

Cathedral Connection



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World Day of the Poor



I am always slightly surprised when we are told that someone has 'worked out' from the Scriptures that the end of the world is going to come at a specific date in the not-too-distant future. I say surprised because the Scriptures seem very deliberately to avoid giving any specific 'information' that could be used in that way.

Today's Gospel is an example. Jesus is certainly talking about the Second Coming 'after the time of distress' when the angels will gather the chosen – it is a future event. And yet he then suggests that there will be signs to help people to prepare, and indeed we are then told it will happen 'before this generation has passed away' - and yet 'as for that day or hour' no one will know it - not even the

In a sense it doesn't really matter when things will happen. We live in the present, not the future. We need to make decisions now about how we treat our planet, our neighbour, ourselves.

Today, as never before, we are realizing that everything is finite. At COP 26 in Glasgow, world leaders are being challenged to 'do something' about climate change. Things are truly getting out of

control. There is no 'Plan B.' We either have to react to the climate emergency and change our ways, or we will be leaving a very depleted earth to future generations.

Pope Francis has instituted today as 5th annual World Day of the Poor. This day is intended for all Catholics to reflect on how the poor are at the very heart of the Gospel, and to work with the poor and marginalised as we are called to discover Christ in them.

Today (14 Nov), rather than activities, Caritas invites us to an Archdiocesan webinar on helping the poor. Please register at https://us02web.zoom.us/.../reg.../WN_dXbxnC9tSYCK4jltVGXaxA or contact LIsa Beech: I.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz It is from 2pm to 3pm.

Fr Ron



Each year during November, the month of the Holy Souls, the Parish honours the memory of those who were called home to God in the previous twelve months and have a connection with the Cathedral. Due to gathering limitations we are spreading our Memorial Masses over multiple weekends. This weekend we remember: Martin Murray, Eduardo Pangilinan, Bob Thomson, Mari Ammal, Pakiri Samy, Sr Agnes Finucane and Anne Kelly. May they all rest in peace. We also welcome their family members and friends in our midst as we remember them together.



Readings For The Week

Sunday 14th - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Monday 15th – 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18:35-43 **Tuesday 16th –** 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday 17th – 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 **Thursday 18th – 1** Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Friday 19th – 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday 20th - 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sunday 21st - Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

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

We need, then, wholeheartedly to follow the Lord's invitation to "repent and believe in the Gospel" (*Mk* 1:15). This *conversion* consists primarily in opening our hearts to recognizing the many different forms of poverty and manifesting the Kingdom of God through a lifestyle consistent with the faith we profess. Often the poor are viewed as persons apart, as a "category" in need of specific charitable services. Yet following Jesus entails changing this way of thinking and embracing the challenge of mutual sharing and involvement.' - Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, 2021.



A PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

God of Justice, Open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor.

Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited.

Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares as well as in private deeds.

Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.



YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETING: Every Sunday at 3.00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/ij/79969189260?pwd=Qzl3UlMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260; Passcode: hra2h3

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

ON-LINE SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Every Tuesday at 5:00pm - 5:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlgwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday. To a time slot, please contact Sr Marie (04) 8198323 or 0226390240 or email mariegore023@gmail.com

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.



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 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.

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!



RESPONDING TO THE CALL

I like ironing – I know these days it's a most unusual "like"! About 15 years ago I was asked if I would be prepared to help with the laundering of the purificators, corporals, altar cloths etc. I jumped at the chance and was ably assisted by Susan Fraser. We continued between us, but then Susan was not very well and found it necessary to finish. However, a notice in the Cathedral Connection and I was joined by Pam Churchman, Kristin Gibson, Kaye-Maree Corkill and Angela



Helbano, five of us are now involved in this very special ministry. Of course, with the various lockdowns and only receiving Communion at present under the one kind, the amount of laundry has greatly decreased, but the need is still there. I find this such a satisfying role, there is something very rewarding about a pile of freshly laundered, crisply ironed cloths, I know I'm easily pleased. However, there is one thing that really does get to me – candle grease! Please, please don't blow the candles out it's amazing just how far the tiny droplets of wax go (a bit like Covid19), please use the candle snuffer.

