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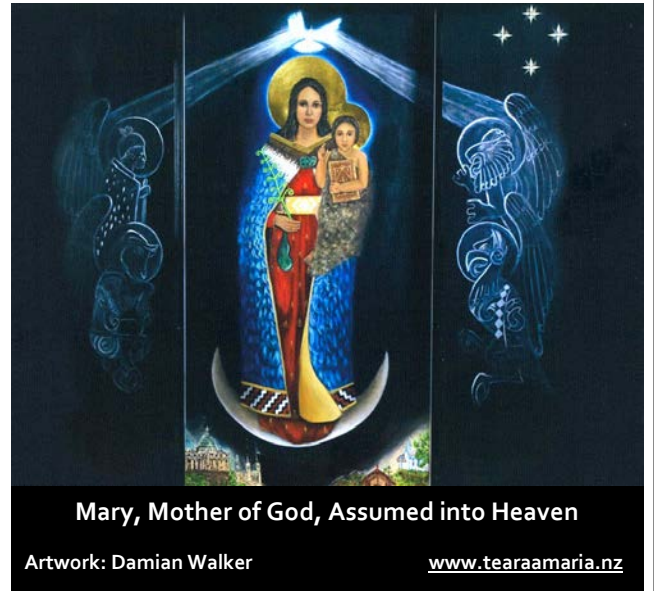


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The Assumption of
Mary into Heaven

Te Ara a Maria - Mary's Way

In 1838 Bishop Pompallier dedicated our country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven during the celebration of his first Mass in New Zealand at Totara Point in the Hokianga on the 13th January 1838.

This weekend Catholics throughout New Zealand join in the renewal of the country's dedication to Our Lady. Our Bishops from throughout New Zealand are gathering here in Wellington this weekend at St Mary of the Angels for this re-dedication. Sunday is the 15th of August and a Holy Day of Obligation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a most appropriate date to undertake this rededication. To mark this occasion our Bishops have commissioned a new icon artwork of Mary by Christchurch artist, Damien Walker.



Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven

Artwork: Damien Walker

www.tearaamaria.nz

We are all invited to join in prayer for the renewal of the dedication in our Parishes. Here in the Cathedral Parish this weekend we will join with Parishes throughout the country in prayer and song to mark the rededication. In the days to come we will also be able to make our own personal pilgrimage to honour Our Lady and pray before the new Icon installed at St Mary of the Angels. These events are a direct response by our Bishops to a nationwide call to rededicate New Zealand to Mary driven by the challenges of the pandemic and lockdown during 2020. What better time to honour Our Lady and refocus our prayer on Jesus through Mary, His Mother.

Jane Kelly
Liturgy Chair

Readings For The Week

Sunday 15th – The Assumption of Mary

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

Monday 16th – Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday 17th – Judges 6:11-24; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday 18th – Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday 19th – Judges 11:29-39; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday 20th – Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16,22; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday 21st – Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11,4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday 22nd – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Psalm Response: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold

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

'Mary does not let herself be paralyzed by fear or pride. Mary is not the type that, to be comfortable, needs a good sofa where she can feel safe and sound. She is no couch potato!'

- Pope Francis: Message for World Youth Day 2017.



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP NEWS

Our parish Passionist Family Group's gathering for August will be on Saturday evening, 14 August — this weekend! We are meeting after this Saturday's vigil mass on 14th August at St Thomas More and joining the parish for drinks. Then, going out for dinner afterwards for those who want to join us. Please feel free to stay after drinks and come out for a fun social dinner with us, just let Kaye-Maree know if you are interested via Frank at the parish office. Everyone's welcome!

AUGUST 15

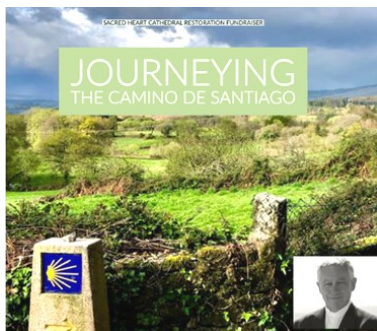


As well as being the Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15 is India's Independence Day (1947). Remembering the richness and diversity of South Asian cultures, we acknowledge the long and fruitful history of people of Indian birth and heritage in our shared home, and before God remember the many challenges facing the peoples of India in our day. It is also worth remembering the very ancient traditions that Saint Thomas the Apostle preached the Gospel in India in the first century and there are churches in India which trace their origins to his time.

CATHEDRAL STRENGTHENING UPDATES

Journeying the Camino de Santiago with Cardinal John Dew, Wednesday, 8 September, 6pm

We are privileged to have Cardinal John as our inaugural guest speaker in the first of a fundraiser speaker series. Cardinal John will share his spiritual journey walking the magnificent Camino de Santiago.



Come and hear about his personal pilgrimage over dinner at the Aries Restaurant, 1/7 Tennyson Street, off Cambridge Terrace. Cost: \$55 including full course dinner. Tickets on sale after Mass or contact Noeline Matthews at 499 9631 or email MCSHCaminoDinner@gmail.com. You can pay by internet banking, account **02 0506 0138488 025**, with the reference 'Camino' and your surname (so we know who's paid!).



