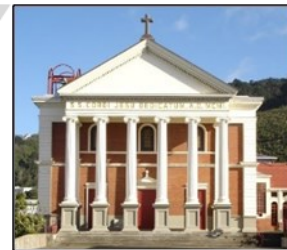




The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Servanthood

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus telling the apostles that 'anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be servant of all'.



Today Jesus' teaching reminds us that in a world filled with suffering caused by power struggles, that as Christian communities we are called to display a different way of being human. He wants our lives of discipleship to be lives of service, lived in love and justice. As disciples the foundation of our identity is to be at the service of others, service that mirrors and reflects Jesus' self-sacrificing service.

Jesus challenges us to transform the demand of James and John from 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you', to 'Teacher we want to do for you and for many whatever you ask of us.'

The theme of the Synod, being celebrated across the world this weekend, is 'For a synodal church of communion, participation and mission'. The word 'synodality' means "walking together". Pope Francis has for eight years been calling for a more decentralised Church, a Church marked by collaboration and consultative decision making. He wants to hear from everyone.

Over the coming weeks please make time to respond to Francis' call, to delve into and respond to, at least one of, the Synod questions. Consider participating in a small group gathering and listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to you through discernment with others. Consider inviting others, especially those that may feel disconnected from the church, those we do not worship with, including those temporarily displaced due to the Cathedral closure to join you. Or just personally reflect and respond.

In God's Kingdom the greatest are those who are willing to serve. Jesus came among us seeking to serve rather than to be served! Discipleship invites us to live the values of God's Kingdom, the exact opposite values to those of the world of power politics, individualism, and consumerism. May we be great imitators of Jesus in all that we do and speak.

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader

Readings For The Week

Sunday 17th October – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 18th (St Luke, Evangelist) – 2 Timothy 4:10-17, Luke 10:1-9

Tuesday 19th – Romans 5:12,15,17-21, Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday 20th – Romans 6:12-18, Luke 12:39-48

Thursday 21st – Romans 6:19-23, Luke 12:49-53

Friday 22nd – Romans 7:18-25, Luke 12:54-59

Saturday 23rd – Romans 8:1-11, Luke 13:1-9

Sunday 24th – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 13:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

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)

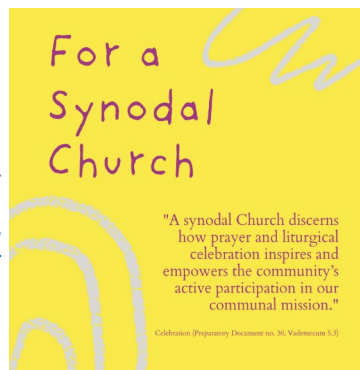
The Cathedral Parish Office is open to receive visitors. Please note that you can only visit one person at a time and you must wear a face mask, maintain all social distancing and meet all other Covid-19 Level Restriction requirements. You will be required to either scan the Covid-19 Tracer App QR Code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

SYNOD - COMMUNION | PARTICIPATION | MISSION

So there's a Synod launching this Sunday?

As we all know, Pope Francis wants us all to take part in a worldwide Synod that begins this weekend!

A Synod is really just a chance to learn to listen more carefully to each other because that is how the Spirit of God is heard in our communities. Make sure you get a chance to be part of the conversation – watch the parish for information about groups meeting to share and/check out the Archdiocesan 'Synod' page here for details and resources: www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/



From Cardinal John's newsletter - 14 October 2021

Last Sunday in his homily for the opening Mass to begin the 2-year process of consultation for the Synod on *Synodality, Communion, Participation and Mission* Pope Francis encouraged all Catholics to become “*experts in the art of encounter*”. He wasn't just talking about that renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, that kind of encounter needs to be something we do every day unfailingly, he says. He was speaking of an encounter meaning *meeting our fellow Catholics by being ready to listen to them with our hearts and our ears*.

We have all been invited, every single baptised person in the world to meet other Catholics to listen to them, and to allow God to help us to walk together “*wherever we are*”. Pope Francis speaks of this as the Synod process of consultation beginning this Sunday 17 October, as “*an adventure in which everyone must take part*”. He wants us to make this an adventure, not just another task to be done, but an adventure in which we imagine together the future of the Church. He had a wonderful line in his homily where he said “*Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties*”.

Now is the time for all of us to genuinely encounter one another, listen to one another as we journey through life. Now is the time to listen to one another and to hear with our hearts, and not just our ears. This is for the good of the Church, this is for our good. Pope Francis longs for a Church in which we are open to listening to one another. That means everyone.

Over these next few weeks look for opportunities to become *experts in the art of encounter*, to engage in the Synod consultation process, to feed in your ideas of what the Church should be in the future, and above all let's pray together for the success of this incredible adventure we have been invited to join in with over the next couple of years.

Nāku noa,

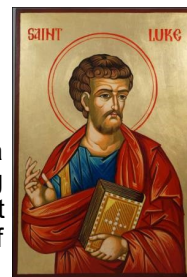
John

FEAST DAY OF ST LUKE, EVANGELIST, 18 OCT

St Luke the Evangelist is the Patron Saint of:

Artists, Bachelors, Physicians, Surgeons, Farmers

St Luke the Evangelist was born in the early first century in Turkey, Asia. He lived as a physician and a disciple of the Apostle Paul. His feast day is honoured every 18 October. He authored the Gospel according to Luke and also the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the early history of the Church up to Paul's first stay in Rome. As a Greek, he takes care to explain to Gentile readers Jewish customs and the meaning of Hebrew words.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Quote of the week

“The Spirit asks us to listen to the questions, concerns and hopes of every Church, people and nation. And to listen to the world, to the challenges and changes that it sets before us. Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another.”

