



# The Cathedral Connection



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in Ordinary Time

## DREAMING OF A SYNOD

Since he was elected Bishop of Rome in 2013, Pope Francis has revived and strengthened one of the important legacies of the Second Vatican Council – the Synod of Bishops. These Synods, with bishops representing every local church, meet every few years, with a particular theme. Under his two predecessors, the discussion was carefully constrained and there were sometimes lists of topics that should on no account be mentioned.

Francis has made synods vehicles of discernment, which requires not only careful listening but honest speech. In 2015 the Synod topic was the family, in 2017, youth; and in 2019, the Amazon basin. Each produced some significant thinking on the church and the world. The 2021 Synod was to focus on process – a synod on synodality. Francis has postponed this until 2023, and asked bishops' conferences to ensure a wide discussion on 'communion, participation and mission' in the church. Our archdiocese's website has a variety of resources to begin, and help, discussion at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/>.

We will be reminded often enough that a synod is not a parliament, and that discernment is not about majority votes. That is true enough, but nor should those principles become an excuse for inertia. Nor should the imperative of mission lead us to ignore the state of the church. We are invited in this process to reflect on a number of themes, including mission, relationships with other Christian communities, the Word of God and the Eucharist, and authority and participation in the church.

In thinking about the Synod themes, we should remember, as Vatican 2 noted, that 'the Church has always had the duty of scrutinising the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel'. That is the duty of each one of us. These times include major challenges: the ongoing pandemic, the climate emergency, and sometimes grave economic inequality. Francis has often reflected on these. Last weekend, addressing popular movements, he named some points of urgent action.

He also invited us all to 'dream together... right now our brains and hands are not enough, we also need our hearts and our imagination; we need to dream so that we do not go backwards'. His whole talk can be read here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2021/documents/20211016-videomessaggio-movimentipopolari.html>



The Synod is an invitation to use 'the imagination, that place where intelligence, intuition, experience and historical memory come together to create, compose, venture and risk'.

Jim McAloon

## Readings For The Week

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Romans 8:12-17, Luke 13:10-17

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Romans 8:18-25, Luke 13:18-21

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Romans 8:26-30, Luke 13:22-30

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Ephesians 2:19-22, Luke 6:12-16

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Romans 9:1-5, Luke 14:1-6

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29, Luke 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34

**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

“Do I have compassion on people? Compassion for the lives of those we meet, like Jesus has done with me, with you, with all of us, he drew near with compassion. Let us look at the Crucified Lord, completely immersed in our wounded history, and we will discover God’s way of doing things.”

**Pope Francis:** [Angelus](#) 17 October 2021



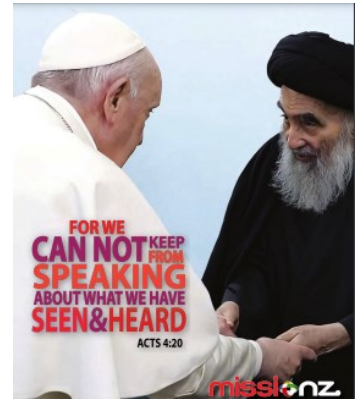
## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — 31 OCTOBER 2021

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission.

Please support Missio-NZ in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church’s mission to share God’s love with all people.

Please call 09 489 6549 (office hours) or visit MissioNZ’s website [www.missio.nz/donate](http://www.missio.nz/donate) to give a single gift. If you want to set up a regular weekly/monthly donation, please use MISSIO -NZ Account **ANZ 06 0411 0021447 30**

Limited brochures and special collection envelopes are available at the entrance to our churches this weekend.



## NOTICES

### Hearts Aflame needs your support

Hearts Aflame is a national Catholic event for young adults that has been running for 30 years. At Hearts, people are drawn into a deeper relationship with Christ through the Sacraments, formation, and community. Many participants describe it as life-changing.

With the 30th anniversary coming up, the Hearts Aflame Planning Team invites parishioners to support this event. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the website at [www.heartsaflame.org.nz/donate](http://www.heartsaflame.org.nz/donate). Above all, prayer is always appreciated!



**HEARTS  
AFLAME**

*Fides et Scientia*

### Volunteering Opportunity Information Evening

6pm, October 27

Venue: Our Lady’s Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Looking for a way to give back to your community? Join us for the evening and explore the upcoming volunteering opportunities at Our Lady’s Home of Compassion at our volunteer information evening. Due to COVID-19, registration is essential. RSVP to [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz) or (04) 383 7769. If you can’t attend but are interested in volunteering with us, please get in touch!



### Titipounamu Study & Joy - Online Sessions

#### Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation - Praying with Imagination

with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Thursdays, 4 and 22 November, 2-3,30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

In these introductory sessions, you are invited to follow in the tradition of St Ignatius of Loyola and his Spiritual Exercises. Experience prayer with all your senses, engaging mind, heart and emotions.

For more information and registration; <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-2/>



### 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.



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH ACTIVITIES

## Holy Hour for Vocations

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 October at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be recorded hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

## All Souls Day – Combined Anglican & Catholic Service

As is part of our tradition we will again this year be joining with our Anglican neighbours for a Combined All Souls Day Service. The service starts at 6pm at the Anglican Cathedral on the Corner of Hill and Molesworth Streets. All welcome.

Now that we can gather to celebrate Mass (albeit with a reduced number in church and social distancing) we are recommencing the use of te reo Māori in the introductory rites, before and after the Gospel reading and the concluding rites.

To help with familiarisation, a document which contains the Māori words with the equivalent words in English has been produced and attached with the email version of this newsletter. The document can be downloaded from: <https://mcshwellington.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Maori-Mass-Parts-MCSH.pdf>



KIA KAHA  
TE REO MĀORI

Sacred Heart Cathedral School latest newsletter is available here:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=137>



## 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](http://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz) and please mention it to your friends too.



## 2022 Columban Art Calendars - Celebrating 100 Years

The 2022 Columban Art Calendars are once again available for purchase at \$12.00 ea. 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 buy one for yourself and one for a friend!



**Monday 25 October Mass.** As this Monday is a Public Holiday (Labour Day), the Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am in Connolly Hall. There is be no online rosary on that day.

**Wednesday 27 October Parish Office Closed:** The parish office will be closed on Wednesday 25 October for Staff Training. For any urgent enquiries please contact Fr Ron Bennett. Ph 021 065 8997

## PARISH ONLINE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### 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

### Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Sunday 24 Oct 2021 at 3pm



### Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3IUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVks5UT09)

[pwd=QzI3UIMva3IUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVks5UT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3IUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVks5UT09)

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

## 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/UCbDyKPjjDeYWFpoz\\_hSDLfw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWFpoz_hSDLfw)



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

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<https://www.facebook.com/MCSHWWellington/>

### Parish Leader / Lay Pastoral Leader:

Debbie Matheson

### Parish Moderator:

Fr Ron Bennett

### Secretary:

Frank Doherty

### Office Hours:

12:30pm to 4:30pm Tue-Fri

### Parish Council Chair:

Randy Reyes

### Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Ph: 472 4047

**Principal:** Bernadette Murfitt

**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**

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

Alicia Caraga  
RIP 8 Sept (Philippines)

Mario Gonzales Sr  
RIP 9 Oct (Philippines)

Ines Mina  
RIP 17 Oct (Philippines)



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sister Clara cares for children in India who are living on the streets.  
She comforts them when they are sad and works hard so that the children find peace, are happy, and know God's love.



Blessed  
are the  
merciful

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

Make up a prayer using these words. Then 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 Clara.

#### 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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Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission.  
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