Bake Sale 21 and 22 August

The Cathedral Restoration Fundraising monthly bake sale is here again next weekend! As usual lots of home-made goodies will be on sale plus everyone's favourite Sri Lankan Chicken Curry and Rice. All contributions welcome. Please be sure to bring cash and support our fundraising efforts after the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass; 10:30am and 7.00pm Sunday Masses. Thank you for all your support.

Spring Concert 26 September

A reminder of Fr Chris Skinner's concert, 2:00pm, Sunday 26 September, at St Mary's College Hall. Tickets: \$30.00. To book, email 26sept21concert@gmail.com or ring Josie on 021 066 8538 or the Parish Office (04) 496 1700.



JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

"Join the campaign for gender equity in the Catholic Church – Pink Shoes into the Vatican

Be the Change is a group working for gender equality in the leadership of the Catholic Church. We are having an event on Sunday 19 September (Women's Suffrage Day) called Pink Shoes into the Vatican.

If you'd like to participate, send a non-returnable pair of worn-out women's footwear. Please attach a tag to the shoes with your first name and a line or two about YOU and your journey with the Church. You do not have to be a practising Catholic to participate.

Using your shoes, and flyers, banners, ribbons, we will create an eye-catching pathway from Parliament to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill St. There Cardinal John Dew will meet us and accept a message we ask him to convey to the Vatican.

We need your shoes and notes by 31 August."

Post the shoes to 33 The Esplanade, Raumati South, Paraparaumu 5032.

Email: info@bethechange.co.nz or <https://bethechangecatholicchurchofparaparaumu.wordpress.com/>

HELP WANTED

Compassion Soup Kitchen Annual Appeal Collectors Wanted

The Compassion Soup Kitchen is holding its annual Street Day Appeal on Friday 17th September 2021. We are looking for volunteers who can give a little time to hold a bucket for us in Wellington, the Hutt City Area, or Porirua City.

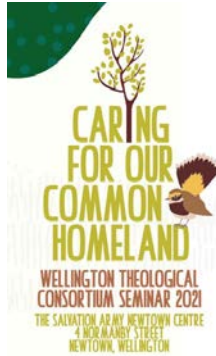


Sign up or find out more by visiting: soupkitchen.org.nz/get-involved/street-appeal/ or contact Scott, phone (04) 385 9299 or volunteers@compassion.org.nz

COURSES AND RETREATS

Theology and Care for Creation

Each year the Wellington Theological Consortium organises a seminar to discuss a topical issue. This year the focus is on eco-theology with the title **Caring for Our Common Homeland**. This event will be held on Friday evening 27 August and Saturday morning 28 August at The Salvation Army, 4 Normanby St, Newtown. Speakers include theologians and writers from New Zealand and Australia. Cost \$10 per day. Links to speakers' biographies can be found [here](#). With the urgency of addressing the climate emergency, this is a timely opportunity for reflection in faith; as Pope Francis has reminded us, the climate emergency requires ethical and spiritual solutions as much as scientific and technological.



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. Details of the venue will be confirmed on registration.

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 [bgcumings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@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

New to this parish?" Nau Mai Haere Mai—Welcome

If you would like to become a member of our parish then please complete the form at: <https://mcshwellington.org/join-the-parish/> or contact the parish office Ph. 496 1700. You and Your Parish - Working Together.

VOCATIONS / SUPPORT

Could God be calling you?

Visit www.wellingtonpriests.org to watch some of our priests and seminarians speak about their vocation to the priesthood.

Has anybody ever said to you that you would make a good priest? Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind?

Do you think you might have a vocation? To find out more, visit our website: <http://www.wellingtonpriests.org/>

or follow our Facebook page: [Wellington Priests – Archdiocese of Wellington](https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonPriests-ArchdioceseofWellington)



Prayer Requests - please give any requests for prayer to the parish office or send via the parish website:

<https://mcshwellington.org/prayer-requests/>

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

David Shroff
(anniversary, 12 August)



The Assumption of Our Lady

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. When her life on earth was over, Our Lady was assumed- taken body and soul- into Heaven to be with God.

When we die, our bodies will be buried and break down. This happens because of original sin. When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, people could no longer live forever on earth. But Our Blessed Mother was kept free from original sin so that she could be the perfect mother for Jesus. Our Lady suffered from some of the effects of original sin, but God would not permit her body to decompose in the tomb.

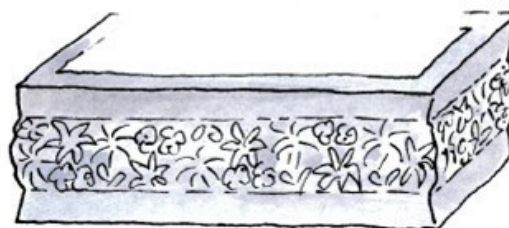
At the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel brought Mary the message that God wanted her to be His mother, she gave herself totally to God. All through her life, even when He died on the cross, she did everything for Jesus. So God decided that instead of being buried like everyone else, His holy mother should come, body and soul, into Heaven.

Our Lady is now in Heaven with Jesus, waiting in happiness for us to come and join her in loving and praising God forever.

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The Kids' Bulletin

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021



Today we celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven. When Mary's life was over and the disciples came to bury her body they found that it was gone and her tomb was full of flowers.

Can you draw enough flowers to fill Mary's tomb?

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