



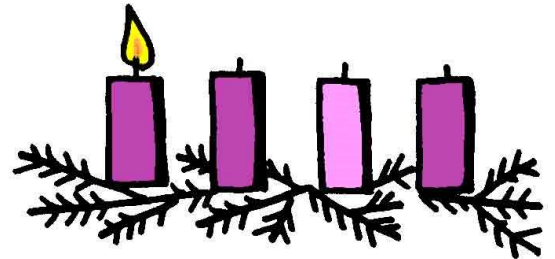
The Cathedral Connection



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First Sunday in Advent

An intentional Advent

This weekend we enter the season of Advent (Adventus is Latin for “coming”). The season is very much about preparing for the coming of the Lord. It has a twofold aspect to it. It is both a time of preparation for Christmas in which the first coming of Christ is recalled; and at the same time, it directs our thoughts to the second coming of Christ.



The readings we hear in the Advent season teach us that we are to wait actively - we are not to wait in a state of apathy or indifference. Rather, as disciples of Christ, we must make our entire lives a time of active waiting, of undergoing continual conversion and of transformation. We are also instructed that as we wait and prepare for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we are to wait joyfully, expectantly, and consciously. The focus of everything in our lives is on God.

So, as we rush about preparing for Christmas, let us not miss opportunities to witness to Jesus' love and Good News by joyfully sharing of ourselves, through little words and deeds of kindness and service.

Let our focus not be on a secular Christmas but let us choose to intentionally be focussed on God's way. May we avail ourselves of opportunities for contemplating how we witness to God's love. May we be intentional in our choices and consider availing ourselves of the opportunity to meet God through the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Whatever we do in our days, however we choose to spend them, may we always be intentional in sharing God's love through our actions as we wait and prepare for Jesus' coming, not only this Christmas but every day.

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader

Readings For The Week

Sunday 28th – First Sunday in Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36
Monday 29th – Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday 30th – Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Wednesday 1st December – Isaiah 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday 2nd – Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27
Friday 3rd – Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday 4th – Isaiah 30:19-21,25-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1,5,6-8
Sunday 5th – Second Sunday in Advent
Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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

'Never stop seeking the light amid whatever darkness we may often bear in our hearts or see all around us. Lift your gaze from earth to heaven, not in order to flee but to resist the temptation to remain imprisoned by our fears, for there is always the danger that our fears will rule us. Do not remain closed in on ourselves and our complaints. *Lift up your eyes! Get up!* This is the word of encouragement that the Lord speaks to us, the invitation to lift up our eyes, to get up'.

- Pope Francis: [Homily 21 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=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>

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.

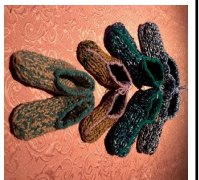
ON-LINE SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Every Tuesday at 5:00pm - 5:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlqwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>

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

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!



A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



GIVE THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS: As a parish we will be partnering with Wellington City Mission to donate Christmas Gifts that will be on passed to families in need. Baskets will be placed in the Foyer at St Thomas More and the Connolly Hall Chapel to collect your donations. Suggested items can include: Single adult Christmas cakes, Fancy Biscuits/Crackers, Christmas desserts, Chippies, Salted nuts, Chocolate, Relishes/Sauces/Pickles, Vouchers (e.g. Movies/Zoo/Pool/Supermarket), Educational Toys/Books etc. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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

'A miracle is about to happen again. A miracle that happens in the context of the 'ordinary' experiences of human life. Ordinary, simple human lives: every human life has the capacity for God (Capax Dei), the capacity to receive the Divine life. The preparation from our side asks nothing impossible. It is simply a trusting heart, holding its longing with faith, pure in its intention, ready to be changed. The human heart is capacious, it has an immense capacity to receive and to give, to become Christ-like in its service, in its relationships and choice-making. A miracle indeed is about to happen: Love will be born again at the center of humanity...and the face of Divine Love will radiate on human faces....it will be a gift to behold and a gift to be thankful for, a gift that brings us to our knees in adoration.' - From an Advent [reflection](#) by Sr Kathy deVico, Abbess of the Trappist Monastery of Our Lady of the Redwoods, California, 2020.

