



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8:35



A few years ago, some friends were having a hard time. Life was difficult, they were struggling. Things were getting on top of them. They were looking for a way out.

One day I was invited for a meal. My friends asked what I thought about a book they had discovered, titled “The Secret.” The so-called ‘secret’ is about the law of attraction, that you become what you’re attracted to. So, if you want increased wealth you think about increased wealth, if you want improved health, you think about improved health. If you think positively, you will create life-changing results such as increased wealth, health, and happiness.

It’s natural for us to ponder questions about life and happiness. Positive thinking is a good thing, but the ideas behind “*The Secret*” are highly questionable. My advice to my friends was to give it a miss. We have our book, the Bible!

This Sunday’s scripture readings give us insights into how we might respond to the questions and challenges of life. In the Gospel Jesus says, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” The prophet Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord who suffers. He suffered, but he was sustained in his trials by the firm belief that God was with him. St James points out that self-giving through good works is necessary to live the faith that we profess.

“Go Now You Are Sent Forth” is one of my favourite hymns, which is sometimes sung at the end of Mass. It’s a favourite because it’s easy to sing, and because of the challenge contained in these words: “Go now you are sent forth, to live what you proclaim; to show the world you follow Christ in fact, not just in name.” Following Christ in fact, not just in name means embracing the cross, having the courage to bring our suffering to Christ and ensuring that our faith is accompanied by good works of love and compassion.

Ngā mihi nui

Fr David

Readings For The Week

Sunday 12th – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

Monday 13th – 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 14th – Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:13-17

Wednesday 15th – 1 Timothy 3:14-16, John 19:25-27

Thursday 16th – 1 Timothy 4: 12-16, Luke 7:36-50

Friday 17th – 1 Timothy 6: 2-12, Luke 8:1-3

Saturday 18th – 1 Timothy 6: 13-16, Luke 8:4-15

Sunday 19th – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12,17-20, James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

We have received instruction from the Archdiocese regarding the Catholic Centre advising that the Catholic Centre will continue to be closed for now to all visitors, with no meetings allowed in the building until further notice. Frank will again be back working from the parish office during parish office hours, please do not call by and try to see him in person as this will not be possible.

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

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

Pope Francis: [Laudato Si - paragraph 217](#)



A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER : BE THE CHURCH

Fratelli Tutti

Social Justice Week 2021 takes place from 12 - 18 September. The theme this year is "**A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church**" / "**He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu: Me Noho ko Koutou te Hāhi.**" This theme on encounter and community was inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (2020).

In Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, he observed that social cohesion is being threatened in today's world and spoke of the importance of cultivating meaningful relationships with each other. Pope Francis continued this theme when he released his third encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* – Brothers and Sisters all, based on the theme of fraternity and social friendship.

In this encyclical, Pope Francis calls us to build a better world based on fraternal love. He warns all people that "the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading" (*Fratelli Tutti*, #30), and as our world continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic we must not dismiss the sense that we all share a common humanity.

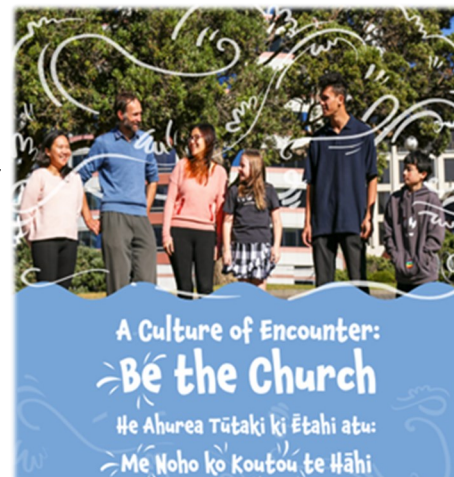
Pope Francis challenges us all to restore a sense of closeness and create paths of renewed encounter. He redirects us to the life of St Francis of Assisi in calling for "a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance." (*Fratelli Tutti*, #1.)

