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In the Sunday's Gospel Luke tells us about the entrance into the kingdom of God and how there is no such thing as automatic entry. While Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem, someone asks him about the number who will be saved. Rather than speculate about the number who will deserve salvation, Jesus give practical advise on how you might enter: 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

The door is a narrow opening so believers must strive to enter it. It is a warning against presumption. Salvation depends on the favour and grace of God and the honest struggle to follow God completely in his ways.

On a personal note on St Bartholomew's feast Day I will have been six years a priest.

Fr Stephen Rossetti in 'The Joy of Priesthood' wrote;  
"My brothers, you are a sign of hope. In a world of darkness, your presence, which is the presence of Jesus, is a light for the world. Despite your frail humanity, or because of it, the light of Christ shines more brightly."

That powerful statement has resided in my heart from the day I read it in the Seminary. I have also realised I would not be the priest I am if it wasn't for the people I serve, who have allowed me into their lives so generously and genuinely as their priest.  
My Prayerful thanks

Fr Doug

*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 the Parish Office.

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 Ohio Rd, Brooklyn. Tickets \$20:00 from Parish Office.



**Please continue to support the food bank,**

with donations of non perishable foods or toiletries and sanitary or laundry items. Collection boxes are beside the doors in the foyer of St Thomas More and the Cathedral Chapel. Thank you. If you know of someone who needs a delivery, please contact the parish office.

## EVENTS

**OPENING THE GIFT THAT IS YOU!** - A Gift Discernment Workshop. Each of us is a unique gift package from God. This workshop of reflection and discovery will help you to open your own gift package and find your gifts for abundant living and service in God's creative and reconciling work in the world. Workshop reflections and sharing are aimed at helping you discover and celebrate the gifts you use as you minister in your families, at work, in your communities, and in our parish faith community. Please register with the Parish office for the workshop on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2:00-4:30pm at Connolly Hall.

**Proclaimers of the Word** - a reminder that all Proclaimers, and those interested, are invited to a session of formation and renewal, This Sunday 25 August, 2:30-4:30pm, in the Cathedral Chapel with Fr Doug. Afternoon tea is promised!

**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](mailto:office@scc.school.nz). St Catherine's College aims to nurture and empower our young women to be active and creative learners.

'The door of God's mercy is narrow but is always open to everyone! God does not have preferences, but always welcomes everyone, without distinction. A narrow door to restrain our pride and our fear; a door open wide because God welcomes us without distinction... The door is narrow but always open wide: do not forget this.' - Pope Francis, [Angelus 21 August 2016](#)

**OUR GOOD WISHES** go with members of the music department as they head off to Dunedin next week. Teal Voices from Wellington Girls' College are directed by our Director of Music Michael Fletcher, and have members from our own Cathedral Choir; Emma Clough and Emma Knight, accompanied by Nicky Sutherland. Teal Voices are one of only 24 choirs, chosen from a total pool of 257 secondary school choirs involving 9,500 singers from across New Zealand who will compete in Dunedin over three days in the Big Sing Finale. As part of the competition they will present two contrasting programmes of music. They might bring home a bronze, silver or the much coveted gold award!

**City Buses** - Anyone who would like to give feedback on Wellington's bus services is invited to one of a number of drop-in workshops or to contribute via an on-line survey. For more information, see <https://www.metlink.org.nz/on-our-way/bus-network-review/>. Some parishioners use, or would like to use, public transport to get to Mass, so consultation is timely..

**Holy Hour** - Tuesday 27 August 7:30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence, Benediction, followed by supper.

The government has proposed to amend the law relating to abortion; the Bill has been referred to a select committee and public submissions are invited until Thursday 13 September. You may be interested in the Bishops' initial statement, available at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/abortion-is-both-a-health-issue-and-a-justice-issue/>. If you would like to make a submission on the Bill, the process is explained at [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL\\_SCF\\_BILL\\_89814/abortion-legislation-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill) and the Bill itself can be read at <http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/>

**Celebrating Creation - An Ecumenical Event.** A very warm invitation is extended to all to an ecumenical service celebrating the Season of Creation in St Anne's Church, Newtown on Thursday 5 September. The service will begin at 7:00pm but will be preceded by hospitality in the Hall at 6:00pm. Please bring your takeaway so we can eat together. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**The Divine Mercy Devotion** - Daily 1695:

'Then I heard the words. I am glad you behaved like my true daughter. Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even you greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart.' All welcome for weekly Devotion, Sunday 6:00pm.



**St. Mary's College PTFA Fundraiser Quiz** - Thursday 12 September at The Shepherds Arms Hotel on Tinakori Road. Tickets on sale on-line at: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CGS> or from the school office; or email [st.marys.wellington.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.wellington.ptfa@gmail.com). This is one of the PTFA's major fundraisers for the year to support the College.

# Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish

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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) by Wednesday midday.*

*The Parish Smartphone App can be downloaded from:*

[www.mcshwellington.org/parishapp](http://www.mcshwellington.org/parishapp)

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 66:1-18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** - 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** - 1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** - 1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** - Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** - 1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** - 1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ecclus 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14



**Psalm Response Today:** 'Go out to all the world and tell the Good News'.