

Cathedral Campaign– Fr James Lyons visit

Many of you are no doubt aware that the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington has been closed for some time (almost 2 years now), and the Cardinal and a group from the Cathedral Parish of Thornden are planning to repair and strengthen the roof and also begin improvements and refurbishment of the Cathedral.

The Committee for raising the funds have already raised \$3 million towards the project, and work on a major part of the restoration began last month. Then a huge boost to the work was received in August with a Government grant of \$8.5 million

from its Covid-19 'shovel ready' infrastructure fund. There is an estimated \$5 mill. still to be raised. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$16.5 million.

Fr James Lyons is the Cathedral Campaign chair and he will visit our parish of Star of the Sea from 2nd to 6th October. Father Lyons will be seeking assistance from the parishioners towards the work of strengthening and refurbishing our Cathedral.

I know these are difficult times, but please consider the opportunity to give towards making the Cathedral an enduring and beautiful legacy for the Catholic people of tomorrow.

Fr. Pat McIndoe CP
a/Parish Priest

PS. Please see the centre pages of this month's Welcom obtainable in the Church foyer for a full run-down on the Project, or if you wish by request to Fr Pat (0221653354) delivered to your door.

Day of Celebration -Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Cardinal John Dew is a liaison Bishop for the Cause of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. On 6th October, it is the anniversary of her passing and we will celebrate on the closest Sunday which is 4th October. We will have a special prayer card, a video (hopefully) and a special prayer during Mass.

All Catholics are being asked to continue to pray for her beatification and eventual canonisation. And, in her words, let us remember her wonderful prayer. **"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."**

Star of the Sea Parish Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020

As part of our annual accounts, the Parish is asked to quantify what we do and who is involved or a "Statement of Service" . In a mostly volunteered organisation, this can be difficult. So we looked at the results of what we do, and the list below only covers a small section of the wonderful services, we as a parish, provide.

while the figures below show the activity in the parish as a whole, it also shows a trend of where the parish is going in the future.

		2020 Year	2019 Year	2018 Year
1	Number of attendees at Sunday mass for the year (based on two monthly mass counts)	484	545	534
2	Sacramental Programmes delivered to parish community for the year	0	0	3
2a	Baptisms	30	53	39
2b	First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation	22	30	24
3	Funerals celebrated	24	44	31
4	Weddings celebrated	1	7	3

Letter from Cardinal John Dew regarding Level 1



Archbishop of Wellington

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23 September 2020

Dear Fathers, Lay Pastoral Leaders, Chaplains, Principals, Archdiocesan Directors

On Monday 21st September, the Prime Minister made the announcement that most of New Zealand would be returning to Alert Level One. After several weeks of being in Alert Level Two we are now able to return to the celebration of Sunday Masses. This means that because there are not the restrictions of having only one hundred people present that Sunday Masses, Requiem Masses and other gatherings are able to be held. I am sure I do not need to remind you of the need to keep the safety practices in place. Please continue to remind people of the need to stay safe and not to take any risks at all.

I remind you that after a discussion at the Council of Priests in July it was recommended that for now we continue with:

- Communion under one kind only, therefore no Precious Blood is to be distributed in the meantime
- No physical contact at the Sign of Peace but an acknowledgment of some nature
- Communion on the hand only (Some parishes have established the custom of Communion on the tongue, if those receiving on tongue come up last in the queue for Holy Communion – this may continue)

I am very aware that the plans many of you have made in your parishes for the celebrations of Confirmation and First Eucharist have had to be changed a number of times and I know that has not been easy. While normally we do not celebrate these two Sacraments in the one ceremony you may like to think of doing that this year.

With all good wishes and every blessing.

Yours sincerely in the Lord

John A Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington

A quote courtesy of The Ecology, Justice and Peace advisor,
Archdiocese of Wellington

A virus that does not recognize barriers, borders, or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a love without barriers, borders or distinctions.

Pope Francis, [General Audience, 9 September 2020](#)