Worshipping under the new Covid-19 Traffic Light System

This week parishes in the Archdiocese of Wellington received guidelines from Cardinal John for worshipping under the new Covid-19 Traffic Light System from 3 December.

The new traffic light system allows for Masses where there are no limits on the number of people in attendance, but this comes with a specific requirement that attendees would need to present a valid vaccine pass, or Masses where there is a limit of 50 without vaccination passes.

After considerable discernment the Parish Leadership Team, in consultation with the Chairs of the Liturgy, Pastoral Council and Finance Committees has resolved that, in taking into account the size of our gathering places (St Thomas More and Connelly Hall), as well as the age of the clergy who celebrate our Masses, and coupled with the age profiles of our parishioners, that once the new traffic light system comes into effect, all Masses in the Parish will require attendees to present a valid vaccine pass.

In order to accommodate people wishing to attend Mass but who do not have a vaccine pass, in discussions with our neighbouring Parishes, we are pleased to advise that restricted number Masses will be available at St Mary of the Angels weekdays at 5.15pm and Sunday at 7.00am and St Teresa's in Karori at 5.00pm Sunday for anyone who does not have a valid vaccine pass. People wishing to attend these Masses will need to continue to register for them weekly through the current Archdiocesan registration system.

Please be considerate of those around you who, for various reasons, may not wish to be vaccinated, and recognise that some people are very anxious and concerned about what they see as strict Government mandates. For many the need to show a vaccine certificate is worrying. Our parish decision may evoke strong emotions in you and our community. We ask, and pray, that all reactions will be shaped by the values of love, kindness, and respect as we adjust again. If you would like to talk to us about these changes, please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Raffle: Next weekend we will be selling tickets after Masses for two lovely Christmas hampers very kindly donated by our Cathedral Parish School. We thank them for their generosity. Proceeds from the sales of tickets will go towards our Cathedral Strengthening Project. Cash sales only.

Read the latest Schoolzine eNewsletter from our Cathedral Parish School:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=142>



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Social Services Kotahitanga Annual Appeal is an invitation to support our local communities through the actions of Kotahitanga – unity, togetherness, and collective action. As the social outreach agency of the Archdiocese of Wellington, Catholic Social Services offers social work, a parenting programme for fathers, prison and hospital chaplaincy, support for refugee resettlement, community facilitation and advocacy, among other services. You can see a video message from Cardinal John commending this appeal at this link: <https://fb.watch/9tkmOOpssG/>.

If you would like to make a donation, visit <https://wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz/donate>.



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.

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.



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www.mcshwellington.org
<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 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

Sr Mary Declan O'Neill RSM
RIP 20 Nov

Francis Selvaratnam (anniversary 19 Nov, father of Madonna Francis)



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

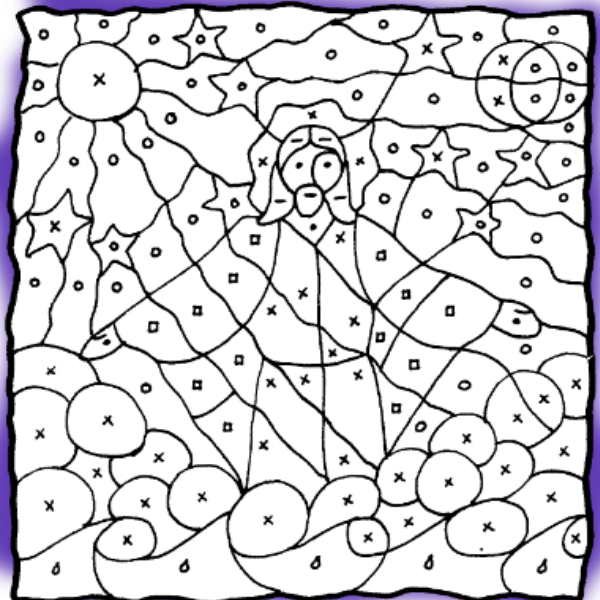


Answer to Immaculate Conception Word Find: HAIL MARY

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The Kids' Bulletin

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November 28th, 2021**



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

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- blue
- skin colour
- black
- red
- brown