



The Cathedral Connection



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Ordinary Time

CAN WE DISAGREE?

Today's second reading, from the letter to the Ephesians, exhorts the church to 'complete selflessness, gentleness and patience'. Later, readers are warned that 'any bitterness or bad temper or anger or shouting or abuse must be far removed from you - as must every kind of malice'.

It seems helpful to remember that advice at this time. Contention and debate – even expressed forcefully - are normal and necessary parts of social life, but too frequently descend into bitterness and vituperation. Pope Francis reflected on this in his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* ('Brothers and Sisters All'). Electronic communications technology enables 'a form of constant and febrile bonding that encourages remarkable hostility, insults, abuse, defamation and verbal violence destructive of others, and this with a lack of restraint that could not exist in physical contact without tearing us all apart'. As a result, 'things that until a few years ago could not be said by anyone without risking the loss of universal respect can now be said with impunity, and in the crudest of terms, even by some political figures' (paras 44-45).

It's sometimes difficult to disagree respectfully. A little over a week ago many farmers took to the towns to voice some concerns. The issues can and should be debated, but I was saddened that some placards, some speeches, caricatured those of a different mind – and equally, some caricatured farmers. Recently, too, the government released a discussion document on proposals to amend the law relating to 'hate speech'. This, too, is a complex issue, involving the balancing of different rights.

Again, some have attributed the worst motives to those involved. If he has done nothing else since his election, Pope Francis has constantly reminded all of us of the necessity of relationship, of encounter, of dialogue. 'Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue, in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate. To do so calls for perseverance; it entails moments of silence and suffering, yet it can patiently embrace the broader experience of individuals and peoples' (FT para 50).

This is as urgent as ever it was.

Jim McAloon

Readings For The Week

Sunday 25 July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Monday 26 – Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday 27 – Exodus 33:7-11 34:5-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday 28 – Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday 29 – 1 John 4:7-16; John 11:19-27

Friday 30 – Levi 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday 31 – Levi 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday 1 August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Psalm Response:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

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

"How many times we turn away so as not to see our brothers in need! And this looking away is a polite way to say, with white gloves, "Sort it out for yourselves". And this is not Jesus' way: this is selfishness. Had he sent away the crowds, many people would have been left with nothing to eat. Instead those few loaves and fish, shared and blessed by God, were enough for everyone."

Pope Francis
Angelus - 3 August 2014



Message from our Vicar General

The importance of Parish Secretaries / Administrators Day

Dear Parishioners,

Last Tuesday parish secretary Frank Doherty attended a day for parish secretaries / administrators. That day was valuable time for networking, discussing common challenges, updating on various matters including administration software, diocesan policies, legal requirements.

This annual gathering has been going for about 10 years. It is a fruit of the realisation that nowadays these people are often the first voice/face that people encounter when they approach a parish, the Church. The role also exists because of the requirements for proficient administration in larger parishes. Secretaries/administrators are also points of continuity when priests change in a parish.

This change over the last 40 years is one of the signs of the changing face of the Church and of collaboration between priests and people....

Mgr. Gerry Burns
Vicar General— Archdiocese of Wellington



CATHEDRAL STRENGTHENING UPDATES

Singing Priest Chris Skinner returns with Spring Concert in September

After a highly successful concert last year, Father Chris Skinner, New Zealand Marist Priest, composer and singer returns with yet another concert on Sunday, 26 September to be held at St Mary's College Hall.



Many of us have been blessed by Father Chris' music, influenced greatly by his faith, his love of Scripture and sense of God in the beauty of creation. Come and be uplifted by an afternoon of inspirational music. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the restoration of the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Date: Sunday, 26 September, 2021.

Time: 2:00pm -3:00pm

Venue: St Mary's College School Hall,

Guildford Terrace, Thorndon

Tickets: \$30.00

Email 26sept21concert@gmail.com or ring Josie on 021 066 8538 or 04 496 1700.

Save the date – Wednesday, 8 September, 6.00pm

In a new Speaker Series to be launched in September, we are privileged to have Cardinal John as our inaugural guest speaker. Cardinal John will share his spiritual journey walking the Camino de Santiago.



Details of dinner venue and ticket sales will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. Be sure to add this special talk to your calendar!

Calling All Bakers — We Need Your Help

The Cathedral Restoration Fundraising team is seeking volunteers to contribute baked goods for our participation in a Khandallah community market in the upcoming months.

We welcome all kinds of delicious treats - cakes, fudges, preserves, jams, etc. The committee is constantly looking for new avenues to further our Cathedral restoration fundraising efforts and outreach and appreciates all of your support.

If you would like to help or have other ideas, please email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz or call the office on (04) 496 1700.

