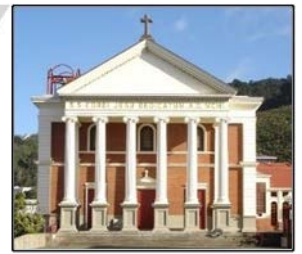




The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Festival of Simchat Torah

Occasionally one has the opportunity to enter into another's world.

That happened for me last Monday. I was invited to a zoom celebration of 'Simchat Torah' with the Jewish congregations of Beth Shalom and Temple Sinai.



The 'Torah' are the 1st 5 books of the Hebrew Scriptures, attributed to Moses. It finishes with Deuteronomy 34/12 where God shows Moses on Mt Nebo the Promised Land. The scriptures are then rewound back to Genesis Chapter 1 and the story of Creation.

It was very moving ceremony, with past Rabbis of Beth Shalom and Temple Sinai sharing their favourite scripture verses. A question was asked 'What does the Torah mean to you' and the answers came through the chat box – 'It is the story of our forebears', 'The story of who we are as a people', "our beginnings", 'Our identity as a people of God' and so on. We moved into zoom rooms and shared our favourite scripture person. I chose Abraham, my friend chose King David.

My overwhelming experience was one of Joy. I could see it very much in the Rabbi and in the participants. It made me realize again the importance of scripture in my life. Our Mass consists both of the Liturgy of the Word (the Scriptures) and the Eucharist. Both are important as they are both 'our daily bread.' We have not been able to go to Mass of late, but the scriptures are always there, ready to feed and transform us.

'Lectio Divina' (scripture reflection) is a wonderful way of prayerfully praying the scriptures. It has 4 separate steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. First a passage of scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God.

There is an online zoom 'Lectio Divina' scripture reflection group in our parish which all are welcome to join. Give it a shot. You will love it. Every Tuesday at 5:00pm - 5:30pm



Fr Ron

**Here is the link to join the Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlqwbkYyT2pzbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>
Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914**

Readings For The Week

Sunday 3rd October – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

Monday 4th – Jonah 1:1-2:1,11, Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday 5th – Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday 6th – Jonah 4:1-11, Luke 11:1-4

Thursday 7th – Malachi 3:13-20, Luke 11:5-13

Friday 8th – Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2, Luke 11:15-26

Saturday 9th – Joel 4:12-21, 27-29, Luke 11:27-28

Sunday 10th – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

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)

The Cathedral Parish Office is open to receive visitors. Please note that you can only visit one person at a time and you must wear a face mask, maintain all social distancing and meet all other Covid-19 Level Restriction requirements. You will be required to either scan the Covid-19 Tracer App QR Code or use the manual sign in system. Office Hours are on the back page.

RESUMPTION OF MASSES

From Cardinal John: "A decision will be made regarding resuming weekday and Sunday Masses once we have information after the Government announcement on Monday 4 October." Further information will be provided next week.

SUZANNE AUBERT / MERI HŌHEPA CELEBRATION SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021

This Sunday there are two significant liturgies from the Home of Compassion that you can follow:

1. A special Mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew in honour of Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa will be recorded and aired on TV. Tune in to Shine TV at 2pm.
2. Join Deacon Danny Karatea-Goddard and his wife, Maru Karatea-Goodard, for a special liturgy in honour of Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa on the Sisters of Compassion Facebook page at 5pm www.facebook.com/sistersofcompassion



If you have a special prayer request, or if there is someone who you would like to be remembered at either of these events, please send confidential details to Sister Josephine Gorman sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz At the conclusion of the Mass, all prayer requests and names of those who have asked to be remembered will be placed on the tombstone of Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa and the Sisters will continue to pray for everyone during the month of October.



Global Synod – For a Synodal Church

"I have come here to encourage you to take this synodical process seriously and to tell you that the Holy Spirit needs you... Listen to Him by listening to yourselves and do not leave anyone out or behind".

(Pope Francis *'Discourse to the faithful of the Diocese of Rome 18th September 2021'*)

Synods are concerned about how our teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our times. That is clearly important for us. How we live the Gospel daily amidst the many challenges and changes of the world we live in needs to be thought about often.

As the opening of the 2023 Synod preparatory process draws near (Sunday 17 Oct), parish pastoral councils are being asked to take the lead in ensuring local parishioners have a chance to have their say. Explanatory materials are being made available to everyone via the [Synod page on the ADW website here](#). These begin with a user-friendly booklet on the recommended discernment process and will be added to as gaps are identified.