With the addition of *Fratelli Tutti*, the body of Catholic social teaching (CST) has deepened further. Showing the importance for applying Christ's teaching to the issues of today, CST principles provide the basis for action in the community as we seek to follow Christ's example. With a focus on fraternity, social friendship, encounter and community, *Fratelli Tutti* explores the CST principles that we highlighted in our SJW resources from last year.

To read *Fratelli Tutti*, visit the Vatican's website: www.vatican.va

For more resources on Social Justice, visit :

<https://caritas.org.nz/schools/social-justice-week>



"Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue and not by constructing new walls."
Fratelli Tutti, #284



SEASON OF CREATION

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God". Attached to this weekend's newsletter email is a leaflet with suggestions and material with which you can engage during this period.

VACANCIES

Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington

Te Rohe Pīhopa Matua Katorika o te Ūpoko o te Ika

The Archdiocese is seeking applications for four roles, the **Manager Property and Support Services**, **Board and Committee Secretary**, **Consultant Catholic Secondary Colleges** and **Administrative Assistant CSES**. Please refer to the Archdiocese website under vacancies for further information:

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/vacancies/

Applications will be accepted up to **Friday, 17 September 2021**. Contact: **Catharina Vossen** (Director Human Resources - Archdiocese of Wellington) Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, PO Box 1937, Thorndon, Wellington Ph. +64 4 496 1726 ext. 7726 Mob. 021 884 749



PARISH ONLINE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sacred Heart Parish virtual catch-up over a cuppa

Date & Time: Saturday Sep 11, 2021 3:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719396107?pwd=c3k5WTMyWm1rY1piQk1ndzNxSDB5dz09>

Meeting ID: 847 1939 6107 **Passcode:** 113039



Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Date & Time: Sunday Sep 12, 2021 03:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3IUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 **Passcode:** hra2h3

Sacred Heart Liturgy of the Word

Date & Time: Sunday Sep 12, 2021 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89349270131?pwd=OVVvdG9vUVFWdkIL2U1d1FtdGUwZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 4927 0131 **Passcode:** 299388

On-line Rosary

Date & Time: Monday Sep 13, 11:30am—12.00noon

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82511950838?pwd=S1NqSGtzeUJyNkREeUFxUkxPM0RmUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 1195 0838 **Passcode:** CnRi95

On-line Scripture Reflection

Date & Time: Every Tuesday 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlgwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 September -11

October, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

Series of 5 parts. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. \$25/session or \$90/series of 5 sessions.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



NOTICES



Attached to this newsletter is the September newsletter from Holy Cross Seminary. Please continue to keep the seminarians in your prayers, especially during this unsettling time of lockdown. In the newsletter are articles from three of the five Wellington diocesan seminarians, so check it out. Seminarians are currently in their home parishes, so keep your eyes peeled and you may see **Gerson** around Wellington as he takes his daily exercise.

Children's Sacramental Programme 2022

The Sacramental Programme for this new year is about to commence and registration is now open. The programme covers 3 sacraments: Confirmation in Term 4 this year, Reconciliation and First Communion in Term 1 and 2 of 2022 respectively. To be eligible, your child/ren must already be baptised and currently in Year 3. The first parents' meeting is on 23 September 2021, 7pm at St Thomas More Church in Wilton.

If you would like to enrol your child/ren, please contact your parish coordinators:

Bede Clarke for St Mary of the Angels at bedeclarke@xtra.co.nz

Parish Office for Otari Parish at office@otariparish.co.nz

Angela Helbano for the Cathedral Parish at angela.nzet@gmail.com





Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week

In 2021 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori will be 13-19 September.

Māori Language Week has been celebrated each year from 1975. September 14 commemorates the presentation of the 1972 Māori language petition to parliament.

Below are some resources that you may find interesting and helpful:

Website <https://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/events/te-wiki-o-te-reo-maori>

For families to do together:

<https://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/rauemi-a-ipurangi/>

and some on-line events you may like to participate in:

<https://www.reomaori.co.nz/events> some are free ones.

