



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

It is over seven weeks since we were last able to gather and celebrate Mass together in person. To me, this time lockdown has seemed harder and longer. We knew what to do this time but maybe the Delta variant worries me more and it seemed as if the future is more uncertain.

I missed the laughter and hugs with family, the spontaneous discussions in the office about anything from world politics to last night's TV show. Contact with staff, colleagues, clients, and friends via zoom was very planned and so much more stilted without the warmth of in-person interactions. With this week's announcement I am happy that we have returned to celebrating Masses together on weekdays. Hopefully this will be followed by weekend Masses next week.

It will be a different experience as we need to keep numbers down, remain masked up and maintain distance. Attendees will need to sit in assigned seats and there will be no singing, but we will be able to come together to pray and celebrate as a community. Not all will feel able to return. Some will be hesitant and cautious about being with a group in these circumstances. Some are vulnerable and feeling at risk because of age or health. I can appreciate the concerns and Cardinal John has emphasised that anyone in that position still has dispensation from Sunday Mass obligations.

Whether you join in person for Mass or continue to participate in one of the various on-line Masses we will continue to be a community that prays together and prays for each other.

Jane Kelly
Liturgy Chair

Readings For The Week

Sunday 10th October – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 11th – Romans 1:1-7, Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday 12th – Romans 1:16-25, Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday 13th – Romans 2:1-11, Luke 11:42-46

Thursday 14th – Romans 3:21-30, Luke 11:47-54

Friday 15th – Romans 4:1-8, Luke 12:1-7

Saturday 16th – Romans 4:13,16-18, Luke 12:8-12

Sunday 17th – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The pandemic has highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family.

Pope Francis: *Message for the World Day of the Sick 2021*



RESUMPTION OF MASSES

On Thursday we were pleased to be able to resume weekday Masses in our Connolly Hall chapel. Effective immediately there is a new weekday timetable for Mondays of one Mass, or Liturgy of the Word if no Priest is available, at 8.00am. All other weekday and Saturday morning Mass times are unchanged. We will continue to monitor the numbers at weekday Masses, and if needed introduce a booking system.

Next weekend, 16/17th October, as long as there are no change upwards in Covid Alert levels, weekend Masses will resume across the Diocese. Unfortunately due to reduced capacity, and in order to adhere to social distancing rules, the Archdiocesan office has set up an internet booking system for weekend Masses. Bookings will be open from 9.00am Wednesday and close at 12.00pm Friday. We are awaiting instructions and will send these to you on Tuesday afternoon.

Synod Mass

Due to the requirements of attendance limits the Cathedral parish will now celebrate the opening of the worldwide Synod at our own 10.30am Mass with Fr David next Sunday at St. Thomas More church.

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2021

The theme of Support Life Sunday 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.

As a hospital chaplain, Kathleen Field recognises that human beings understand very little about sickness and death. "Life is fragile, and the big questions are everything." She understands her role as a ministry of presence. "People are very vulnerable when they are ill, so they can be more open to acknowledging human fragility and that's one of the things that leads us to pondering about God and spirituality. It's a privilege to be around when people might be more open to spiritual conversations than other times."

Kathleen says that one of the ways the wider Catholic community can support the ministry of hospital chaplaincy is by encouraging referrals to hospital chaplains when friends and family come into hospital. "It might not necessarily present as the need for a religious conversation. But when someone you love is in hospital, a hospital chaplain can spend time with them and reassure them within a system that can be alienating."



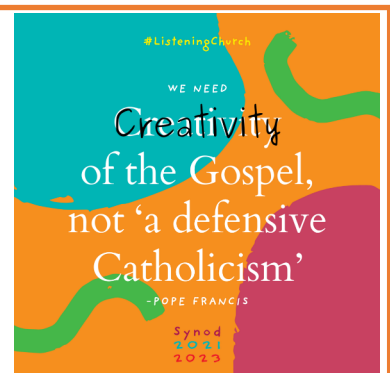
Find out more about Kathleen's work and read other health carers' stories here: [Support Life Sunday 2021: Supporting and honouring health carers - The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU!

You are invited to participate in the first phase of a global Synod consultation process. Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole People of God so that all the voices are heard. If you are reading this, we want to hear from you!







Visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/ to see how you can participate.



PARISH ONLINE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 9	SUNDAY 10	MONDAY 11	TUESDAY 12
<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 10 Oct 2021 at 3pm</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=Qzl3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 Passcode: hra2h3</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=N1NRSFpubUNDNWcxTHdkMzlQRzBRUT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 374 120 2947 Passcode: 2Nje4P</p> 	<p>On-line Scripture Reflection</p> <p>Date & Time: Every Tuesday at 5:00pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WIgwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914</p> 

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.

