



The Cathedral Connection



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Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MISSION SUNDAY

Pope Francis' October prayer intention: May all Christians be missionary disciples

My spiritual reading recently included a story about how to catch monkeys. It is incredible what you can learn while trying to grow spiritually!

Monkeys are bright and frenetic, but they are difficult to catch without causing them harm. However, a simple technique has been devised. Trappers empty out gourds, fill them with peanuts and then patch out the gourds so only a small opening remains in each one. They then attach the gourds to trees and leave the area.

After a while the monkeys feel safe so they come down from the trees, stick their hands in the gourds and grab the peanuts. But once they do this they cannot get their hands out of the gourds. To escape, all they need to do is let go of the peanuts. But they hold on, screaming with fear and frustration. The trappers then come back and catch the monkeys.

This story illustrates how monkeys are inordinately attached to peanuts. Yet in different ways we can hold on to 'peanuts' which prevent us from living as missionary disciples and sharing what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20). For some of us it might be fear, or laziness, or our brokenness. Is there something that you are holding on to which keeps you from accepting the invitation of Pope Francis to live more fully as a missionary disciple?

Ngā mihi nui
Fr David



Readings For The Week

Sunday 31st – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34
Monday 1st (All Saints) – Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12a
Tuesday 2nd (All Souls) – Wisdom 3:1-9, Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6
Wednesday 3rd – Romans 13:8-10, Luke 14:25-33
Thursday 4th – Romans 14:7-12, Luke 15:1-10
Friday 5th – Romans 15:14-21, Luke 16:1-8
Saturday 6th – Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27, Luke 16:9-15
Sunday 7th – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

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.

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

“Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion.”



Pope Francis: [Message for World Mission Day 2021](#)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (IN NEW ZEALAND)

Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish in Aotearoa New Zealand today so it didn't clash with Labour Weekend.

It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio-NZ, the Pope's charity for world mission in NZ, you will help missionaries share the love of Christ with those most in need.

Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call (09) 489 6549 (office hours) or visit Missio-NZ's website 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**



NOTICES

Feast of the Holy Souls Tuesday 2 November

Guided tour of the early Catholic section at Kaori Cemetery 1.30-3pm

Visit the final resting place of our lay and religious forebears who were buried at Karori Cemetery from 1892 onwards. Stories retold include those of a boxer, an architect, a US civil war veteran, a military chaplain and a missionary. Included in the tour is a visit to the newly restored wooden cross installed by Archbishop Redwood in March 1892.

\$10 per person (children under 12 free). Places can be booked by emailing friendsofkaroricemeterytours@gmail.com or just turn up on the day. Gather at the wooden shelter building to start the tour (100 meters inside the main gate). For further information see www.friendsofkaroricemetery.co.nz

Day of Reflection with Joy Cowley

A Day of Reflection with Joy Cowley will be held at Our Lady of Kapiti Church, 20 Milne Drive, Paraparaumu, on Friday 12 November, 10.30am–2pm. Hosted by the CWL Archdiocesan Council.

All who would like to attend are welcome, however **you will need to be fully vaccinated** and have registered prior, by Monday 8 November (attendance capped at 100). Please bring your own packed lunch and drink bottle. Masks to be worn and Koha on entry. RSVP to Karen Saunders 04 476 0044 or archdio.sec@gmail.com



Compassion Soup Kitchen Celebration for World Day of The Poor

The Compassion Soup Kitchen is celebrating World Day of The Poor (Sunday 14 November) for the guests they serve hot meals to twice a day, six days a week with a week of sponsored meals. Can you help? To sponsor a meal, contact the Compassion Soup Kitchen via phone: (04) 385 9299 or email soup@compassion.org.nz

Parish Financial Brief: The year-to-date underspend on expenditure against the budget is due to the following items:

Staff costs – lower than budget by \$13,791 due to delays in appointing a music co-ordinator.

Insurance – lower than budget by \$12,237 due to smaller increase in premium than originally budgeted.

Property and repair cost – lower than budget by \$12,335 due to delays in executing the maintenance programme while the strengthening project is underway and access to contractors.

	September 2021		Year to date (April to September)	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Collections	14,334	16,989	92,160	101,934
Other income	6,297	6,610	41,859	39,660
Expenditure	10,985	20,412	153,165	197,472
Surplus / (Deficit)	9,646	3,187	(19,146)	(55,878)

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH ACTIVITIES

Passionist Family Group get-together for November

Our next social event is Sunday 7 November after the 10:30am Mass. We will gather at the entrance to Otari-Wilton's Bush and head in for a picnic lunch. If the weather turns bad, we will go to PGF coordinator Kaye-Maree's home in Wadestown.

Please let Kaye-Maree know if you are interested in joining us via Frank at the office. Everyone welcome, would love to see some new faces!



All Souls Day – Combined Service

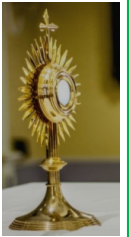
As is our tradition we will again this year be joining with our Anglican neighbours for a Combined All Souls Day Service on Tuesday, 2 November.

The service starts at 6pm at the Anglican Cathedral, corner of Hill and Molesworth Streets. All welcome.

Adoration – Thursdays

Our weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays has now resumed. We have a few slots available so if anyone would like to take a time slot, please contact Sr Marie (04) 8198323 or 0226390240 or email mariegore023@gmail.com

Many people have remarked how they look forward to having this quiet time with the Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. They find it a real haven in their busy lives.



RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Helping with the Sacramental Programme

Since 2009, I have been privileged to help with the Cathedral's sacramental programme thanks to a tap on the shoulder by Father James Lyons who at that time was the new parish priest. Twelve years and 200+ children through the programme later and here I am still enjoying the ministry just as much as I have since I accepted Fr James' invitation.

Why do I do it? Many reasons. One, it is a small contribution to one of the Parish's many ministries. Two, I love working with children and through the programme am able to maintain that connection with the school in some way. Three, it is an opportunity to meet so many wonderful families. But the most important reason of all is my desire to help the children and their parents/caregivers in preparing for three very important sacraments – Confirmation, Reconciliation and Communion – and hopefully help them realise how important these are to their child's and their own faith journey.

Angela Helbano



SYNOD - COMMUNION | PARTICIPATION | MISSION

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE: READ and REFLECT on the materials provided. Download the Synod Booklet (see below) – the reflection/discernment process is clearly outlined in this booklet which has been prepared specifically for our Archdiocese. A simpler version of the questions and themes is also available. For the full Synod Preparatory Documents please visit www.synod.va or our Archdiocesan Synod Page: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/> where you can download the [synod booklet](#) or complete the [online response](#).

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!



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



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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



WEEKLY ROSARY

Our weekly rosary group is now meeting together again in our Connolly Hall Chapel on Mondays at 11.30am. All are welcome.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Today is World Mission Sunday. On this day, Catholics around the world pray and share to help God's global family.

Today Catholics from every continent reach out to help one another.

World Mission Sunday is a day to remember that we are all children of God the Father, and followers of his Son, Jesus. Happy World Mission Sunday ☺

Colour the globe, then decorate the words 'We are God's global family.' Can you make up a song that includes these words?

We are
God's
global
family



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, the globe, and the children.

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.

Visit missiontogether.org.uk to find a sing-a-long version of our special song, *One Mind, One Heart*. It may help you to make up your own World Mission Sunday song!

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