



The Cathedral Connection



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Christ the King

A King like no other

“Yes, I am a king. I was born for this ...” - not quite the words you would expect to hear from a man, who in Monday’s gospel – responded to the cries of a blind beggar and healed him and then in Tuesday’s gospel, wanders off to the home of a man who stole from others for a meal.

In modern society, royalty, acting like this, would be frowned upon and not considered to be in line with protocol. Jesus was and is a different King, a King like no other. I am an accountant and therefore like to compare things (you will get a bit of that at Mass this weekend) so I thought I would compare a typical king to Jesus:

The typical King	Jesus, our King
Born in a palace to rich and famous parents	Born in a stable to parents who were not famous, powerful or wealthy.
Visited by the wealthy	First visitors were poor shepherds
Surround themselves with educated people	Recruited fisherman and tax collectors to be his friends
Dines with the rich and famous	Sat and ate with people who were usually rejected or despised by society
Wealthy	Owned nothing, but did share his greatness possession with the world, God’s love.

Jesus came into this world, not as a King to be served, but rather to serve. The Kingdom of God, is the Kingdom of love because God is love. Just as Jesus Himself modelled, we too are called to be servants for each other.

Many of us will never get to meet royalty but we do have an opportunity to meet Jesus, our King, each day. He is in the sick, the poor, the homeless and the lonely. All we must do is open our hearts and eyes and we will see Christ the King in everyone we meet.

Clint Ramoo (Finance Committee Chair)

Readings For The Week

Sunday 21st – Christ the King

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

Monday 22nd – Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday 23rd – Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday 24th – Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday 25th – Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28

Friday 26th – Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday 27th – Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Sunday 28th – First Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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

'This is what is asked of us: to be, amid the ruins of the everyday world, tireless builders of hope; to be light as the sun grows dark, to be loving witnesses of compassion amid widespread disinterest; to be an attentive presence amid growing indifference.'



Pope Francis: [Homily for the World Day of the Poor](#), 14 November 2021

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER MEETING: Every Sunday at 3.00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=Qzl3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>

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.

HOLY HOUR on Tuesday 23 November, 7:30pm, at Connolly Hall 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

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

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlqwbkYyT2pvaGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday. To request a time slot, please contact Sr Marie (04) 8198323 or 022 639 0240 or email mariegore023@gmail.com

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 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.

Knitted Slippers for sale: Beautiful hand knitted warm and comfortable hand knitted slippers. What a great Christmas gift these could be. Contact the Parish Office. Adults \$15 a pair; Children \$10.00 a pair. Proceeds go towards funding for the Cathedral Strengthening.



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!



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.



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.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Sacred Heart Cathedral Music Group celebrates 25 years this weekend. We began on the Feast of Christ the King 1996. A good number of members of our Music Group celebrated this event with a potluck meal last weekend hosted by Janet and Karl Van Polanen. It was a wonderfully enjoyable gathering, sharing so much of our past and present. We have had a number of social gatherings over the years which have contributed to the warm friendships we enjoy in the group. We share a love of music and a love of God which we have the privilege of expressing in our liturgies. We hope and pray that we can continue this ministry when we return to our sung Masses. Ken Joblin, a co-founder of our group has written a history of the beginnings and has situated it in the context of what was going on in the parish at that time.



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 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 our parish website: <https://mcshwellington.org/2021-synod-for-a-synodal-church/>

The Diocesan Phase will take place between October 2021 and April 2022. In the Archdiocese of Wellington responses are invited up until 30 April 2022. After this date they will be analysed and collated into a response from the Archdiocese of Wellington. The New Zealand Bishops will consider responses from the six dioceses at their next meeting after 30 April. The six diocesan responses will be sent to the Synod Office in Rome.

ADVENT begins next Sunday, 28 November. Fr John O’Connor offers brief daily reflections for Advent: for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

A thought on Advent from the American Cistercian monk, Thomas Merton (1915-1968): ‘It is important to remember the deep, in some ways anguished seriousness of Advent, when the mendacious celebrations of our marketing culture so easily harmonize with our tendency to regard Christmas, consciously or unconsciously, as a return to our innocence and our own infancy. But the church, in preparing us for the birth of a “great prophet,” a Saviour, and a Prince of Peace, has more in mind than seasonal cheer. The Advent mystery focuses the light of faith upon the very meaning of life, history, humanity, the world, and our own being. In Advent, we celebrate the coming, and indeed the presence, of Christ in our world’. (from Thomas Merton, ‘Advent: Hope or Delusion?’ (1950).)

Job Vacancies

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.

Senior Social Worker

Wellington Catholic Social Services is looking for a qualified, registered and experienced Social Worker, working alongside individuals and families, ensuring they have access to all the supports they need for successful outcomes in their lives. For a copy of the job description or additional information please email reception@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz or telephone 04 385 8642. Applications close at 3pm Monday 10th January 2022.

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Please keep in your prayers

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DRS: Jane Regan

MASS TIMES

**SUBJECT TO COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS**

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

Marie Byrne



Mass offered for

Janice Campbell - RIP 13

Nov (Wife of Colin
Macintosh)

Neville Baker - RIP 14 Nov
(Friend and supporter of the Cathedral)

William Lampard - Anniv. 22 Nov



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



Answers to the crossword puzzle:
Down: 1.fairful, 2.king, 3.Jesus, 5.kingdom, 6.be, 11.of
Across: 4.witness, 7.sins, 8.free, 9.God, 10.glory, 12.him

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of Christ the King
Sunday, November 21st, 2021*



Jesus is Our King!

*Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord
and King of Heaven and earth.*

The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.