On 17th October, our Cathedral Parish Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated with Otari parish at 10.00am in the Pro-Cathedral. Subject to covid restrictions. There will be no 10:30am Mass at St Thomas More on that day.

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2021

The theme of Support Life Sunday on 10 October is "Supporting and honouring health carers". This focus acknowledges the work of health carers, including family carers and health professionals, who are on the front line in supporting and protecting life.

Aye Maung (pictured at right) is Rangimārie house leader at the Kāpiti L'Arche community. L'Arche is an international movement of intentional communities which include both people with intellectual disabilities (core members) and people without intellectual disabilities.



Aye says living in intentional community with people from a range of abilities, ethnicities and backgrounds has many moments of joy. "When you live in L'Arche, people are your life, and you share your life too with them, and they become just as you. There's no barriers, no difference between us."



Find out more about Aye's work at L'Arche and read other health carers' stories here: [Support Life Sunday 2021: Supporting and honouring health carers - The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

PARISH ONLINE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 2	SUNDAY 3	MONDAY 4	TUESDAY 5
<p>Sacred Heart Parish virtual catch-up over a cuppa</p> <p>Date & Time: Saturday 2 Oct 2021 at 3:30pm</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719396107?pwd=c3k5WTMyWm1rY1piQk1ndzNxSDB5dz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 847 1939 6107 Passcode: 113039</p> 	<p>Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting</p> <p>Date & Time: Sunday 3 Oct 2021 at 3pm</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 Passcode: hra2h3</p> <p>Sacred Heart Liturgy of the Word</p> <p>Date & Time: Sunday 3 Oct 2021 at 7pm</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88263532629?pwd=YU5ObDZoZmFmVCtMYkxtMUNReXpHdz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 882 6353 2629 Passcode: 986496</p>	<p>On-line Rosary</p> <p>Date & Time: Monday 4 Oct at 11:30am - noon</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/3741202947?pwd=N1NRSFpubUNDNWcxTHdkMzIQRzBRUT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 374 120 2947 Passcode: 2Nje4P</p> 	<p>On-line Scripture Reflection</p> <p>Date & Time: Every Tuesday at 5pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlgwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914</p> 

YOUR PARISH - YOUR WHĀNAU

Passionist Family Group (PFG), have you heard of us?

I'm Kaye-Maree, the current co-ordinator of the PFG for Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish.

We are a super friendly group of people that love getting together to socialise with each other, doing different activities each month. We have a varied group of people currently ranging in ages from families with small children through to retired people. Some are single, some are couples and some are families, anything goes. 😊 People from all walks of life are welcome and we openly welcome those who aren't Catholic/religious, which includes my husband 😊

We have an activity most months. Some of these have included afternoon tea/lunch/dinner at someone's home, a games evening, ten-pin bowling, picnic in the Botanical Gardens, a movie night and a trip over to Somes Island. PFG really is just a wonderful way of meeting other people and widening our community in a fun relaxed way.

This is a quote from one of our PFG Family members: "We really enjoy being part of the PFG. It's a way of deepening our relationships within the parish community - and it's so much fun! We meet for meals, games, activities - and everyone of all ages comes along, so it's great for our children to feel part of the parish too."

So if you'd like to meet some new friends, please contact me through Frank in the office and join us for our October get-together. This is planned for the last weekend in October and will be a beach clean up (postponed from Sep) as long as we are in Level 1 by then. We'd love to see you.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy* - Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 04 and 11 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. \$25/session.

Topic on 04 October: The Parables. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/09/02/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz **Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at** <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>



NZ Catholic—free digital edition, 3-16 Oct

A free digital link to the latest issue of NZ Catholic is available here:
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a816212b-9754-4550-9c1b-7f3db9fa1269>

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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.

Gabrielle McLeavey

Brian and Moira Dunn

Ken Matheson

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne
(Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)

Ron Blackwell



Mass offered for

Sr Mary Agnes RSM
RIP 29 Sept.



Prayer Requests

Please give any requests for prayer to the parish office or send via the parish website:

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

Sr Agnes, may you rest in peace, good and faithful servant. We thank God for your life, Agnes, and are grateful for the lives of all religious -- past, present and to come. Let us keep Sr Agnes, her family and all her community both local and international in our prayers.



