



# The Cathedral Connection



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in Ordinary Time

## Being Missionary Disciples

One of the Ten Themes of Lived Synodality is on 'Sharing Responsibility for the Mission'. Our baptism calls on us to participate as missionary disciples; to live our faith actively, and to support each other in our missionary service to society. But at times, it seems, there's something that stops us from doing so.

Like the widow in today's first reading, are we afraid that if we were to share our time, our talent, our treasure that there will be nothing left for us? The widow said "I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die" (1 Kgs 17:12). She feared that if she were to help Elijah, she would have nothing left and it will be the end. Elijah had to reassure her that her fears were unfounded and that God, in His mercy and love, would never let her run out of provisions.

On the other hand, the poor widow in today's Gospel doesn't seem to be afraid to offer all that she possessed. Our Lord pointed it out clearly when He said to his disciples "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on" (Mk 12:43-44). The poor widow trusted God would never abandon her in her time of need; and that whatever little she had they were blessings that were meant to be shared to others.

Our Lord is teaching us to be like the poor widow - to love and to live selflessly, and to give sacrificially. Trusting that God will always look after us; He blesses us in so many ways that, in turn, we may be blessings to others. He wants us to not be afraid to serve others, and to live our baptismal call to be missionary disciples.

God bless.

Randy Reyes - Parish Pastoral Council Chair



**Thank you to Sacred Heart Cathedral School, teachers, students, parents and friends** for your generous donation of money raised during a recent fundraising morning. Helping to strengthen our Cathedral and Community together.

Read their latest newsletter here: <https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=139>

## Readings For The Week

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> –** Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> –** Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2:13-22

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> –** Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> –** Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> –** Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> –** Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

**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

'Brothers and sisters, the Lord's scales are different from ours. He weighs people and their actions differently: God does not measure quantity but quality; he examines the heart; he looks at the purity of intentions... Jesus points to the poor and generous widow as a model of Christian life to be imitated. We do not know her name; however, we know her heart'. - Pope Francis, [Angelus 11 November 2018](#)



## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

In his message for this year's World Day of the Poor (14 November), Pope Francis reminds us that 'prayer is inseparable from solidarity with the poor'. We are, as Francis says, one human family, and we are called to 'responsibility and commitment'. We are called to concrete acts of support, rather than the indifference of 'those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and to remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicit'. As Francis says, 'until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue'.

Many of us in this parish contribute to the Missionaries of Charity foodbank and to other such good works. Let us consider if we could do a little more. You can read more [here](#) and the Pope's full message is [here](#).

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

## SYNOD - COMMUNION | PARTICIPATION | MISSION

"...the purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission" (Synod Preparatory Document)

**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](http://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](#). You are also encouraged to consider being part of a discussion group where ideas can be shared and gathered. Please contact the parish office for more information. *Your church is listening so please take the opportunity to share your thoughts.*

Information is also on your parish website: <https://mcshwellington.org/2021-synod-for-a-synodal-church/>

## YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

**Join us for High Tea at the Bolton Hotel on Saturday November 27 2021** If you are feeling that November is time for tea, the Parish Fundraising Committee invites you to join us for High Tea on Saturday 27 November from 2-4pm at the Bolton Hotel. This is an opportunity for us to get together and have a chit chat over delicate sweet and savory treats paired with the finest TWG tea. The cost is \$35 per person, and we have a limit of up to 40 persons with tables at one metre distance apart. There is also a raffle for a bottle of wine and a box of chocolates.

To book, please contact Noeline Matthews [noelinematt@gmail.com](mailto:noelinematt@gmail.com) or telephone 499 9631.

Names must be provided by Thursday November 25 please. The cost of the ticket must be met by you even if you are unable to attend, as we will still be charged by the hotel. Payment will be collected, in cash please, on arrival at the Hotel on November 27.

**Art Auction - date correction** - Unfortunately the date for this event published in the recent Restoration Project Update (October 2021) was incorrect. The correct date for this event is **5th March**. While our collection of donated artworks is growing, we are still looking for donations of art for this fundraising art auction. If you would like to donate some art that could be sold at auction, or know someone whom we could approach, please contact the Parish office or any of our team members. Thank you.

### Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Music Coordinator/Leader

Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral Parish, Wellington, seeks applications for the new part time, position of Music Coordinator/ Leader. This is a part-time, 15 hours per week, fixed term 10-month contract. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating the music requirements across all parish liturgies, including the establishment of a voluntary choir to regularly lead the congregation at the Sunday morning service. The position requires flexibility and includes weekend work. Applicants should have musical training to tertiary level or equivalent professional standard, and ideally be familiar with Catholic liturgy. Written application, enclosing a Curriculum Vitae, position description, and enquiries to Debbie Matheson, the Parish Leader, at [d.matheson@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:d.matheson@wn.catholic.org.nz) Applications close 30 November 2021.

## SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Passionist Family Group get-together for November

Our next social event is this 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.

Everyone welcome, would love to see some new faces!

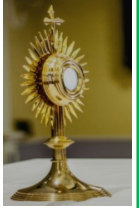


**2022 Columban Art Calendars - Celebrating 100 Years—** The 2022 Columban Art Calendars are once again available for purchase at \$12.00 ea. from the Parish Office. The first Columban Calendar was published in 1923 and has been a feature in Catholic homes across Australia and New Zealand. Proceeds from 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!



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](mailto: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.



**Knitted Slippers for sale** Contact the Parish Office. Adults \$15 a pair; Children \$10 a pair. Proceeds go towards funding for the Cathedral Strengthening.

### 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.



## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Someone famous once said, "None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." This quote sums up my time so far serving in the Cathedral Restoration Fundraising Committee. Our team's mission is to raise funds through community engagement activities in support of the opening of our treasured cathedral in 2023. It has been an enriching experience working with a team of committed and talented individuals.

We meet twice a month to brainstorm on ideas for fundraising, plan and make sure our projects get support and are well-executed. Everyone comes with great experience and unique perspectives which makes our work so much more fun and rewarding. The best part for me is making new friends and seeing our work come together in a way that bless others.

With the wonderful support of members of the cathedral, we have packed in a whole series of fundraising events in the last 12 months - multiple bake sales, a bric-a-brac stall at the 500 years of Christianity in Philippines fair, a concert, a speaker event, and a Multicultural Gala Dinner just to name a few! And we have many other initiatives in the work in the coming months and into 2022.

If you would like to learn more about what we do, contact Frank at the Parish Office or speak to any of our committee members. We welcome new members and others who are happy to lend a hand but cannot commit to bi-monthly meetings.

For me, Mother Theresa was spot on about how doing small things with great love can create a beautiful thing. It is in doing the little things with heart that inspires me and keeps me going.

Sock Hwee (Cathedral Restoration Fundraising Committee, on right)



## GOOD NEWS

**Congratulations to our parishioner, Claudia Orange**, who this week won the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Non-Fiction. This award recognises achievement over many years. Claudia's work as a historian has included ground-breaking studies of the Treaty of Waitangi and general editorship of volumes two to five of the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Well done!



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Fr Ron Bennett

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Randy Reyes

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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, Thorndon Chapel,

**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

giving to god



In today's first reading we hear about a widow who was asked to give away all the food she had. In the Gospel Jesus points out a woman who put all her money into the Temple treasury.

It pleases God when He sees us sharing what we have with the poor and the Church. But do you think He wants us to give everything away?

Everything we have comes from God and He wants us to use it well. That's called being a good steward. It means using what we need for ourselves, but making sure that we always give to the Church and those in need.



What would a bad steward do?

How can you be a good steward with your money?



Answers to True or False: 1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True, 6. True, 7. False.

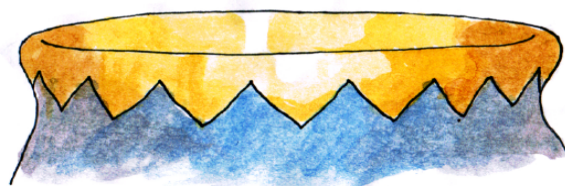
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The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 7th, 2021



Mark 12:38-44



In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!