



The Cathedral Connection



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants...” – Mk 4:30-32

Gardening has always been a hobby of mine. I’m always amazed and heartened at the bounty and beauty of plants and flowers after much care has been given from when it has been planted, till it is grown. It makes me glad when friends come by and enjoy the beauty of the plants and flowers in the back yard. In today’s Gospel, our Lord compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed – small in diameter; but grows into a large enough tree that birds of the air can shelter and rest in its branches. One can imagine the good soil in which the mustard seed was planted, and the nurture given for it to grow tremendously.

Like the tiny mustard seed, at times we may feel insignificant and have nothing to offer. At times, it seems our talents, our gifts, are not enough. That we do not have what it takes to make a difference in the lives of others, albeit our own lives. At times we feel so lost, we feel we are alone. We hide away. We close our selves to others. We close our minds and hearts to our Lord.

But just like the tiny mustard seed, we are packed with so much potential in us, in our soul. However, we need to be planted in good soil and cared for. Our Lord sows and nurtures us through His mercy and love. But do we accept the message of His Gospel to nurture us? Do we surrender to His divine will so that all that He has planned for us can come to fruition? Do we let the Holy Spirit in to our hearts so that we may be reminded of all that our Lord Jesus said, and help us understand the words of the Lord? And in so doing, like the mustard seed, we can grow tremendously that others may rest in us.

God created us in His image and likeness. He made us that we may bring forth His kingdom through us. All we have to do is believe this and let our Lord work in us and through us. So that we may be blessings to others, and others may see and feel God in our company.

Blessed Sunday to all.

Randy Reyes
Chair—Parish Pastoral Council



Readings For The Week

Sunday 13 June – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34
Monday 14 – 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday 15 – 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday 16 – 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday 17 – 2 Corinthians 11:1-11, Matthew 6:7-15
Friday 18 – 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30, Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday 19 – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday 20 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 38:1, 8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

Psalm Response:
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

OUR MISSION & VISION

To joyfully share God’s love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.



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)

Quote of the week

Despite being *the smallest* of all the seeds, the mustard seed is full of life and grows until it becomes "*the greatest of all shrubs*". And thus is the Kingdom of God: a humanly small and seemingly irrelevant reality. To become a part of it, one must be poor of heart; not trusting in their own abilities, but in the power of the love of God; not acting to be important in the eyes of the world, but precious in the eyes of God, who prefers the simple and the humble. When we live like this, the strength of Christ bursts through us and transforms what is small and modest into a reality that leavens the entire mass of the world and of history.



Pope Francis, [14 June 2015](#)

EVENTS



Prayer Group meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Cathedral foyer at 7.30 pm.

Adoration every Thursday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available every Thursday from 8.30am, after the 8am Mass, until 7pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this very special time. Come and spend a few minutes, or longer if you are able, to increase your intimacy with our loving God. It is an opportunity to come away to a place of quiet reflection away from the busy-ness of life. All are welcome.



Joshua Fellowship

Don't forget the Joshua men's meeting this Thursday 17 June 2021 at 7.30pm (note: fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start). Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets.

Input then sharing in small groups. "How important is Joshua in your life?"

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

Rosary - Mondays from 11.30am in the Connolly Hall Chapel (not on Public Holidays)

Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday 6pm-6.30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel.

Scripture Meditation - Tuesdays 5-5.30pm by Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WLqwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914



Parish AGM

Please mark in your diaries that our Parish AGM will be held immediately after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 27 June 2021. You are all encouraged to attend as we look at the past year and plan for the next.

Liturgy Workshop – Communion to the Sick

Where: St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria

When: 7pm, Thursday 17 June 2021

Tea & coffee available from 6.45pm.

Register: Contact Chris Walkerdine: (04) 496 1706 or email: c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

Presenter: Fr Patrick Bridgman, Liturgy Advisor Archdiocese of Wellington

Suzanne Aubert's 186th Birthday

A number of events are planned next Saturday 19 June to mark Suzanne Aubert's 186th birthday.

11am Writer talk: Fleur Beale: *The Calling*. The award-winning author of children's and young adult fiction will speak on her latest novel about finding your calling, the extraordinary sister Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, and the realities of religious bigotry in late-nineteenth century New Zealand. There is no charge to attend.

1pm *Against All Odds: The Story of Linda Swain* Premiere Screening. The first documentary in a series of interviews directed by John Bergin of people who are inspired by Suzanne Aubert. There is no charge to attend.

2pm Te Rā Whānau o Suzanne Aubert. The Sisters of Compassion invite everyone to Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa's Birthday Mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew. Refreshments and birthday cake follow. Donations for the Compassion Soup Kitchen are welcomed. Items that are especially helpful are black tea bags, garlic puree, ginger puree, black pepper, chicken/beef stock powder, sugar, cans of diced tomatoes and coconut cream.