ONLINE MASSES

Masses from other locations

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

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

Christchurch Diocese: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw



Here is the prayer to use if you are watching Mass online:

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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.**

“Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.”

Pope Francis: [Laudato Si' paragraph 67](#)



Sunday activity sheet: 3 October 2021



Today's reading is from the Gospel of St Mark

Adapted for children from NJB Mark 10:2-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus, for him to bless them. The disciples told them to stop. When Jesus saw this, he was annoyed and said, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

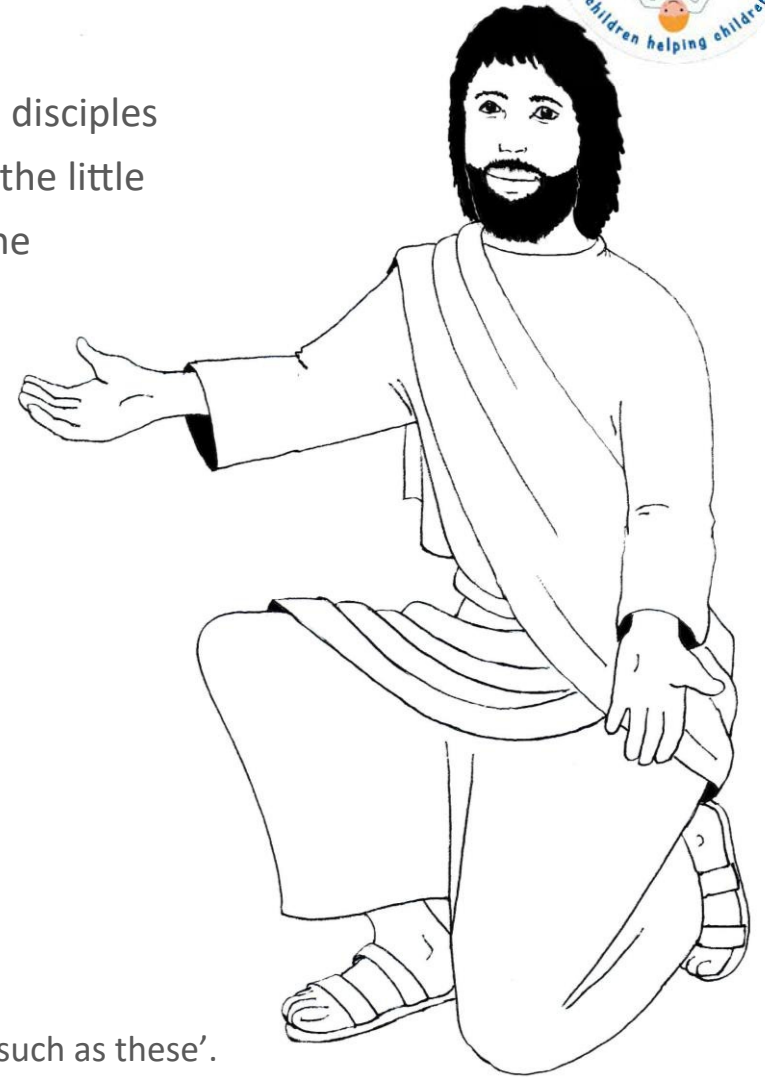
In truth I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'.

Then he welcomed the children and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Read the Gospel above carefully, then fill in the missing words below.

1. People brought the children for Jesus to _____.
2. The _____ told them to stop'.
3. Jesus was annoyed, he said, 'The _____ of God belongs to such as these'.



Turn the page for more activities

Answers: 1. bless 2. disciples 3. kingdom

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Mission Together is the children's branch of MISSIO-NZ, the Pope's charity for world mission. Thank you to MISSIO-UK for preparing this material.

Sister Carolyn is helping to build God's kingdom in Africa. She looks after children who need special care and who cannot live at home.

Sister Carolyn is showing the children what God's kingdom is like, a place where all people are loved and valued.



Care
Love
Kingdom

Go around the shape of these letters with a pencil. Then decorate the words.

Can you make up a prayer that uses these words?
Write it in the box below.

Mission Together children pray and share to help children living in poverty overseas.

Can you help them too, by praying the Mission Together Prayer?

When you have said the prayer, colour in the pictures of Jesus and Sister Carolyn.

Mission Together Prayer

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever.

Amen.

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