



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Tuhinga o mua - Servant of all

Some of us can probably easily relate to the disciples in this weekend's gospel arguing about which of them was the greatest. It is a fact of human life that we are competitive. I'm sure we can all think of examples of situations when we thought we ought to be a VIP. In today's Covid environment and threat of lockdowns, even when we don't have an immediate need, when we go shopping the scarcity of certain grocery items can easily bring out the 'I'm important and I must have' in us.

Amid the Covid lockdowns and restrictions there are many reasons why people can easily get caught within their own bubble and be removed from those around them. It is tempting, and natural, in this time of change and uncertainty to put our own needs above those of others. But in the gospel we hear Jesus tell us "if anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all". As followers of Jesus, he calls us to imitate his example of humble service, to love one another in thought and deed.

This week, the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference have invited us to reflect on the 2021 Social Justice week's theme of "A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church". As we do this, I invite you also to consider in what ways you can live more simply as an act of solidarity, and in a culture of encounter while witnessing to Jesus' call to be "servant of all"?

Attached to this newsletter is the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference 2021 Social Justice week statement for further reflection. Kia inoi tātou

*E te Atua, we ask for your spirit of love to dwell in us as we seek to love one another.
Remind us to look beyond ourselves and to serve our brothers and sisters,
especially those on the margins and peripheries.
Āmene.*

*Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader*

Readings For The Week

Sunday 19th – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 20th – Ezra 1:1-6, Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday 21st – Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13, Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday 22nd – Ezra 9:5-9, Luke 9:1-6

Thursday 23rd – Haggai 1:1-8, Luke 9:7-9

Friday 24th – Haggai 1:15-2:9, Luke 9:18-22

Saturday 25th – Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15, Luke 9:43-45

Sunday 26th – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

[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 is 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

All is not lost. Human beings are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.

Pope Francis: [Laudato Si' paragraph 205](#)



A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER : BE THE CHURCH

The Beatitudes Ngā Whakapainga a Te Karaiti

Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the dignity of each and every human being. In Matthew 5:1-12, Jesus presents the Beatitudes which are at the very heart of his teachings and encourages people to uphold every person's innate human dignity. The Beatitudes reveal the aroha of Jesus Christ while providing a blueprint, a guide, as well as the actions and qualities needed so that people can encounter and respond to Christ's call to

seek the Kingdom or Reign of God – Te Rangiratanga.

When people choose to live by the Beatitudes, they make choices and develop attitudes that fulfil a love for God and a love for others. This contrasts with those who promote the worldly values of selfishness and power. It means respecting te tapu o Te Atua and te tapu o te tangata by having reverence for all of God's creation.

Jesus takes familiar words, images, ideas and turns them upside down to make people think more deeply about what he is asking them to do. They provide a powerful alternative to values that the world speaks of and gives hope in finding fulfilment through knowing, loving and serving God.

The Beatitudes

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

² and he began to teach them. He said:

¹ **BLESSED** are the **POOR IN SPIRIT**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

² **BLESSED** are those who **MOURN**, for they will be comforted.

³ **BLESSED** are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth.

⁴ **BLESSED** are those who hunger and thirst for **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, for they will be filled.

⁵ **BLESSED** are the **MERCIFUL**, for they will be shown mercy.

⁶ **BLESSED** are the **PURE IN HEART**, for they will see God.

⁷ **BLESSED** are the **PEACEMAKERS**, for they will be called the children of God.

⁸ **BLESSED** are those who are **PERSECUTED** because of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁹ **BLESSED** are **YOU** when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹⁰ Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5: 1–12



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.

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.



PARISH ONLINE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sacred Heart Parish virtual catch-up over a cuppa

Date & Time: Saturday Sep 18, 2021 3:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719396107?pwd=c3k5WTMvYm1rY1piQk1ndzNxSDB5dz09>

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Date & Time: Sunday Sep 19, 2021 03:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>

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



Sacred Heart Liturgy of the Word

Date & Time: Sunday Sep 19, 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 20, 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

On-line Masses

Our Lady of Kapiti Mass: <https://kapiti-catholic.org.nz/>

Hamilton Diocese: <https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>

Christchurch Diocese: <https://chchcatholic.nz/>

NOTICES

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

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

Mondays, 20 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

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

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

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



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



'Walk behind Jesus'



Pope's message
in Hungary
– pg 10

'PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR' - ARPA AWARDS 2020

Click
the
link
to view
the latest
digital
issue

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/0c7dd53b-b640-42c7-9b20-ac28de9d0386>



Sacred Heart Cathedral school online newsletter

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=134>

ORATIO IMPERATA

A prayer for this time of pandemic

God our Father, we come to you in our need to ask your protection against COVID19 that has disturbed and even claimed many lives.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

Protect the medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health soon. Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying time to work for the good of all and to help those in need. We implore you to stop the spread of this virus, and to save us from our fears.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.



A parenting course just for dads

Starts: Thursday 28th October 2021 ☿ Time: 6pm – 8pm

Duration: 6 weeks ☿ Facilitated by Eru and Duncan ☿ Cost – \$75

As a community service, you may apply for a subsidy up to the full cost of the course if you are unable to pay the cost. **No one will be declined if they are unable to pay.**

Contact our Administrator to register

reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Or if you have any questions or concerns, text Eru on 021 374 593

Or email e.fox@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

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DRS: Jane Regan

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 enjoy gratifying experiences while serving the parish. If you are keen, contact the parish office and find out the various group's seeking new members.

This week, Ann-Marie Johnson shares her insights about the ministries that she is involved in.



I have been a parishioner at Sacred Heart Cathedral, on and off, for a number of years. But I'd largely managed to fly under the radar (or maybe that should read avoid responsibility), apart from volunteering as a Proclaimer at the 7pm Sunday Mass.

However, a couple of conversations led to me being invited to join a small group that was being putting together to review and update the Cathedral Connection newsletter. My day job is in communications so this was a lovely opportunity to share my skills and experience for the benefit of the parish. We all like to know what's going on in our community. We want to know what about the ups and downs of our family and friends. We are interested in events and developments in the place where we live. Updates from the groups and organisations that feed our interests are also important to us.

The Cathedral Connection newsletter is one of the main ways we find out about what is happening in our parish community, especially while we are worshipping in different venues or kept apart by the pandemic. Our small communications group has been working together to renew the Cathedral Connection. The most obvious change has been the bigger format which gives us more space for content of interest. We are also increasingly moving to distribute it via email so recipients find it conveniently in their inbox each week, meaning they can stay up-to-date even if they are away or unable to attend Mass.

We are also working to extend the use of the parish [Facebook page](#) (search for Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart), and the [website](#) is also on our agenda.

Joining the Communications Group has been an opportunity to get to know other parishioners so they are no longer strangers in the pews. We have interesting discussions about what should be included in the Cathedral Connection and how it can support our Parish community to deepen their faith. And being part of a group means we can share the workload so no single person is responsible for producing the newsletter every week.

It has definitely deepened my personal Cathedral connection. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in this aspect of parish life to reach out. We would love you to join us.

We are also keen for contributions from parishioners, whether that is a reflection on your faith journey, photos or a short report on a parish activity you are involved with. Email cathedralconnection.nz@gmail.com