Where: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay, Wellington. All welcome, enquiries to Events@compassion.org.nz or ph. (04) 383-7769.

Love your neighbour as yourself – get vaccinated

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the free Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whanau and your community. You will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination; those with underlying health conditions who would be at higher risk of catching the virus and young children.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. People can be reassured that any personal information gathered during the vaccination process will not be shared with Immigration New Zealand.

For more detailed information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz



APPEALS

SPONSORSHIP - We are inviting businesses and firms to support the Parish newsletter, and other communication efforts, by advertising in our new, enlarged newsletter. If you are a parishioner in business or offer goods and services that would interest our parishioners, you may like to take up this opportunity. For further information, please contact Frank in the parish office.

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral strengthening, and restoration campaign can be made to bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025**

Particulars: Your surname & initials **Code:** Your phone number. **Reference:** REOPEN.

Check the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website: www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz and please mention it to your friends too.

NOTICES



Philippine Independence Day

Best wishes to all our Filipino parishioners as they celebrate Philippine Independence Day on 12 June. This national holiday commemorates the country's independence from Spain and the establishment of the first Philippine republic in 1889.

Engaged Encounter

Getting married? An Engaged Encounter weekend builds a solid foundation for your marriage. Remaining weekends this year are 17 & 18 July and 30 & 31 October, at the Catholic Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington.

To enrol, go to www.cee-wellington.co.nz

Here's what one couple said after they attended: "We have grown to love each other more...we had not thought this was possible. Thanks."

For information or to register contact Simon & Kate 027 486 0700

Catholic Engaged Encounter



First Holy Communion:

Congratulations to the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion at our 10:30am Mass this Sunday. Thanks also to all those who have journeyed with these children. May this journey with Jesus continue through out all our lives.

Ethan Nicholls
Hazel Buck
Isabella Yap
Isabella Garce
Lucy Clark
Noah Tana
Pierre Munro
Rory Curtin
Thaddeus Brillo
Xavier Millin
Yoshi Potanin
Zoe Millin



Got something to share?

Contributions to our parish newsletter are welcome. Please send them to cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz They can be poems, reflections or inspirational words.

All offerings for the newsletter must be with the parish office no later than noon on the Wednesday before publication.

Te Reo in our liturgy

The Cathedral Parish liturgy committee have invited Archdiocesan Vicar for Māori, Deacon Danny Karatea-Goddard to lead our parish community in two sessions that will introduce and familiarise us with responding in Te Reo to the opening and closing rites in the Mass and the Peace be with you greeting - 'Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koe'.

These two sessions promise to be fun, interactive, and informative. Please arrive early for Mass ready to participate in these sessions at 5.15pm and 10.15am for the Vigil and Sunday morning Masses respectively over the weekends of 19/20 and 26/27 June.



**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays (Except Public Holidays)

8:00am Monday to Friday

12:10pm Tuesday to Friday

12:10pm Monday *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

All in the Connolly Hall Chapel

Saturday

8:30am – Connolly Hall Chapel

5:30pm (Vigil for Sunday) -

St. Thomas More, Wilton

Sunday

10:30am - St. Thomas More, Wilton

7:00pm – Connolly Hall Chapel

Reconciliation: Saturday after 8:30am Mass, or by appointment

Baptism: by appointment. Contact Parish office.

Please keep in your prayers

Paddy McElroy
Gabriel McLeavey
Brian and Moira Dunn
Ken Matheson
Nicholas Dyne (Graham Taylor's grandson)
Simon Lai




Mass will be offered for

Prof John Carter RIP 4 June

Antony Wilson RIP 4 June, Husband of Kathryn



"I invite all Christians everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ."
Pope Francis



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2021

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

God's inviting YOU to experience a life changing seminar!

Connolly Hall Chapel
Guildford Terrace

7 July – 11 August
6 consecutive Wednesdays

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
A Koha will be taken up each week

TOPICS

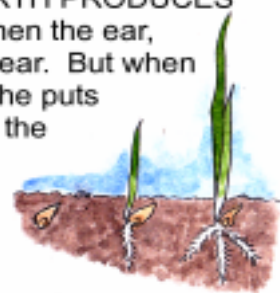
- God's Love
- Salvation
- The New Life
- Receiving God's Gift
- Baptism in the Spirit
- Growth & Transformation

Please register by Wednesday, 30 June 2021.
For enquiries & registration, please email: asg.wlg@gmail.com
Phone 021 169 0408

Organised by the Archdiocesan Servant Group for Charis NZ

A Kingdom of God Word-Find

"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."



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Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The Church helps our love for God to

Young Adults
A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at the Connolly Hall Chapel and Cathedral foyer on six successive Wednesday evenings, 7 July–11 August beginning at 7.30pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to have a personal encounter with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This seminar is specifically for young adults. Registrations: asg.wlg@gmail.com

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