



The Cathedral Connection



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Fourth Sunday in Advent

EMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US



In early January I am moving to Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland to help to form and train priests. I am humbled that the New Zealand bishops have entrusted me with this responsibility.

I have enjoyed ministry in the Cathedral parish during the past two years, notwithstanding the significant challenges that we have had to face and still face. To say it has not been easy would be a huge understatement, but I am encouraged by the generosity of service that is offered by parishioners and friends to the life of the parish. The challenges will no doubt continue in one form or other, but in these remaining days of Advent it is good to remember that we are not on our own. God is with us in all the ups and downs of our lives and will continue to be in the years ahead.

It has been a privilege to work alongside Debbie and Frank, and previously Michael. I have learnt much from their ministry and service. The simple acts of kindness, support and care from many in the parish is also greatly appreciated.

A friend has given me the Irish blessing below. It is my wish for you and your family and friends this Christmas and in the years ahead.

I wish you not a path devoid of clouds, nor a life on a bed of roses, not that you might never need regret, nor that you should never feel pain. No, that's not my wish for you.

My wish for you is: That you might be brave in times of trial, when crosses are laid upon your shoulders. When mountains must be climbed and chasms are to be crossed; when hope scarce can shine through. That every gift God gave you may grow along with you. That you may give the gift of joy to all who care for you. That you may always have a friend who is worth that name, whom you can trust, and who helps you in times of sadness.

One more wish that I have for you: That in every hour of joy and pain you may feel God close to you.

Ngā manaakitanga nui rawa o te Aweneti me te Kirihimete ki a koutou katoa

Abundant blessings in this time of Advent and Christmas to you all

Fr David

Readings For The Week

Sunday 19th – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Monday 20th – Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday 21st – Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

Wednesday 22nd – 1 Samuel 1:24-38; Luke 1:46-56

Thursday 23rd – Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Friday 24th – 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Luke 1:67-79

Saturday 25th – Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Sunday 26th – The Holy Family

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

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 must have and show your My Vaccine Pass to the Catholic Centre Reception Staff before entering the Catholic Centre Building. 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. Otherwise please phone the Parish Office on (04) 496 1700.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Let us ask ourselves: what should we do concretely in these days as we draw near to Christmas? How can I do my part? Let's choose something concrete, even if it is small, and let's continue doing it to prepare us for this Christmas. For example: I can call a person who is alone, visit that elderly person or that person who is ill, do something to serve a poor person, someone in need. Maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt. Perhaps I have neglected prayer and after so much time has elapsed, it's time to ask the Lord for forgiveness. Brothers and sisters, let's find something concrete and do it!'

- Pope Francis: [Angelus 12 December 2021](#)



YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: To accommodate as many people as possible there will now be two separate options for joining in this Devotion. **Last one for the year: Sunday 19 December, resuming 6 February 2022.**

1. In person – for those with a My Covid Vaccine Pass (Please show on arrival) - Every Sunday 6:00pm to 6:30pm at the Connolly Hall Chapel.
2. Open to all - Online meeting via Zoom: Every Sunday 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 meets in our Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon on Mondays at 11.30am. This is a My Vaccine Pass event. Entry by My Vaccine Pass only.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday. To request a time slot, please contact Sr Marie (04) 819 8323 or 022 639 0240 or email mariegore023@gmail.com This is a restricted numbers event. All are welcome. Please adopt 1m social distancing, scanning of QR Codes or manually signing in, mask wearing and hand sanitising. **Last one for the year: Thursday, 23 December, resuming 3 February 2022.**

Parish Collection Counters Needed

Is there someone out there who could help with counting the collection money? Counting is done on a Tuesday at 11am every fortnight. It is not a difficult task, you would be on with a partner and training would be given. It takes about an hour. If you think you might like to help please contact Frank in the parish office. Thank you.

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will close for the Christmas Holiday season from 5.00pm on Thursday 23rd December and reopens at 11.00am on Tuesday 25th January. If you require the assistance of a Priest during this time please phone (04) 496 1700 and listen to answer machine message. Debbie will be available by email from 10th January and Fr Ron will be back from holiday on 22nd January.

