

## On Reflection

**T**he approaching end of the liturgical year regularly brings the usual warnings about being prepared. We know that in the very early Church the Christians believed that Christ's Second Coming and therefore the end of the world would come very soon, even in their lifetime.

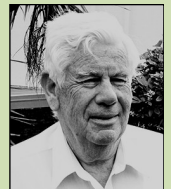


By the time the gospels were put in written form, however, this began to seem less likely. Does that mean that the warnings about readiness can be put aside? Because, for most of us, it is presumably purely academic to wonder when the end of our universe or of our planet will take place. We are not likely to be around when it happens.

What is much more practical is the end of our own world, the end of our time here on earth. That is anything but an academic consideration. That is the one reality of our future that we can be absolutely certain about. And we know very well – although we often prefer

not to think about it – that it can happen in any time and any place. Today's readings bring us face to face with this reality, this fact. They ask us the question. Am I ready? And that implies consideration of a second question. How can I be ready?

God bless  
Fr Peter



## **A THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP**

1. *All that we have and all that we may be or accomplish are gifts from God - our time, our talent, our money, and especially the gift of life itself.*
2. *God gave us these many gifts out of great love for us.*
3. *God did not intend that we be actual owners of these gifts, using them mainly for ourselves, or hoarding them, or ignoring these gifts by "placing them under a bushel basket."*
4. *Rather, God's purpose was that we would be good STEWARDS, or managers of these gifts by using them generously and wisely for building up the Kingdom of God.*
5. *The very purpose of our lives is defined by how we use our unique set of gifts, and how we demonstrate our love for God and for our neighbour. That is why stewardship might be considered as a way of providing definition for our lives.*
6. *God gives us freedom of choice to use our gifts in this way, but he expects our motives to be love, gratitude and justice, as opposed to guilt and fear.*
7. *God promised many blessings for those who generously share their gifts, but the most important of these blessings are happiness, eternal life and God's care and protection.*



**Sign of the Cross in Maori:** 'Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu. Amine.'

**Psalm Response:** 'My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.'

**Sung response to the prayers of the faithful:** 'E te Ariki whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.'

# Pastoral Area - News and Notices

## Pastoral Area Notices

### Mass: Time and Place

Our Pastoral Area has a temporary change in Mass time and venue over the next four months. Please note the following:

Saturday, 26 November

Saturday, 31 December (New Year's Eve)

Saturday, 28 January 2012

Saturday, 25 February

On each of these dates a 5.30pm Vigil Mass will be at St Thomas More Church, Wilton. This Mass **will replace both** the Cathedral Vigil Mass and the Wilton 9.30am Sunday Mass.

**FINAL REMINDER! FINAL REMINDER!**

### **"Of Gods and Men"**

**Pastoral Area BBQ and Movie Night  
Friday 11 November at St Thomas More**

*All in the Pastoral Area are invited to an evening out.*

**5.30pm Starting with a BBQ:** Bring your own meat and drink (bread, tomato sauce and salads provided)

**6.30pm in the** Sr Catherine Jones will give an introduction to the themes of the film **'Of Gods and Men'** and briefly tell of her own mission experience in Algeria about the same time as the setting of the film. The movie will then follow.

**8.30pm in the lounge:** Tea/coffee and slice while sharing fellowship with others and reflecting on the movie

**Please note the movie is recommended for secondary students and adults only**



### **New Words. Deeper Meaning. Same Mass.**

On the First Sunday of Advent this year, we will be praying and singing the full texts of the newly revised Roman Missal.

As Church we are called to welcome the new words of the Mass in both English and Māori.

The Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand invite us to plant these new texts, English and Māori, deep in our hearts, so that they may, in time, become as familiar and loved as the texts we leave behind.

You may wish to take a fresh look at the booklet, *New Words. Deeper Meaning.*

*Same Mass. Understanding the Revised Mass Texts.* This will help you to prepare for the First Sunday of Advent.

A *taonga kahurangi*, a precious gift, has been given us by the Church. Let us take it, treasure it, pray it. **New Words. Deeper Meaning. Same Mass.**

## St Thomas More Parish

### Sunday Evening Eco-Liturgy

**St Thomas More Church - 13 Nov - 7.30pm**



**Theme: Bees and trees in the web of life**

*This liturgy centres on the importance of bees in nature's cycle of pollination for food and flowers. A table will be available for people to share ecological items.*

Anyone interested in organising the liturgies and providing music please contact Margaret Connor ph: 473 5195 or [m.p.connor@paradise.net.nz](mailto:m.p.connor@paradise.net.nz)

### JPD Group

**Meet the Candidates! Wed 9 November Wellington Central:**

8.30pm: Backbenches' Wellington Central Debate, The Backbencher, Molesworth St. Especially for the young at heart, have some fun too!

**Thurs 10 November Wellington Central:**

7.30pm: Aro Valley Meet the Candidates meeting. There may be another meeting at St Anne's@Ward - look out for it.

