



CALLED, GIFTED, SENT FORTH

We, the people of God, led and inspired by the Holy Spirit, fed by the Word and the Eucharist, strive to share our faith and live our lives daily as disciples of Christ.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

How the Mighty have Fallen – or have they?

As I write this, it is only a few days since Cardinal Pell, in an Australian Law Court, was found guilty of the heinous crime of paedophilia. My own reaction: 'O no! Not this?!', but also a realisation that this unpopular Churchman with his blatant ambition and arrogance has now met his 'comeuppance'. All of us, as Catholics, must accept a sense of humiliation and embarrassed shame, must 'grin and bear it' and soldier on.

Next morning the Dominion Post covered half a page with its report on the case. Feeling sick at heart I went to turn to the next page. Then I realised, as a priest, I could be asked questions, and I had better read it.

As I read the account of the crime, as accepted by the Court, it just didn't 'add up'. I do not know the Cathedral in Melbourne, but I have taken part in ceremonies in large established cathedrals in Sydney, Rome, in England and North America. As well, I served two archbishops, as their Master of Ceremonies for 13 years.

It was claimed that after a solemn Sunday Mass, two choir boys had slipped away from the procession and had then been discovered by the Archbishop drinking altar wine and that, still vested, the Archbishop had committed the acts.

I find it difficult to credit that two choir boys could slip away during a procession, unobserved by one of their several tutors. Since the section of the building used by the choir would be well away from the sacristies, the boys wouldn't be mistaken for servers, and since the altar wine wouldn't be kept in the Archbishop's vesting room, I question his discovering them there drinking the wine. In fact, the wine, with the sacred vessels would all be in a working sacristy, which would have then been busy with sacristans clearing the sanctuary and preparing for the next Mass.

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 10 MARCH 2019

Readings—Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Gospel Luke 4:1-13

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In addition, it would have been unusual for the Archbishop not to be attended by the Master of Ceremonies or someone responsible for his vestments, as well as the different clergy and others seeking to 'have a word'.

Last year, Archbishop Wilson of Adelaide was found guilty of failing to report a priest's sexual abuse. In obedience to the Vatican's consequent directive, he resigned as Archbishop. He appealed his case to a higher court and has won his appeal. Cardinal Pell's lawyers have said his case will be appealed also.

May the truth, whatever it is, be established.

Charles Cooper

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Readings

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March

- 11 Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25: 31-46
12 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6: 7-15
13 Jonah 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32
14 Esther 4: 17; Mt 7: 7-12
15 Ezek 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26
16 Deut 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48
17 Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18; Phil 3: 17-4:1;
Lk 9:28-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Lent

First reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Abraham put his faith in the Lord.

Second reading: Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1

Christ will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

In Our Prayers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember these and other sick people of the Parish in your prayers.

Lena Barnao, Brother James, Pat Lee, Carmarita Marshall, Bob & Noeleen Marshall, Joan Hall, Bev Moran, Michael & Anne Wheeler, Rosa Marie Santos, Thomas Harris, Lie Perez, Wally Blazkow, Maria Tasi, Margaret Tinney, Lydia Pattison, Helapia Teofilo, Robert & Jocelyn Norris, Tim Heath, Brian Hughes, Paul Hergus, Paul Schmidt-Uili, Lagi Gray, Josh Sua'auloa, Helen Thomson, Margaret Smith, Zach Howat.

If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with

Holy Communion,

please advise the Parish Office (971.7885)

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the souls of our recently deceased.

Fr Peter Carde SM, Mary O'Brien.

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember and pray at all Masses for our loved family members, friends and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Craig Henry Smith, Ramon Swanson, Dorothea Rix, Derek Mu, Jack Flanagan, Patrick (Pat) Healy (Eire & London).

May they rest in God's eternal peace.



Parish Events

WELCOME FORM FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:

Available in all four communities from is a form for our new parishioners to complete so that we can welcome you as a parishioner of The Parish of the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu. Please return your completed form to your church community and one of our community welcomers will make contact with you/your family. We look forward to getting to know you.

GIFTING AND PARTICIPATION WEEKEND:

One of our Parish goals is to *"Become a stewardship parish where all goals are discerned, celebrated and utilized for the mission"*. In this connection, your participation as parishioners is needed, to achieving this goal.