Masses - January 2022

January is traditionally a time when people take the opportunity to spend some time with friends and family, to have some time of rest and relaxation, something we would probably all welcome after the challenges of this year. During January our priests also take time away for some well deserved rest. In order to accommodate this, our Pastoral Area (St Mary of the Angels, Otari Parish and ourselves) will have a reduced weekday Mass schedule. Our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will continue as usual, however there will be no Weekday or Saturday Morning Masses or Liturgies in the Connolly Hall Chapel with the exception of New Years Day Mass from 27 December. This continues until after Wellington Anniversary weekend when our normal Mass & Liturgy of the Word schedule will resume. Between 27 Dec 2021 and 25 Jan 2022 there will be Weekday Masses at St Mary of the Angels (Boulcott Street, City) daily at 12.05pm and at St Teresa's (Karori) on Wednesdays & Fridays at 9.00am. Our Christmas and January timetable is available on the parish website. www.mcshwellington.org

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Cathedral restoration fundraising dinner is due to take place at the Wellington Club on **9 February 2022** (originally scheduled for 2021 but had to be postponed because of COVID-19 restrictions). Vaccine passes will be required. Tickets are \$250 each. We have a small number of places still available. If you are interested, please contact cathedralrestorationdinner@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.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE



Rite II Reconciliation - Sunday 19 Dec 2.00pm at St Teresa's Church, Karori. Restricted number event, open to all (My Vaccine Passes not required)

My Vaccine Pass Masses

Christmas Eve – 10.00pm at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral

Christmas Day – 10.00am at St Thomas More

Sunday 26 Feast of the Holy Family - 10.30am St Thomas More & 7.00pm Conolly Hall Chapel

Restricted numbers Masses - open to both unvaccinated and vaccinated. Please contact the respective parish for reserving your seat.

Christmas Eve – 5.15pm St Mary of the Angels

Christmas Day – 7.00am St Mary of the Angels

– 8.00am St Teresa's, Karori

MASSES UNDER THE NEW COVID "TRAFFIC LIGHT" FRAMEWORK

Wellington is now in the "Orange setting" and under these restrictions, and [as previously advertised](#), All Masses in our parish are now available for access only with a "My Vaccine Pass". Various other gatherings operating from parish premises will fall into both the restricted and unrestricted category. Please check advertising notices, or with the coordinators of the gatherings to ascertain their category. If you need assistance getting a pass please contact Frank in the parish office.

The changes to the new access system requires extra processes to enable us to gather, which in turn requires extra people to assist us to meet the obligations placed upon us. If you are able to offer your assistance please contact Debbie or Frank in the parish office or one of the Mass Co-ordinators.

Your co-operation, patience and help is appreciated as we settle into these new requirements. We ask that you please:

1. Arrive early for Mass to allow time for everyone to be seated before Mass begins.
2. Have ready your Vaccine Pass available for sighting/verifying;
3. Continue to scan in using the My-Covid app or manually sign in;
4. Sanitise on your way into the church and wear a mask whilst inside the church.

Restricted Number Masses (for people with and without a Vaccination Pass) in our pastoral area are detailed below. Further options are available and a list of these can be found here: <https://mcshwellington.org/2021/12/masses-for-those-without-my-vaccine-passes-in-the-wellington-archdiocese/> Please remember you must register for these Masses between 9am Wednesday and 12.00noon Friday at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/mass-registrations/> or phone the relevant parish office.

St Mary of the Angels – Weekdays 5.15pm (Until Christmas) and Sundays 7.00am

St Teresa's Karori – 4.00pm Saturday 18th December

Let's Talk....

If you, or anyone you know, are experiencing difficulties with the current Covid orange setting restrictions to access Mass or other parish services, please talk to one of the Parish Leaders, Fr Ron, Debbie, Randy Reyes, Clint Ramoo or Jane Kelly. We really want to be able to reach out and have a dialogue. Rest assured that the concerns that any parishioners raise are kept in confidentiality. In this season of Advent we want to be able to wait together as a parish community and rejoice in the birth of our Lord Jesus.

A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.

In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.

Amen.

Give a Thing of Beauty for Christmas – Handcrafted Paper Boxes Made from Recycled Materials and Japanese washi paper

- These handcrafted Japanese boxes made from recycled boxes, wrappers and Japanese washi paper are ideal as gifts. Use them as jewelry boxes, sewing kit, or stationery organizers – the possibilities are endless! The best thing about them is they are so beautiful to look at. Also available for sale are Japanese paper bookmarks and stationery holders all exquisitely made by Japanese dance instructor Reiko Rapita who is passionate about Japanese arts and crafts. On sale after the 10.30am Mass while stocks last. Cash sales only.



EMMANUEL— Joy Cowley

We do not seek Him at Bethlehem
or the shores of Galilee

for Christ walks on
Wellington Harbour

and heals on Lambton Quay.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

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MASS TIMES

My Vaccine Passes are required to attend these Masses or Liturgies. Masses for those without My Vaccine Passes are listed on the [parish website](#)

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

Rocky Dunmire



Mass offered for

Edna Mary Jacobsen
Anniv. 13 Dec

Rebecca Franklin
Anniv. 24 Dec



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a week until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.



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Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women! Answer to True or False: 1.true, 2.false, 3.false, 4.true, 5.true, 6.false, 7.true.

The Kids' Bulletin

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December 19, 2021



Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?

Use the code to find out!

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