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**Saturday Vigil:****Weekdays:****Reconciliation:**

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**October 27th-28th****Year B****Liturgy of the Word:****Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.****Today's Reading:** Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10: 46-52**Next Sunday:** Deu 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28; Mk 12: 28-34**Bartimaeus – A Story of Faith**

Today Mark's Gospel takes a dramatic shift. Since Chapter 8, all movement has been about journeying toward Jerusalem. Jesus has made three predictions about his forthcoming passion there.

The transition from journey to destination involves an encounter with the insightful faith of a blind man named Bartimaeus. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Bartimaeus says, becoming the first person to raise the Palm Sunday shout. "Son of David" spoke of Messianic hopes, and Bartimaeus had hope -- and persistence. Like the children whom the disciples had sought to push to the side, Bartimaeus finds himself shushed when he cries out for help. But the crowd's attempt to keep him from disturbing Jesus only makes him cry out the louder. Bartimaeus will not be silenced. Bartimaeus responds to Jesus' call with enthusiasm. The first words Jesus speaks to Bartimaeus are familiar to us as it's the same question he asked James and John in last week's passage: "What do you want me to do for you?" Where James and John saw nothing but self-interest, Bartimaeus sees hope. "Let me see again." Already, he sees more than sighted disciples. He sees with the eyes of faith, as Jesus makes clear when he responds, "Your faith has made you will."

Bartimaeus regains his eyesight, but the story does not end with his healing. Bartimaeus, having thrown off his beggar's cloak -- "the constraints of his past," follows. What comes as struggle fraught with misunderstanding by disciples accustomed to Jesus' voice and teaching and presence, Bartimaeus takes in stride and moves from beggar to disciple in one motion. Bartimaeus is able to do that which the rich man, who had kept the commandments all of his life, was not able to do: to let go of the past, let go of constraints, and follow.

Thoughts for reflection:

- Bartimaeus knows what he needs - to see. What do I need spiritually? I ask God to help me in my self-examination.
- Contrast the response of this Bartimaeus with the rich man (Mark 17/22). The rich man walks away sad, unwilling to do as Jesus asks. Bartimaeus throws away what little he has. What is Jesus asking me of me? Does my response resemble that of the blind man, or the rich man? Which is my security, "my cloak?" I ask God for FAITH, to trust him.

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 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.

Masses for All Saints Day on Thursday November 1st:

- 6.30am: St Teresa's Chapel
- 9.30am: St Teresa's Church
- 7pm: St Teresa's Church
- 11.30am: St Thomas More; Cardinal McKeefry School Mass.

Masses for All Souls Day on Friday November 2nd:

- 9.30am: St Tereas's Chapel
- 5pm: St Teresa's Church

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.

Stewardship thoughts for today: *And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."* MARK 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

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 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

A Caring Space:

We offer this breathing space for all who care for a loved one, a chance to gently explore, together with God, the way this role is changing your life, hopes, dreams...and your relationships with the one you care for and others.

Led by Gill Schaap and Veronica Parton at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, on Saturday 3rd November; 11am – 2pm. Cost \$10. Hot drinks provided, bring your own lunch. Any enquires and to register contact Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email vjpdap@gmail.com

Die Fledermaus 1984 TVNZ production directed by Peter Coates, NZSO, De La Tour Opera chorus. Sung in English, delightful, colourful production. Nga Taonga Sound and Vision, 84 Taranaki Street, Sat 3rd November 4.30pm, \$10/\$8. See poster in Foyer.



The Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association, Wellington, is holding its Annual Christmas dinner on Friday, 9 November, at the Angus Inn, Waterloo Rd, Lower Hutt, commencing from 6.30pm. Our guest is Bro 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.

Child-Friendly Liturgies within the Mass:

Fr Patrick Bridgman will help us explore ways to make our Masses more inclusive for children. Everyone Welcome.

It is particularly relevant to members of Liturgy teams, Children's Liturgists, Musicians, Pastoral Council members and Directors of Religious Education.

Please register with Ann Williams before 30th October at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Where: Ss Peter & Paul Church Lower Hutt

When: Sunday 4th November 2.00pm-4.00pm. Cup of tea/coffee from 1.30pm.



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 Moore, 30 Worcester Street, Wilton.

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

Readings for the Week



Readings for the week: Oct 29th –Nov 4th

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13: 10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5: 21-33; Lk 13: 18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6: 1-9; Lk 13: 22-30
Thursday: Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12
Friday: Wis 3:1-6, Ps 23, Jn 14: 1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Deu 6:2-6; Heb 7: 23-38; Mk 12: 28-34



Please pray for Eleanor (Claire) Black who had died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Apply now – Tertiary Scholarships – Applications closing this week!!!

The Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship provides financial assistance to tertiary students from Wellington and Palmerston North Dioceses for their third year of tertiary studies. Please apply through www.compassion.org.nz/latest-news or the Facebook page by 31 October 2018. Contact Sr Lusiana Raratini at sr.lusi@compassion.org.nz



Volunteer Info 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 at volunteers@compassion.org.nz

Taizé Prayer. Join us for an hour of meditative singing – simple songs typically featuring a line or two from the Psalms. A kind of Lectio divina in music, reading and spoken prayer along with periods of silence. November 2nd, 7pm – 8pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7769.

Christian Meditation Group. Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

Retreat Weekend at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay. A weekend Retreat (Friday evening 2nd November to Sunday lunchtime 4th November) on the theme of "Pilgrimage – the ups and downs of our faith journey." In silence and through music, art and story Retreat Leader Raymond Pelly will invite us to explore our responses to God in the realities of life – a 'pilgrimage to unholy places'. Residential and non-residential enquiries welcome. Please ask about sponsorship if the Retreat fee is a concern. Contact: Retreat@compassion.org.nz or ph 04 282 1953



ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON: YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRY COORDINATOR 20-30 HOURS PER WEEK (NEGOTIABLE)

We are looking to employ a dedicated person to join a passionate, creative and qualified pastoral ministry team working to support and grow ministry with young people in the Archdiocese of Wellington.

For more information about the role and to apply head to seek.co.nz and search for 'Young Church' or contact i.mccafferty@wn.catholic.org.nz: Applications Close 15th November 2018.

The Feast of All Saints:

The Feast of all Saints is one of the most ancient and important in the Church, dating back to the 4th Century.

St Mary of the Angels will celebrate it with Vespers on **Thursday 1st November at 7:30pm.**

The choir will sing the Latin Gregorian antiphons, psalms, hymn and canticle for the day, with the Magnificat, in a setting by Palestrina. The liturgy, which lasts for about 40 minutes, will be followed by a short, 30-minute concert of choral music, with music by Victoria, including his motet for the day, 'O Quam Gloriosum Est' and movements of his Mass based on that motet, together with motets by Peter Philips, Thomas Tallis and Heinrich Schütz. David Trott is the organist, and Robert Oliver the director.

Otari Parish Morning Tea: Friday 2nd of November in the Presbytery after 9.30 Mass.
All welcome.