



# The Cathedral Connection



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18th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

## Food for eternal life

In last week's Gospel Jesus miraculously fed the 5000. This week the story continues as we hear Jesus blatantly state to those who followed him across the lake, seeking more food, that they are not looking from Him for the right reason or seeking the right food from him. We hear Him tell them not to focus on food that cannot last and that He is the food that they should be seeking, the food of eternal life – 'all who believe in Him will never be hungry'.

This week Jesus challenges us to face our deeper hunger, our spiritual hunger. He urges us to seek food for that, food that he can give us. While physical food and material goods sustain our physical life here on earth, the food Jesus gives sustains life permanently.

In today's world do we recognise the nourishment of the "true bread from heaven"? Our world today is very competitive and materialistic, valuing food that cannot last.

Highlighting a terrible symptom of this worldly hunger, this Sunday is World Day of Trafficking and Slavery. Trafficking and modern slavery is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons by means of deception, fraud, threat, force, or other forms of coercion, of abduction or abuse of power and control over another, or is in a position of vulnerability - for the purpose of exploitation.

As we ponder upon our source of life in Jesus, may we take time to consider our personal response in raising awareness in ourselves and others of and support for those who find themselves in exploitive situations.

Debbie Matheson  
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader

## Readings For The Week

### Sunday 1 August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Monday 2** – Numbers 11:4-15; Matthew 14:13-21

**Tuesday 3** – Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36

**Wednesday 4** – Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35; Matthew 15:21-28

**Thursday 5** – Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23

### Friday 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Mark 9:2-10

**Saturday 7** – Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

### Sunday 8 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

**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)

### Psalm Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven

## Quote of the week

"The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist... When we receive Communion we receive the very life of God. To have this life it is necessary to nourish ourselves of the Gospel and of the love of our brothers and sisters."

Pope Francis  
[Angelus 19 August 2018](#)



## THANK YOU

### Household items & Pantry Goods for Former Refugee Family of 4 (Ōtari and Sacred Heart Cathedral Parishes)

Thank you for your generosity. The sign-up for donations of Household Goods and Pantry items were all filled up last weekend. This was an overwhelming response. **Please Remember – 31 July/1 August or 7/8 August:** Bring your donated item/s and place it/them in the labeled boxes or beside them in the Church foyer of St Teresa's or St Thomas More.

*From Ōtari Parish JPD Group (Justice Peace and Development Group)*

## NOVENA

### Novena in Preparation for Rededication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven

On Sunday August 15 our land will be solemnly rededicated by all our bishops to Our Lady at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington. In preparation for this, the Catholic Enquiry Centre will post a short reflection and prayer each day beginning Saturday 7 August on the Catholic Discovery Facebook page. We invite all to take part in praying for our nation each day.

<https://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) or call the office on (04) 496 1700.

## NOTICES

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed TOMORROW Monday 2 August. 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, 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](mailto:stcatherinescollegepta@gmail.com) or go to [www.trybooking.co.nz/HYY](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/HYY). The auction catalogue is available [here](#). If you can't attend but would like to place a bid, please email [skit2@xtra.co.nz](mailto:skit2@xtra.co.nz).

### 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](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz) or (04) 496 1706.



### Winter Film Screening: Sisters of the River Introduced by Sr Sue Cosgrove

Join us for a showing of this documentary which follows the 1992 pilgrimage hīkoi of the Sisters of Compassion to Hiruhārama-Jerusalem, to mark the centenary of the founding of Aotearoa's home-grown religious order.

Entry by koha. Wednesday 4 August and Saturday 7 August, 11:00am, Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more details email [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz) or ph (04) 383 7769.

### Notices from Titipounamu

#### Online Sessions (Evening):

**The Eucharist** with Kieran Fenn fms.  
Monday, 16 August, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

**The Eucharist – a Gospel event and Sacrament** with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 23 August, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/07/27/the-eucharist/>

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)



The August edition of **WelCom** is available this weekend. Contents include: Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way – rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to 'Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven, on Solemnity of Assumption, Sunday 15 August.; A Synodal Church – consultation called for, in preparation for XVI Assembly of Bishops; Unprecedented funding allocation for Integrated Schools; Respect Life Sunday now Support Life Sunday, 10 October 2021; Canon Law on abuse toughened.; News from Wellington archdiocese and Palmerston North diocese.

## JOB VACANCY

### Deputy Executive Officer, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

The Deputy Executive Officer provides support for the work of the Catholic Bishops and their agencies at national level in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. This role is based at the Catholic Centre, Hill St, Wellington. Visit [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/) for more information.

## APPEALS

### Got something to share?

Contributions to our parish newsletter are welcome. Please send them to [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto: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](http://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

Anniversaries of  
Michael McLeavey  
Ouseph Tharayil  
Enasu Thattil  
Varghese & Rosey  
Panachickal  
Kureyakose & Mary  
Padayattil



## We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!



Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.



All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy. Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.

Answers to word puzzle: one, food, life, we, God. Below, sign, ferns, Father, world, bread, Bread of Life.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

## The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 1st, 2021



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L<sup>13</sup> I<sup>12</sup> U<sup>10</sup> J<sup>6</sup> A<sup>6</sup>  
N<sup>3</sup> A<sup>11</sup> M<sup>1</sup> M<sup>1</sup>  
A<sup>5</sup> Q<sup>9</sup> N<sup>7</sup>

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5    6 7 8    9 10 11 12 13