WELLINGTON SEMINARIAN ORDAINED DEACON

Last Saturday, 2 October, Wellington Seminarian Alfred Tong along with Monty Bamford and Adam Kirkeby were ordained as Transitional Deacons as they journey towards their Ordination as Priests.

This photo shows Alfred with family and friends after the ordination as well as some other familiar faces. Please continue to keep Alfred and all our seminarians in your prayers as they embrace God's calling on their lives.



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Please keep in your prayers

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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

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: 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

George Aufferi (Malta)
RIP 4 October

Emelyn Mejorada-Repizo
(Wales) RIP 7 October



RESPONDING TO THE CALL - CHOOSING TO SERVE



I retired in April 2013 after 33 years at the Wellington School of Medicine. The Sacred Heart Cathedral had been my spiritual home since February 1991 and I decided to become a more active member of the parish community. I first joined Sister Marie Gore's Rosary Group on Monday mornings and then applied to become a Cathedral Guardian.

I arrived at the Cathedral Foyer one Monday morning in March 2013 for training with Terry Hurliman who was not only the Cathedral Sexton but also a Guardian on Monday mornings. I took a small notebook with me which was just as well; Terry gave me a list of different codes to open the various doors in the working Sacristy. The most important code was to open the door to the treasury cupboard where all the equipment necessary for Mass was stored, which included a roll of gluten-free hosts! I was amazed how many different keys of all sizes there were and I felt that I could have been in a mediaeval monastery at times. The most important instructions that Terry gave me were for setting up the Cathedral Chapel for the 12.10pm Mass. On Wednesday afternoons Michael Fletcher conducted a service of Vespers and so one of my tasks was to set up the high altar with the two 6-candle candelabra and place a large brass altar cross in the middle between them.

My first Wednesday as a Guardian was five days after retirement on 10 April. I met for the first time someone who was to become a dear friend: Erina Harding. Erina was the other Guardian on Wednesday mornings. A week later my day ended with a minor drama. It had been a warm sunny afternoon so I had left the inner set of doors to the foyer open. Fortunately, the two doors into the cathedral itself were closed. A sparrow flew into the foyer at 3.45pm just as I was about to close the cathedral complex and arm the security system. I rang Terry Hurliman who laughed and told me to open the doors to the courtyard and sit quietly. Luckily the sparrow took the hint and flew into the courtyard so I could finally go home!

For me the most significant benefit of being a Guardian is the special privilege of having a closer association with the Mass simply by setting up the chapel. I also became a regular Reader at the 12.10pm Wednesday Mass and later became a Eucharistic Minister. As a Guardian one also has an important welcoming ministry. Although the Cathedral is currently closed, Guardians now have the responsibility not only for greeting people arriving for Mass but also for reminding them to use the Covid-19 App or sign in manually. When the Cathedral was open, it was a great pleasure to welcome visitors, whether from overseas or from outside Wellington and show them around the Cathedral.

Now we are in Connolly Chapel and so fortunate to have it. I do have fond memories of the Viard House Chapel as well, apart from the sub-zero temperature in the kitchen behind the chapel where we rinsed and dried the chalices after Mass! Another happy memory is the children from Sacred Heart School who used to race through the cathedral foyer and courtyard en route to their choir practice on Wednesday afternoon! One of the boys once arrived in the foyer office after choir practice to show me a cut on his leg. He said that "Michael told me that you knew what to do". Fortunately, I knew where the first aid box was!

Michael Humble (Cathedral Guardian)



Sunday activity sheet: 10 October 2021



Today's reading is from the Gospel of St Mark

Adapted for children from NJB Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to live with God forever?'

Jesus said to him, 'You know the commandments: do not kill; do not be unfaithful; do not steal; do not lie; do not cheat; honour your father and mother'.

The man replied, 'Master, I have kept all these since my youth'.

Jesus looked at the man and loved him. Then he said, 'You need to do one more thing. Go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me'.