A Form is included as an insert to our weekly Parish Bulletin this week (10th March) (Sacred Heart, San Antonio, St Patrick and Our Lady of the Rosary), requesting everyone to consider in which ministry you are called in.



GET INVOLVED!

Each of us has been gifted with certain talents. This is an opportunity for us to consider, offer our service and get involved in the life of our church community. Let us be united together and share those God given talents and make our Parish of the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu vibrant and alive.

CARDINAL'S PASTORAL LETTER RE CHURCHES AND PRESBYTERIES:

In response to the Cardinal's pastoral letter, a Parish Committee is being organised/formed whose main concern is to study, make realistic proposals/recommendations and formulate the response to the Cardinal based on the feedback from the four communities.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, 12 March, 7:00pm, Presbytery Meeting Room.

'CHILDREN OF GOD' Monthly Prayer Group: Parishioners are invited to an evening embracing Reconciliation, Mass, prayers, hymns and supper and friendship at the home of Selaimo Tioniso, 70 Richmond Street Petone on Wednesday 13th March 7:00pm.

Need a lift? Phone 971 1660

Weekly collection 2019 - March 3rd, \$3,335.50 - Thank you for your support.

San Antonio - Eastbourne

SAN ANTONIO WOMEN'S GROUP: Next meeting is on Friday 15th March, 2:00pm at Enid's home, Nikau Street.

We will celebrate 'St Patrick' so wear green. Ring Eileen (562 8806) for transport or further information.

All welcome.



Sacred Heart - Petone

SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS: Wednesday 13 March, 10:00am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: - Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.

CHURCH PIANO – DONATION: After the latest check/tune up of our piano, it has been suggested that its life is now nearing its end. So after canvassing, a new one would cost us about \$3,000. We have already received some donations towards it but still short. Anyone who wants to contribute towards this is most appreciated. It can be put in an envelope and marked **PIANO** or it can be handed to the office.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Waiwhetu

FAITH AND LIGHT GROUP:

This group meets today Sunday 10th March in OLR church foyer from 1:30-4:00pm.

St Patrick - Wainuiomata

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be held 7pm in the church every Friday during Lent.

SAMOAN COMMUNITY:

There will be a Samoan Mass next Sunday, 17th March at 11:30am.

The Children's liturgy (in Samoan) will begin on the third Sunday (17 March), after Mass.

FUNDRAISING - COIN JAR SUNDAY:

Once again we bring to mind our continuing Fundraiser "The Coin Jar" towards the Stage 2 Wainuiomata Building Project - planned for 23/24 March 2019 - (The Third Sunday of Lent).

We encourage you to bring your coin jar and as always empty the contents into the bucket for carrying to the altar before the final blessing at 9:00am Mass. Your continuing support and contributions (whether large or small are so greatly appreciated for such a great cause).

Thank you kindly - **St Patrick's Fundraising Committee.**



Archdiocese Events

LENTEN PRAYER FOR LIFE: From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer commitment for the campaign's four prayer intentions at fli.org.nz/lenenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book. If possible, please also join the prayerful witness to life outside Wellington Hospital on all or any of these Wednesdays March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. To sign up for an hour txt 021 2317954 or email For more information see the poster in the church porch.

XLT (eXaLT) Youth Worship Night: Friday 15th March @ St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown 7pm to 9pm. Relevant Worship, Adoration, fellowship. Come with your friends! Open to Year 9 – 13 students and young adults.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WELLINGTON invites men to come along and join us on **Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7:30pm. (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start)** In **CONNOLLY HALL, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the closed Sacred Heart Cathedral).** **Speaker: Fr Peter Ewart on "Be Servants of the Living God"**

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

ABOUT TO GET MARRIED? Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not! So too marriage. Engaged Encounter Weekends this year are heavily booked. Weekends are 30/31 March 2019; 3/4 August 2019; 9/10 November 2019, all at St Teresa's Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington For more information phone Kate and Simon on 801 6192 or visit our website at www.cee-wellington.co.nz

FOOD FOR FAITH FOR LENT -sign up to receive daily email encouragements at:
www.foodforfaith.org.nz

FROM THE JUSTICE, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain.

Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion.

Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch.

Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material resources with them.

Pope Francis: Message for Lent 2019