NOTICES

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26 July and reopen on Tuesday 3 August.
During this time please contact Debbie Matheson Tel. (04) 496-1744 or
in an emergency please contact Fr Ron Bennett Mob. 021 065 8997.**

New to this parish?

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome

If you would like to become a member of our parish then please complete our New Parishioner form online at:
Click the link above or contact the parish office Ph. 496 1700. *You and Your Parish - Working Together.*

<https://mcshwellington.org/join-the-parish/>


St Catherine's College Auction Night

The PTA presents a night of fun at the college in Kilbirnie,

Date: Friday, 6 August, 7.00pm

NZ Art, food & drink, accommodation, experiences and a set of fitted hearing aids available for bids. Tickets \$30 each including light supper and a welcome drink. Bar available. Email stcatherinescollegepta@gmail.com or go to www.trybooking.co.nz/HYY

Prayer of the Faithful Workshop

(Part of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Workshop Series)

Date: Thursday 5 August
Starting at 6.30pm with Tea and Coffee
Venue: St Theresa's Church
210 St. Andrew's Road, Plimmerton

Interested? Please contact Chris Walkerdine:
c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz or (04) 496 1706.



Fathers' Retreat Day— With Chris Duthie-Jung

A day of reflection based on Pope Francis' letter *Patris Corde* in the year of St Joseph.

Date: Saturday, 4 September,
10.00am—3.30pm

Venue: Home of Compassion, Island Bay

Please register by Friday, 27 August.
Contact Family Ministries, Church Mission.
I.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 021 164 5800



Notices from Titipounamu

Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening):
Psalms - From the Heights of Hymns to the Lows of Laments!
With Br Kieran Fenn.

Monday 26 July, 7.00pm -8.30pm.
Fee:\$25.00 per session.
For more information and registration
Email: info@studyjoy.nz



Pax Christi—Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Pax Chrisii Aotearoa invites you to join a three session online study reflection, looking at the history of the Pax Christi peace movement from its beginnings in 1945 to the present day and offering a workshop of peace spirituality founded in traditional Maori spirituality appropriate to our own day and to the future.

Tuesdays 27 July & 3 August , 7.30pm—9.00pm.

Presented by Kevin McBride & Rangī Davis

Please enrol by Friday 16 July via email: paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com Enquiries to Bridget Crisp— Ph.021 729 944

VOCATIONS

Holy Hour— Praying for Vocations

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 July in the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Included in the hour will be hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

APPEALS

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.**

Sponsorship — We are inviting businesses and firms to support the Parish newsletter, and other communication efforts, by advertising in our 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.

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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, Thorndon

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

Baptism: by appointment. Contact Parish office.

Please keep in your prayers

Gabrielle McLeavey

Brian and Moira Dunn

Ken Matheson

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne (Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)

Simon Lai

Ron Blackwell



Mass will be offered for

Anne Kelly
(RIP 19 July)

(Mother of Jane Kelly)



Jesus Multiplies our Gifts



Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed it, and started giving it to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!



Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



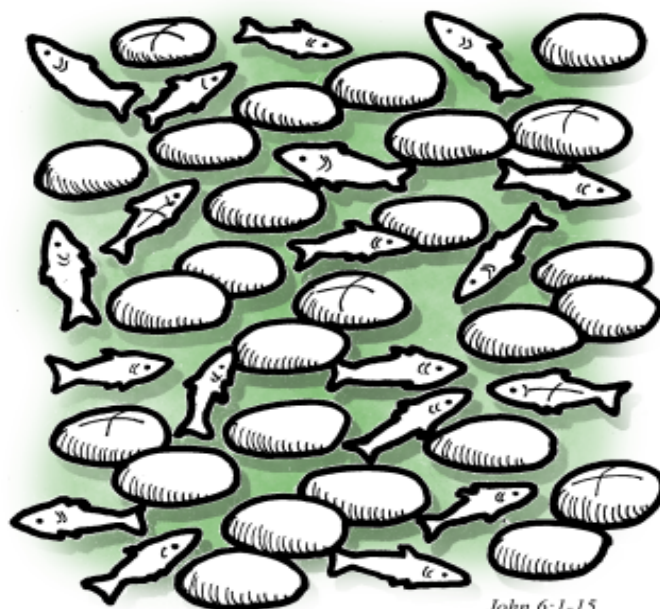
We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.

Answer to puzzle on front page: five loaves and two fish. Answer to Loaves and Fishes Word-Find: multiplied.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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John 6:1-15

When five thousand people came to hear Jesus, He turned one boy's bread and fish into enough for everyone.

How much did He have to start with? Colour and count the loaves and fishes with crosses on them to find out!

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