Pope Francis:

[Homily for the Mass for the Opening of the Synodal Path](#), 10 October 2021



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 out the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website: www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz and please mention it to your friends too.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH FOODBANK

Our foodbank has been working well and is based at the Cathedral. All parishioners are encouraged to bring an item when they attend services, and the support has been immense. Most of the food in recent years has been delivered to the Sisters of Charity at Cannons Creek.

Obviously, the need is great. The Sisters serve the community with utter commitment, delivering packages and specific item support to the community. Nothing is wasted. They have no governance costs. They serve the neediest in the wider Porirua/Cannons Creek region and provide a holistic service. Many foodbanks open for a set time each week and not on public holidays and many families struggle to get there. However, the Sisters supply support to families at all times including those that contact them or whom they visit at any time.

Over the years our parish has also delivered substantive groceries to the St Vincent de Paul foodbank in Newtown. This bank distributes any overflow widely and has refrigeration.

Sacred Heart Cathedral parish has had a strong tradition in social support with many past parishioners involved in leading changes for the socially disadvantaged. One previous parishioner of Sacred Heart, well known to many New Zealanders, is the Honourable Micky Savage. He led the development of social welfare policy in New Zealand as the first Labour Prime Minister. Remembering and learning his story is an inspiration to youth. As a response to the need in New Zealand for improved dental health he vacated Premier House in Tinakori Road and converted it into a dental clinic for children.

Sadly, today as a surgeon, I can attest to the fact that child dental health is again in an appalling state. One need from the foodbank is for regular supplies of toothpaste and brushes for children. Sugar drinks are still actively promoted to kids in our community. Treatment delays in what I believe is a broken health system and limited primary educational support impacts the most vulnerable of society. Providing brushes and toothpaste through the food bank is critical to many families and is one way we can help to address this. Other supplies that are very helpful are tinned items such as fish, tuna, soups, pasta, flour, sugar, cereals, biscuits, some treats, rice, rice and more rice, nappies, female sanitary products, soap and all good staples.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish foodbank, it really does make a difference to the lives of many in our communities. It is not unusual for cash to be donated for the foodbank to buy fresh vegetables and meat. If you would like to do this, please contact the parish office.

Brendon Bowkett



NOTICES

Mass Attendance Registration—Teething Problems

The Archdiocese's On-line Mass Attendance Registration System for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses is available between 9am Wednesday and 12 noon Friday each week for that coming weekend's Masses. Unfortunately there were a few errors in the Mass locations that have now been sorted out. Our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses are at St Thomas More Church, Wilton and our Sunday Evening Mass is in our Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon. Apologies for any confusion. For information on how to book please visit our parish website www.MCSHWWellington.org



2022 Columban Art Calendars - Celebrating 100 Years

The 2022 Columban Art Calendars are once again available for purchase at \$12.00 ea.

They are available from the Parish Office.

The first Columban Calendar was published in 1923 and has been a feature in Catholic homes across Australia and New Zealand. Proceeds from the sale of these calendars supports the work of the Columban missionaries among the poor communities of the world. The calendars make a wonderful gift so please buy one for yourself and one for a friend.

PARISH ONLINE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Online Rosary

Monday 18 Oct at 11:30am - noon



Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82455778674?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82455778674?pwd=RjNNaEhBOFhCU3VjN01SWnllcEN5Zz09)
[pwd=RjNNaEhBOFhCU3VjN01SWnllcEN5Zz09](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82455778674?pwd=RjNNaEhBOFhCU3VjN01SWnllcEN5Zz09)

Meeting ID: 824 5577 8674 Passcode: 7wyP5A

On-line Scripture Reflection

Every Tuesday at 5:00pm - 5:30pm



Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?](https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlGwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09)
[pwd=WlGwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlGwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09)

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

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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

Renato Sacramento
Cabanding - RIP 9 Oct
(Philippines)



A Historical Walking Tour of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa's Wellington

Two sessions: 26 October, 10am or 30 October, 10am. Begins at Pukeahu Education Centre, 18 Buckle Street, Te Aro. Limited spaces! RSVP to events@compassion.org.nz or (04) 383 7769 by 23 October.

Free but a koha toward the Compassion Soup Kitchen would be appreciated.

Join Sr Sue Cosgrove and follow the footsteps of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa through Wellington city. The tour begins at Suzanne's historic Crèche in Buckle Street. Around the corner is the Compassion Soup Kitchen in Tory Street, not far from its original location. The response of the Soup Kitchen to hunger and social isolation has been constant since 1901. Next we will visit St Mary of the Angels, the church where Suzanne Aubert's funeral was held in 1926. The tour finishes at Parliament. Suzanne walked through this part of town visiting politicians and supporters, and mixing her herbal remedies in Molesworth Street.



Joshua Wellington invites men to come together under Covid Alert Level 2 protocols on Thursday 21 October 2021, starting 7:30pm sharp.

Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, cnr Hill and Molesworth Streets.

Speaker: Tony Harrington on "What God is doing in my life? "Want to know more?
Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



E-Waste Collection

On Saturday 30 October (rain postponement Saturday 6 November) at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie 9am – 2pm.



No whiteware or car batteries. Cost per item from \$2 - 10. Cash only. Proceeds to the college.

16 OCTOBER **SHOT**
Super Saturday

Don't wait, vaccinate! Let's get back to doing the things we love.

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

covid19.govt.nz/super-saturday

Unite against COVID-19

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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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