## St Teresa Parish

### Readers wanted for Christmas Masses.

We require the following support for our Christmas Masses. If you know that you are going to be available please contact Catherine (parish office) ph: 476 6131 or Cheryl Taylor (liturgy committee) ph: 977 4738.

**Service of Light** 24 December (11.30pm ie. prior to midnight Mass) - 2 Readers

**Midnight Mass** 24 December - 2 Readers

**Christmas Day** 25 December - Mass 10am - 2 Readers

### CWL News

Last month Karori Catholic Women's League held their AGM which was well-supported. Maria Anderson spoke about 'Kopua' (a retreat in Hawkes Bay [www.kopuamonastery.org.nz](http://www.kopuamonastery.org.nz)), which everyone found extremely interesting. Re-elected were Janet Lowe, *Branch President*, Delia McCaffrey *Secretary*, Margaret France *Treasurer*, Margaret West *Mission Convenor*, Penny Dravitzki *Minute Secretary* and *committee members* Anne Lumb and Anne McIntyre. We were delighted to receive nominations for three new committee members - Mary Blair, Vonnie Nunns and Ethne Wyndham-Smith. Our next CWL social meeting is on Wednesday 16 November 2011, at 7.30pm, in the back of the church. Please feel free to come along and see what we are all about! New social members are always warmly welcomed.

### Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars

CWL will be selling Christmas cards and Columban calendars at Masses during November. St Vincent de Paul cards are good value priced at \$2.50 for a packet of 5 and calendars are \$8. Our Christmas raffle tickets will also be on sale.

## Sacred Heart Parish

### Little Blue Books

for Advent and Christmas on sale in Cathedral foyer - \$6 each.



## Wider Catholic Community Notices

### Made in Petone

Sacred Heart School Petone  
Parish Hall - 33 Britannia St  
Saturday 19 November: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Get in early and buy unique hand-made art and craft for Christmas presents from 23 stall-holders. Food, drinks, Christmas raffle, carol singers, free car and pram parking, activities for kids (including a merry-go-round!) makes this an event not to be missed. Eftpos (cash out) available. Proceeds of market will go towards upgrading school computers. *Special thanks to Fine Signs, Apex Print, Eftpos NZ and Maribel Aburto for their support.*



### Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

meet Saturday 19 November 1.30pm - 3.30pm Connolly Hall, Thorndon. To conclude our year there will be a

Thanksgiving Mass followed by a festive afternoon tea. All women welcome to join us for praise, worship, teaching and fellowship. Enquiries: Sandra ph: 475 5541 [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)



Fr Felix, a Ukrainian priest from Melbourne, comes to Wellington occasionally and says a Ukrainian Mass. He is pictured in the Cathedral Chapel.

### Wel-Com this month

... Church leaders speak out about the widening gap between rich and poor on the eve of the general election... The first social encyclical has advice on Pike River... The bishops against euthanasia... A challenge to church teaching on homosexuality from the father of a gay man...and something for everyone in your copy of Wel-com.

## Praying for the Souls of the Dead

The whole month of November is a traditional time for us to pray for the souls of those who have died.

November begins with All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation, to honour all saints and martyrs. The next day, 2 November, is All Souls Day, a day to remember friends and loved ones who have passed away.

In praying for the dead, we hope to ease their suffering as they are purged of their sins. We pray for them to be purified, so their souls can be received into heaven. We all belong to the body of Christ - those living, those in heaven, and those who have died and are being purified.

Praying for the dead is an ancient Christian tradition. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny (France), in 998AD designated a specific day for remembering and praying for those in the process of purification, and this gradually spread throughout the Catholic Church.



### The Catholic Deaf Community

invites all Deaf to join them for the 9.30am Mass at St Peter and Paul's Church, 60 Knights Rd, Lower Hutt on Sunday 13 November. A NZSL interpreter will be present.

### Journeys of St Paul Pilgrimage

May 2012. Holy Land, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Escorted by Fr Chris Friel (ph: 03 686 2013) from Timaru. Full details from Pilgrimage tours - ph: 0800 356 728



### Headlines from the 6 - 19 November issue of NZ Catholic:

... "Occupy Wall St" movement gets Vatican tick... *Farmer stands up for modesty in face of mockery*... New translation on agenda for NZ bishops in Rome...

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on 20 November.

### Catholic Man Breakfast Series - Hosted by Archbishop John Dew

Men of the parish are invited to breakfast Saturday 12 November, 7.30am - 9.30am, at the James Cook Hotel. Speaker: Graham Walshe, Executive Chairman, Brother International (NZ) Ltd. Tickets: \$25 Contact: Pat Clegg ph: 566 5786 (d) or ph: 569 6755 (n)

### The Lazarus Experience

A healing weekend for separated and divorced Catholics. When: Friday 25 November to Sunday 27 November Where: 7 Trevethick Gr, Lower Hutt Contacts: Don ph: 587 0527 or 021 459 859 [lazarusexp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lazarusexp@xtra.co.nz)

### Pro-Life Facts

Doctors, nurses or other staff working in the public health service have the right to follow their informed conscience and refuse to perform or assist in abortions. They should seek the protection provided for this by Parliament in section 46 of the 1977 Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act.