Every week on a Tuesday, staff in the Catholic Centre are invited to come together to pray. This week Cardinal John will be leading the prayer in Te Reo. Maybe you could consider praying some or all of these prayers (below) with your family or friends.

Ko te Inoi a te Ariki (The Our Father)

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia whakatapua tōu ingoa

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga

Kia whakaritea tōu hiahia i te whenua

Kia pērā anō i to te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

He taro mō mātou mō tēnei rā.

Whakakāhoretia ō mātou hara

Me mātou e whakakore nei i ngā hara

O te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou

Kaua mātou e tukua kia whakawaia

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.

Awe e Maria (The Hail Mary)

Awe e Meri e kī ana koe i te keratia,
kei ā koe te Ariki.

Ko koe e whakapaingia ana i ngā wāhine, ā,

ka whakapaingia hoki a Hēhu te hua o tō kōpū.

E Hāta Meri, te matua o te Atua,

īnoi koe mō mātou, he hunga hara aiane ,

ā ,i te hāora o tō mātou matenga rawa. Āmene.



Korōria ki te Tokotorutanga (Doxology - "Glory be...")

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September is the Compassion Soup Kitchen annual appeal month!

This month we have advertisements running through Stuff which will be placed in The Dominion Post, Neighbourly, and across other stuff platforms accessed both nationwide and locally.

Traditional street collections will be more difficult this month, but you can support our efforts by helping us raise awareness that September is our appeal month with the attached e-signature block (link it to the

CSK Facebook page like our current one is - www.facebook.com/CompassionSoupKitchen), or even a post our story on your own social media platforms with the link to our appeal donation page soulkitchen.org.nz/donate/donate-money

Thank you for all your support – both past and future – with the appeal. This is truly a team effort!

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MASS TIMES

SUBJECT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL

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)

Ron Blackwell



Mass offered for

Alicia Caraga RIP
09/09/2021 Philippines



RESPONDING TO THE CALL - CHOOSING TO SERVE



Are you interested in participating in one of the various ministries at Sacred Heart Parish? Share your talents by joining the choir, liturgy team, pastoral council, greeters, finance, and other groups in the church. Make lifelong friends and gratifying experiences while serving the parish. If you are keen, contact the parish office and find out the various groups seeking new members.

This week, Fil Ranga and his children share their insights about the ministries that they are part of.

Kia Ora Koutou!

I am writing to share how my family and I became involved with Sacred Heart Cathedral's church ministry. It actually all started when during one of the Vigil Masses, a lay pastoral leader came up in front and had an impassioned plea to the Cathedral parishioners to help out in various church ministries.

When I heard of the call, I thought to myself surely there will be many other parishioners who would be keen and more able than me to assist and contribute. The plea to serve didn't really strike a chord with me until one night, after the celebration of the Vigil Mass, I had a tap on the back from someone. It was Fr. James Lyons who approached me and without beating around the bush, asked me if I wanted to be part of the Church Pastoral Council. Who would dare to say no to Fr. James, especially if he looked straight into you with sincerity and kindness. That night, I told myself I'd give it a go.

The rest was history. Five years have passed, and whilst I have moved on from being a council member to doing other church ministries such as being a Proclaimer of the

Word to opening and closing the Cathedral church; doing the box coordinator role, singing at Sister Marie's choir and more recently, training to serve Communion to the sick. Yes, I am still involved with the church ministry up to now since that friendly; tap on my shoulder. ***I do love serving the Cathedral parish community along with many kind-hearted, generous, life-giving and inspirational people of faith who also selflessly give their time and presence to others.***

Here is what my children Angelica and Owen have to say about their ministry involvement:

"I volunteer my Saturday evenings to be a greeter and minister of communion because it makes me feel closer to God. Being involved in the Church also enables me to connect more with our community." - Angelica

"When you altar serve, you not only serve the church, and the people in it. You also serve God and create a stronger bond with him in a beautiful way." - Owen