacks of flyers and want to get the word out for both of these events. If you have some spare time and are able to drop flyers off please contact Paula Reidy on 027 622 8559 or email pta@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz



Challenge 2000 Street Day Appeal, Thursday 15th November 2018

Help Us To Help Those On The Peripheries:

The World Day of the Poor is Saturday 17th November 2018. The Archdiocese calls for each of us to make a serious examination of our conscience, to see if we are truly capable of hearing the cry of the poor. Here is an opportunity to challenge yourself and help those that are in poverty.



How?

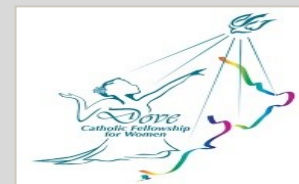
- Donate your time or money.
- Email your friends/business colleagues/family asking them to support our work.
- Pray for the poor and the struggling and those who journey with them.

Please help: Call Megan Ratuki on 04 477 6827 or email info@challenge2000.org.nz

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women:

Our meeting is on Saturday 17th November at 1.30pm, St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice St, M

t Victoria Wellington. Our speaker will be Sarah Pinto on "In my Father's eyes". Is 43:4 'you are precious in my eyes and honoured and I love you'. Enquiries Shura 3899938

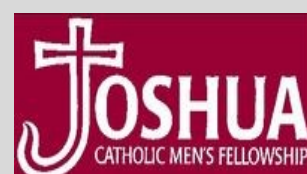


Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington:

Invites men to come along and join them on Thursday 15th of November 2018 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start) in The Loaves and Fishes Hall next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth streets Thorndon.

Topic: "Becoming a New Man"

For more information: Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Home of Compassion: Volunteer Information Session.

Be part of what's happening at the Home of Compassion. Our volunteers share the story of Suzanne Aubert and the Sisters of Compassion in keeping with the sisters' tradition of hospitality. We have regular and occasional opportunities available including Heritage Centre, Chapel Guardian, tour guides, stocktaking, events and hospitality. We are holding an information session on November 10th. For more information or to register contact Paula Jones on 282 1951 or email: volunteers@compassion.org.nz