Ann Williams

November 2021

Be a Real Friend

True friendships are lasting because true love is eternal. A friendship in which heart speaks to heart is a gift from God, and no gift that comes from God is temporary or occasional. All that comes from God participates in God's eternal life. Love between people, when given by God, is stronger than death. In this sense, true friendships continue beyond the boundary of death. When you have loved deeply that love can grow even stronger after the death of the person you love. This is the core message of Jesus.

When Jesus died, the disciples' friendship with him did not diminish. On the contrary, it grew. This is what the sending of the Spirit was all about. The Spirit of Jesus made Jesus' friendship with his disciples everlasting, stronger, and more intimate than before his death. That is what Paul experienced when he said, "It is no longer I, but Christ living in me" (Galatians 2:20).

You have to trust that every true friendship has no end, that a communion of saints exists among all those, living and dead, who have truly loved God and one another. You know from experience how real this is. Those you have loved deeply and who have died live on in you, not just as memories but as real presences.

Dare to love and be a real friend. The love you give and receive is a reality that will lead you closer and closer to God as well as to those whom God has given you to love.

(A meditation by the Dutch-American priest and spiritual writer Henri Nouwen (1932-96), shared by Fr David).

Please Pray for our Confirmation Candidates

This Sunday 14 November some of our Pastoral Area Confirmation Candidates will be presented to Cardinal John Dew for Confirmation at a special Mass at St Mary of the Angels Church at 3pm. Normally this celebration would be included as part of our Parish Mass however to comply with social distancing requirements and church capacities and to allow space for the candidates' sponsors and families to attend it was necessary to have a special Mass just for them.

The Confirmation Candidates are:

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS: Caroline Mosser, Isabella Mosser, Amelia Russell, Mila Johnston

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL: Bella Bermillo, Rafael Billones, Elijah Dorn, Riva Fernandez, Dishan Fernando, Kellan Hibbert, Jaiden Lam, Andre Manalili, Tiara Nguyen, Indira Rafter, Fletcher Ryan,

Ellie Tana, Dominic Wells, James Wells, Charles Whitaker.

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. ... We pray that You will continue to guide and sustain them as they continue their journey through life.

Other Notices

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. Applications close 30 November 2021.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School latest newsletter is available here:

https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=140



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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

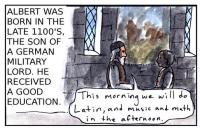
Mass offered for

All those whose names are written in our Holy Souls offering box placed before the alter for every Parish Mass during the month of November.

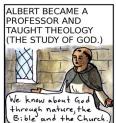


CHILDREN'S CORNER

Saint Albert the Great



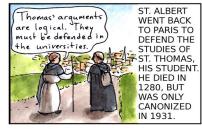












SAINT ALBERT STUDIED ALL THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS TIME SO THAT HE COULD BETTER UNDERSTAND GOD. HE SAW EVERY-THING IN SCIENCE AS A PROOF OF GOD'S WORK. SOMETIMES PEOPLE SAY THAT RELIGION IS AGAINST SCIENCE, BUT WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. ALBERT TO SEE GOD'S HAND IN ALL CREATION.

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Daniel's Prophesy Word-Find

What was Daniel talking about?
Find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS.
The leftover letters will give you the answer.

In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD: "At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL, the GREAT PRINCE, guardian of your people;

Daniel 12:1-3

it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS since NATIONS BEGAN until that time.
At that time your people shall ESCAPE,
EVERYONE WHO is found WRITTEN in the book.

"MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH shall awake; some shall LIVE FOREVER, others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace.

"But the WISE shall SHINE brightly like the SPLENDOR of the firmament, and those who lead the many to JUSTICE shall be like the STARS forever.

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