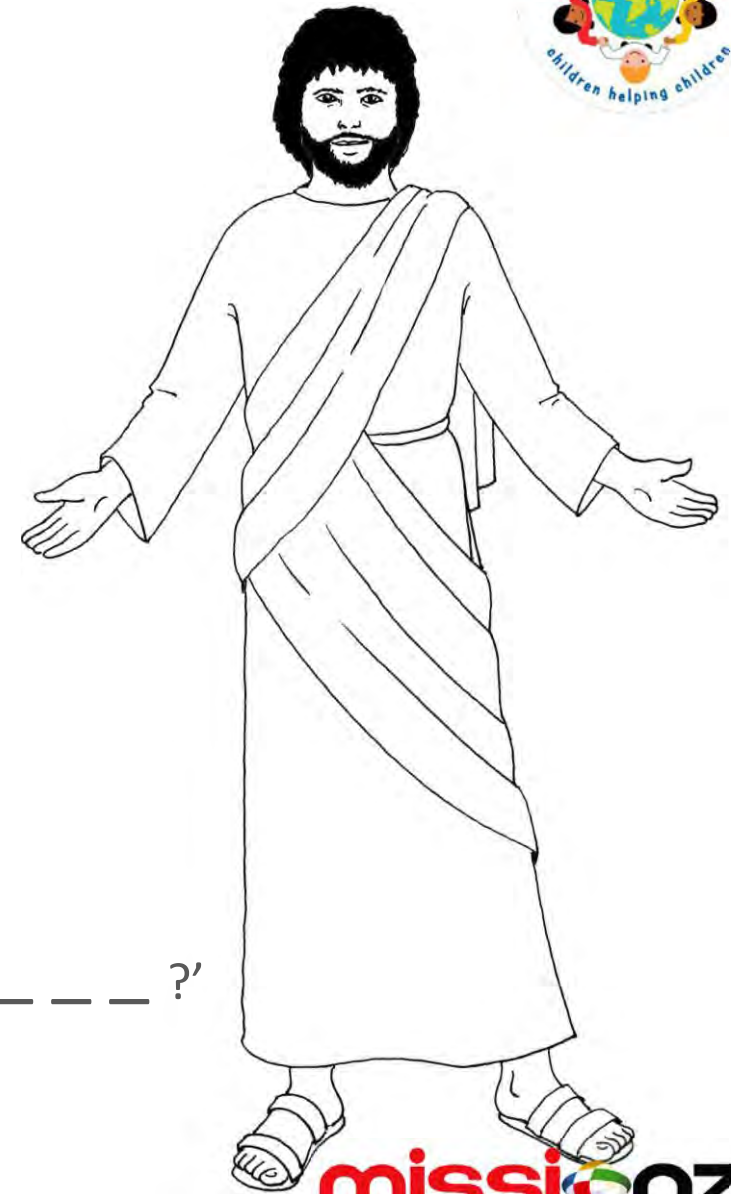
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

1. A man ran up to Jesus and said, 'What must I do to live with God _____?'
2. Jesus said to him, 'You know the _____.'
3. Then Jesus said, 'Give your money to the poor, then _____ me'.

Turn the page for more activities

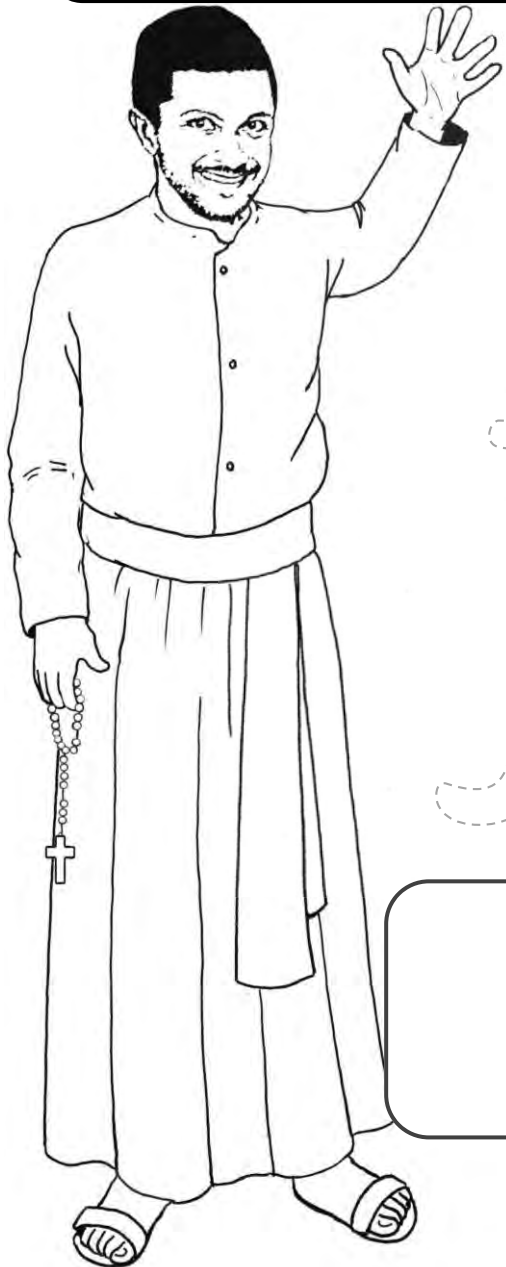
Answers: 1. forever 2. commandments 3. follow



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Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission.
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Hirushan is from Sri Lanka. He has been called by God to become a Priest.
Missio helps Hirushan to attend a special school called a seminary.
A seminary is where men learn to follow Jesus as Priests.



We
follow
Jesus

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 Hirushan.

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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