For more information, contact Right to Life ph: (03)385 6111 or [righttolifenz@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifenz@gmail.com)

## Readings for the Week



### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November:

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>: Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>: St Leo the Great Wis 7:22 - 8-1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>: St Martin of Tours Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>: St Josaphat Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



### Anniversaries

Fr Dan Milligan SM

### St Thomas More Parish

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Wilton  
Box 17-098,  
Karori  
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[principal@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz](mailto:principal@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz)  
Ph: 475 3262  
DRS: Mary Ryan

**Mass Times:**  
Sunday 9.30am

**Reconciliation and Baptism:**  
by appointment

**Pastoral Area Website :**  
[wn-west-pa.wellington.net.nz](http://wn-west-pa.wellington.net.nz)

### St Teresa Parish

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Parish Council Chair: Benny Tau'alupe  
Hall Bookings: Mira Ph: 476 2851

**St Teresa's School**  
299 Karori Rd, Karori  
Acting Principal: Jillian Carberry  
Ph: 939 1725  
DRS: Ingrid Jacobs

**Mass Times:**  
Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm  
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.30am  
Thursday: Exposition and rosary 9-9.30am  
Saturday: Mass 9am

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays after 9am Mass  
**Baptism:** by appointment

### Sacred Heart Parish

24 Hill St,  
Thorndon  
Box 1937,  
Wellington 6140  
Ph: 496 1700  
Fax: 496 1719



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Parish Council Chair: Bridget Anne Fowler  
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**Sacred Heart Cathedral School**  
Guildford Tce, Thorndon  
Principal: Bill Turley  
Ph: 472 4047  
DRS: Jane Regan

**Mass Times:**  
Saturday 5.30pm  
Sunday 10am, 7pm  
Monday to Friday: 8am, 12.10pm  
Saturday 8.30am in Cathedral Chapel

**Reconciliation and Baptism:**  
by appointment

**Westlink: Enquiries - Catherine Vernon ph: 476 6131 [teresas.parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:teresas.parish@xtra.co.nz)**  
**Rita Phelon ph: 496 1700 [r.phelon@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:r.phelon@wn.catholic.org.nz)**  
**Deadline for material is Wednesday midday.**

## PASTORAL AREA ACTIVITIES

### St Thomas More Parish

**Christian Life Community (CLC)**  
**Ignation Prayer Group** meets  
every two weeks. Contact  
Tricia Kane for details  
ph: 475 8837

**CCD classes** meets every two  
weeks at St Thomas More on  
Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30pm. For  
details contact St Thomas  
More Church or Patricia  
Bennett ph:473 5110

**Tai Chi** Every Tuesday  
morning with Marie  
Turner, a Thomas  
More Parishioner.  
Contact her for details  
ph: 472 1918

**Pilates** Mondays (except  
school holidays). 9.30  
-10.30am Beginner  
class; 10.30 -11.30am  
Introductory Class.  
Enrolments essential.  
Sue Ruffell  
ph: 027 712 8434

### St Teresa Parish

**First Friday of the month**  
Priest visits house  
bound parishioners  
and brings communion

**Exposition and Rosary**  
Thursdays at 9am

**Communion to Sick and elderly  
in Karori rest homes** Thursdays

**Choir Practice**  
Tuesdays at 7.30pm

**Divine Mercy Adoration**  
Every Saturday 3pm -  
3.20pm there will be Divine  
Mercy Adoration in the  
Chapel. All are welcome.



*"Stay awake because you do not  
know either the day or the hour."*

### Sacred Heart Parish

**7 November St Mary's College  
Senior Prizegiving** - Cathedral  
**7 November St Mary's College  
Thanksgiving Mass** - Cathedral

**17 November Joshua Fellowship  
for Men** Connolly Hall

**17 November Parish Council**  
Viard lounge 7.30pm

**19 Nov Dove Fellowship for  
Women** Connolly Hall

**RCIA** Sessions every 2nd Tuesday  
7.30 - 9pm, Viard Lounge

**Rosary** Mondays 11.30am in  
Cathedral Chapel

**Bible Study Group** Wednesdays,  
7pm Kohanga Chaplaincy,  
4 Kelburn Pde. Contact Elisapeci  
Waqanivalu ph:022 672 4894

**Divine Mercy Devotions**  
every Sunday at 6.30pm

**Prayer Group Meeting** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
5<sup>th</sup> Mondays, Connolly Hall 7.30pm

**Holy Hour** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every  
month at 7.30pm

**Today's Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**