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Initiation to the Christian life

It is both a privilege and an opportunity for personal growth when you accompany people on their journey to explore our Catholic faith. The parish currently has two people wanting to embark upon a journey through a Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) formation programme that starts at the beginning of September. The piece below, written by Joe Green, the Archdiocesan RCIA Co-ordinator, explores *te ara* (the pathway) of the RCIA programme and the role of the parish. We hope Joe's reflective questions will encourage you to attend an information evening on how you can become involved in various aspects of this year's programme (see notice inside for details).

'The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful' (RCIA #4). This simple sentence sums up the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the 'RCIA'. It is this sentence that is driving a sea-change around the world in the way catechumens, those who are not baptised Christians, are initiated to Christian life (not to be confused with the baptised who wish to become Catholic).

And what is the Christian life? The RCIA (#75) outlines four major components: worship and prayer, word, community and mission and service. Since the RCIA was revitalised following Vatican II it has tended to be seen as a class-based introduction to Catholicism, heavily loaded with learning dogma and doctrine.

Dogma and doctrine are important, but they are only one small part of the process. More important is participation in the life of the parish: liturgies, prayer, social groups, service such as communion to the sick, foodbanks, St Vincent de Paul, community committees, support to refugees and migrants, Catholic social action.

As a parish community do we live this Christian life? Why would someone want to join us? How do we help them grow? What would keep them here?

Debbie Matheson, Lay Pastoral Leader

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish is a partner in the Wellington Central Pastoral Area with St Mary of the Angels (CBD), and the Catholic Parish of Otari (Wilton and Karori).

Sharing our Catholic Faith - If you are interested in sharing our Catholic faith tradition, as a sponsor accompanying and supporting others learning about the Church; or you are interested, or know someone interested, in entering the Catholic Church, please come to a meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday 28th August in the Catholic Centre, where you will learn about the RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation) beginning in September and what is involved. Enquiries to Trish McAloon (021 2231987, trish.mcaloon@gmail.com) or Nick Polaschek (020 4797956, nandlpolaschek@gmail.com)

The Friends of Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral invite you to their movie fundraiser -

Downton Abbey, the movie. Friday 20 September, at 8:00pm for a complimentary drink. Movie begins at 8:30pm. Penthouse Cinema, 205 Ohiro Rd, Brooklyn. Tickets \$20:00 from Parish Office.



Mass offered for:
David Shroff, husband of
Judith, anniversary 12
August.



‘Gratitude is always a powerful weapon. Only if we are able to contemplate and feel genuine gratitude for all those ways we have experienced God’s love, generosity, solidarity and trust, as well as his forgiveness, patience, forbearance and compassion, will we allow the Spirit to grant us the freshness that can renew (and not simply patch up) our life and mission.’ - Pope Francis, Letter to Priests, 4 August 2019.

EVENTS

Saturday 24 August is the sixth anniversary of Fr Doug’s ordination as a priest. All are welcome to join him after the 5:30pm Mass at St Thomas More for a drink and nibbles to celebrate.

Proclaimers of the Word — and anyone who is interested in this ministry are invited to a session of formation and renewal, Sunday 25 August, 2:30-4:30pm, Cathedral Chapel. Fr Doug has promised afternoon tea.

National Vocations Awareness Week - Lives of Service, Lives of Joy — Our baptism calls us to holiness. We live out this call through marriage, single life, priesthood or consecrated life. National Vocations Awareness Week (4-11 August) is an annual event set aside by the Bishops of New Zealand, focusing our attention on all forms of vocation in the Church.

Please pray for all those in our Archdiocese who are discerning their vocation, including our three seminarians Alfred, Kinh and Matthew, and Emilio who is preparing to enter the Seminary next year. May we all be open to God’s call and respond with generosity and courage.

Pre-loved Sports Sale, St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie: 10am-2pm, Saturday 17 August. All codes — one item - \$10, 3 items \$20 with a small selection of items at specially marked prices. Gold coin sausage sizzle and tea & coffee. Got some gear to donate? Drop it at the college office or contact parentsassociation@stpats.school.nz. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for St Patrick's College.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women — meets Connolly Hall, 17 August 1:30pm. Speaker: Silvana Abella Director of ICPE Wellington. Enquiries to Shura 0210724042.

Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday 17 August. St Anne's Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. 10:00am-12 noon, beginning with Mass. Information: Family Life International NZ ph 021 231 7954.

The Cardinal's Lunch will be held at The Intercontinental Hotel on Wednesday 28 August at 12 noon. Cardinal John will share his vision for the future of the church being young, transformed and transformative, outward looking, through the message at the 2017 synod of "Go, you are sent". Tickets \$115. To register: <https://cl2019.lilregie.com>. For more information phone Robyn 027 2018766.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship meets Thursday 15 August, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start, Connolly Hall. Theme: Palmerston North Retreat Testimony. Enquiries to Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Introducing a new member of the Parish Pastoral Council - **Christine Paterson**, a Cathedral parishioner since about 2007, a career teaching and leading in Catholic schools, led the Cathedral Liturgy Committee for 10 years, trained in Pastoral Area Liturgy Support, involved in Lay Ministry and training, have attended Stewardship, and Liturgy Conferences in Australia. Was honoured to receive the Benemerenti Medal, 2016, on behalf of the wonderful, supportive Cathedral Liturgy team. My husband and I have four adult children, and six grandchildren.

St Catherine's College Enrolments are now open; closing 30 August. For information and late enrolments please phone 04 9398988 or email office@scc.school.nz. St Catherine's College aims to nurture and empower our young women to be active and creative learners.

Parish Smartphone App - Recently we changed the company providing our smartphone app. To get the latest app, please delete the old one from your phone completely. The new app can be downloaded from the links on our website: <https://www.mcshwellington.org/parishapp/> - select either the Apple App Store or the Google Play App Store logo depending on your phone type. Then install the "infoodle" app and then once installed search for and select Sacred Heart Cathedral. You will then be prompted to allow notifications. I encourage you to select "Yes" so you can receive important parish information, and updates. If you have any problems then please contact me, Frank, in the Parish Office and I will do what I can to help you.

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Mass Times

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00am & 12:10pm

Cathedral Blessed Sacrament Chapel

SATURDAY

8:30am - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

5:30pm - St. Thomas More, Wilton

SUNDAY

10:30am - St. Thomas More, Wilton

7:00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Reconciliation: Weekdays 11:50am-12:05pm; Saturday after 8:30am Mass, or by appointment. **Baptism** by appointment.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Liturgy Committee next meeting Tuesday 3 September.

Finance Committee Next meeting Thursday 12 September.

Parish Pastoral Council Next meeting Thursday 29 August.

Rosary Monday 11:30am-12:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Thursday & Friday 7:30am until the 8:00am Mass.

Prayer Group 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays, 7:30 pm in Connolly Hall.

Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday 6:00pm-6:30pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Newsletter items should be sent to cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz by Wednesday midday.

The Parish Smartphone App can be downloaded from:

www.mcshwellington.org/parishapp

Readings for the Week

Sunday 11th – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Monday 12th – Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday 13th – Deut 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday 14th – Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday 15th – **The Assumption of Our Lady**

Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

Friday 16th – Josh 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday 17th – Josh 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday 18th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53.



Psalm Response Today: 'Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own'