



The Cathedral Connection



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Ordinary Time

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

For many years I have pondered the mystery of the Eucharist. Yet no matter how hard I try to get my head around it, I always feel a sense of inadequacy.

Ronald Rolheiser (a priest and writer on spirituality and theology) has observed that there are many faces of the Eucharist. In other words, there are lots of different perceptions of the Eucharist. For some it is a meal, for others it is a sacrifice. For some it is a ritual act, sacred and set apart, for others it is a community gathering, the more mess and kids the better. For some it is a ritual remembrance, for others it is a celebration of God's presence with us today. For some it is a celebration of the Last Supper, something to be done less frequently, for others it is God's daily feeding of his people. For some it is a celebration of reconciliation, a ritual that forgives and unites, for others unity and reconciliation are pre-conditions for its proper celebration.

The Eucharist is all of the above and much more because it is multifaceted. We cannot adequately explain the Eucharist. The mystery of God's love for us in the Eucharist is beyond words. We cannot nail down such a profound mystery. As Ronald Rolheiser says, "Any attempt to nail down its full meaning will forever come up short because it will eventually get up and walk away with the nail!"

A final thought – The following words of Emeritus Pope Benedict in his first encyclical letter '*Deus Caritas Est*' (God is Love) remind us that the Eucharist is not meant to be a private, individualistic experience: "A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented." The Eucharist calls us to love in practical ways, witnessing to God's love, especially for those who are vulnerable and marginalised or where human life and dignity is threatened. Let's remember Saint Augustine's maxim when we receive the Body of Christ: "Become what you receive and receive what you are."

Fr David

Readings For The Week

Sunday 8 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 9th - Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday 10th - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Wednesday 11th - Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday 12th - Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday 13th - Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday 14th - Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday 15th – The Assumption of Mary

Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

Psalm Response:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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

'The *Magnificat* praises the merciful and faithful God who accomplishes his plan of salvation through the little ones and the poor, through those who have faith in him, who trust in his Word as did Mary. Here is the exclamation of Elizabeth: "Blessed is she who believed" (Lk 1:45). In that house, the coming of Jesus through Mary created not only a climate of joy and fraternal communion, but also a climate of faith that leads to hope, prayer, and praise.'

- Pope Francis, Angelus, 15 August 2017.



Cathedral Parish Income vs Expenditure

Cathedral Parish Income vs Expenditure July 2021

The year-to-date expenditure underspend against the budget is largely due to lower salary and wages and delays with the repairs and maintenance programme.

	Jul-21		Year to date (Apr to Jul)	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Collections	14,573	16,989	62,747	67,956
Other income	6,415	6,610	27,965	26,440
Expenditure	12,771	20,412	58,176	81,648
Surplus / (Deficit)	8,217	3,187	32,536	12,748

CATHEDRAL STRENGTHENING UPDATES



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 date to your calendar!

Singing Priest Chris Skinner returns with Spring Concert in September

After a highly successful concert last year, Fr Chris Skinner SM a 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, Thorndon, Wellington



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 the Parish Office (04) 496 1700.

The last meeting of the fundraising team, on 3 August, began by celebrating the birthday of the team's co-ordinator, Malcolm Foo.



From left to right: Manjula, Josie, Sock Hwee, Malcolm, and Noline. Absent were Sandra, Trish, and Sr Marie. Thank you all for your work for our parish!

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.

DEDICATION — AND A HYMN



In 1838 the first Bishop in Aotearoa, Jean-Baptiste Pompallier, dedicated these islands to Mary Assumed into Heaven.

This year, on the Solemnity of the Assumption, 15 August, our bishops will reaffirm this dedication. They have asked that the same re-dedication rite be used at all Masses next Sunday, and every congregation has been asked to sing the hymn 'Mō Maria', which Pompallier himself wrote and set to a French tune.

The Liturgy Office has prepared two videos to introduce the hymn. The first <https://youtu.be/sDFehbr8g6w> is a documentary style introduction to the hymn, the second <https://youtu.be/c2Yq4rl6MI8> a performance of the hymn with words. A third video will include hints on pronunciation — but it's not a difficult hymn and the melody is beautiful.

Jean-Baptiste Pompallier (1802-71) was appointed Vicar Apostolic of Western Oceania in 1837, and almost immediately led the first Catholic mission to Aotearoa, based in the Hokianga. In 1850 he became the first Bishop of Auckland. You can read more about him in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, [here](#).

COURSES AND RETREATS

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. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 021 164 5800.

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre. "Revelation – the First and the Last": a spiritual theology course presented by Michael Young SM. Begins Thursday 9 September at 7.30pm and runs for 10 weeks. Cost: \$50.00. For more information and/or to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummins@xtra.co.nz

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

Seasons for Growth:

For people who have been touched by change, loss, bereavement, separation, divorce, redundancy, this provides an opportunity to process what has happened and gain skills to respond well to such experiences. We may not choose the changes in our lives – but we can choose how we meet them. Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults, over the weekend of Friday 22-Sunday 24 October. Cost: \$40 covering materials and research. Registration at seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz closes Monday, 4th October.



TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY

Last Sunday we observed the World Day Against the Slavery and Trafficking of People. One of our prayers was that we ourselves might become aware of these issues particularly in our shopping. A useful New Zealand website is <https://justkai.org.nz/>. It explains how we might as consumers be able to check things out.

Just  Kai
Identifying slave-free supply chains

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

Lily-Victoria Alba (Philippines, RIP, Mother of Lil-Rose Tuason)



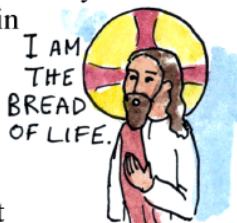
Believing in Jesus

JESUS DIDN'T COME FROM HEAVEN...



In today's Gospel reading some people were grumbling about Jesus when He said that He had come down from Heaven. They thought they knew who He was because they knew His family on earth, and they didn't want to listen to what He was saying.

Jesus told the people that He really is from Heaven - and He is the way to Heaven. He gives us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. He is the food that our souls need to stay alive and get to Heaven.



Sometimes people around you might not believe in Jesus or what

WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS NOW?



He says. If that happens, remember to trust Jesus. Even in His own time some people didn't believe in Him. But Jesus has given us faith to believe in Him and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven!

Answers to Cross-Word: Down: 1.no, 2.man, 3.Lord, 4.shamed, 5.want, 6.fear, 8.sec, 10.those, 12.good, 13.to. Across: 1.name, 3.Jock, 4.answered, 6.for, 7.saints, 9.exalt, 11.refuge, 13.troubles, 14.who.

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The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday August 8th, 2021



Jesus told the people that He was the Bread of Life. The people were confused and wondered what He was talking about. So He explained again, and told them this:

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" (Use all the letters that you pass in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out what Jesus said) John 6:41-51