



The Cathedral Connection



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My "Second Innings"

In his exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (no. 7) Pope Francis reiterates what Benedict XVI had earlier stated: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction"

As I reflect on the Mass readings for this fifth Sunday, you would observe Divine encounters with various individuals. A vision in the Temple makes the prophet Isaiah respond to his prophetic call. The miraculous catch of fish brings the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John to totally abandoning themselves in response to the Lord's call. The 2nd reading too finds St. Paul responding unreservedly in proclaiming the good news. We know the price he would pay for doing so from elsewhere in his letters.

Reflecting on these readings, I am reminded of my own missionary journey for about 12 years as a priest with the Institute for World Evangelization - ICPE Mission. A missionary vocation was enkindled in my early twenties when an overwhelming experience of the Lord's personal love that evoked a desire to share that message to the ends of the world. Starting off from my home country of India, this journey has taken me to minister across the globe; from the Philippines in the east to Oregon in the west. A considerable chunk of that time has been at St Gerard's in Wellington with the formation and equipping of young adults with the charisms of worship and evangelization. As a mission we have undertaken parish missions across the this country for over the last 25 years.

In these past four and half years away from New Zealand I had taken up further studies in theology in Malta. Doing so, I have had the opportunity to delve into Pope Francis' writings to reflect how he is shaping the church. My pastoral work in this time has largely revolved around assisting in seminary formation and also reaching out to a growing migrant community there.

I look forward to what the Lord has in store for me as I return to begin my "Second Innings" back in Wellington.
Fr Alliston Fernandes

Readings For The Week

Sunday 6th Feb – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2; 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Monday 7th – 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday 8th – 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday 9th – 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday 10th – 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

Friday 11th – 1 Kings 11:29-32,12:19; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday 12th – 1 Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday 13th – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26

OUR MISSION & VISION
To joyfully share God's love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART

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.

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

In the Treaty of Waitangi, we find the moral basis for our presence in Aotearoa New Zealand and a vision that sets this country apart. We hold in our hands a great treasure - the opportunity to create a society that truly honours the rights of its indigenous people. We have an opportunity to heal wounds that have been present for too long. The Treaty of Waitangi was built on respect for persons and respect for their diversity.

- New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, Statement on the Treaty of Waitangi, 1995

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.

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=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>
Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 Passcode: hra2h3

WEEKLY ROSARY: Our weekly rosary group meets in our Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon on Mondays (except Public Holidays) at 11.30am. This is a My Vaccine Pass event. Entry by My Vaccine Pass only.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: Every Tuesday evening from 5.00-5.30pm there is an opportunity to be nourished by the Word of God, coming together in a safe on-line Zoom gathering. All are welcome. <https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlGwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09> Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

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.

Welcome to the latest edition of our Cathedral Schoolzine eNewsletter!

Visit the link below to view the newsletter:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=147>



CONGRATULATIONS

- ◆ Two of our parishioners **Jordan Brannigan** and **Paula Naudi** have just got engaged. We pray every blessing be upon them and let us all keep them in prayer as they journey together towards marriage. Congratulations and may God bless you both, and know that your parish is embracing you in prayerful support. Jordan and Paula are hoping to get married next year in Malta.
- ◆ Congratulations and well done to **Regina Fernandes**, (Daughter of Robert and Bing) who has been recognised by St Mary's College Thorndon as an outstanding student and member of their school community. Regina has been appointed Deputy Head Girl - Special Character. What a wonderful witness she is and we thank her and pray every blessing for her and her family.

SUPPORTING RESETTLING FAMILIES INTO WELLINGTON IN 2022

Since 2016 the Archdiocese (through Catholic Social Services) has worked closely with Wellington Red Cross and the Anglican Movement and enlisted help from parishes to support new families coming into Wellington. After a couple of years where Covid-19 has interrupted the arrival of people into NZ, families and individuals are now arriving in NZ to begin new lives. **As a parish, would we like to be part of this amazing mission in 2022?**

It all begins before a family arrives in Wellington and boils down to 3 initiatives. Some parishes focus on one area, others undertake all of them.

- collecting household items (lists are provided) which can be quality donations, purchased new or both. Items include bedding, towels, kitchen crockery/utensils, electrical items (e.g. rice cooker and microwave) and laundry items.
- collecting dry pantry items, based on the number of people in the household (again a list is provided).
- House set-ups. This involves setting up the families' new house e.g. making up beds, organising the kitchen/bathroom/linen cupboard/adding some welcoming touches but most importantly transforming a house into a home. This usually require 4-6 people and takes a couple of hours.

The Parish Pastoral Council of Sacred Heart is looking to reinvigorate the parish's involvement with refugee settlement and are seeking people interested in being involved. The team at Catholic Social Services are keen to work with us to map out how the 3 options can work, next steps, resources, and training. If you are keen to support this initiative, either take up the role of coordinator for our parish or be part of a team, please contact Arlene Pineda-Esquerro on 021 186 0484 or email esquerro.arlene@yahoo.com

MASSES UNDER THE NEW COVID "TRAFFIC LIGHT" FRAMEWORK

The "Red" setting of the Covid-19 alert level has meant a few changes to how we gather for Masses.

- As advised earlier via email <https://mcshwellington.org/masses-under-red-light-covid-protection-framework/> we are now required to register again for all weekend Masses. Please remember you will need to register each week.
- On-line Registrations are open from Wednesday 9.00am till midday Friday. <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/mass-registrations/> If you are unable to register online but want to attend a Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass, please phone the Parish Office.
- Limits on numbers are also in place again and take into account the mandated 1m social distance.
- Face masks are now also required to be worn and you will be unable to enter without a face mask from 3rd February.
- During the pandemic the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in place.

This pandemic is very challenging to all on many levels. As Omicron spreads, and we respond to restrictions to slow down the virus and protect those vulnerable and immune compromised, if you find that you need assistance, like getting groceries, that family and friends are unable to help you with please reach out to us in the parish office and we will try to put you in touch with someone to help. If you would like to put your name on a list of people available to help others if needed, please email the parish office with your offer.

Unvaccinated Masses: St Mary of the Angels have a Mass for the unvaccinated at 5.15pm each weekday, Monday to Friday. Please note that valid Vaccine Passes will now be required to be shown to attend their 7.00am Sunday Mass.

Masses from other locations: Please check details from your local parish websites. Contact details for other parishes can be found here: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/parishes-in-the-archdiocese/>

Tonga Relief Appeal

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has mobilized prepositioned supplies to be of immediate assistance, and will continue to work with Caritas Tonga to best assist those in need. We have also pledged a solidarity grant to go immediately to assist with the response to the disaster. If you would like to donate to the emergency relief work of Caritas in Tonga, Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund (www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) or via our bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 - please include your first & last name and put 'Tonga' as the code. Alternatively, you can donate by credit card over the phone by calling 0800 22 10 22.



TONGA RELIEF

Help Wellington Tongan Families get goods to their families in Tonga.

Monetary donations can be made to
Wellington Tongan Leaders Council
02-0524-0230392-00

Donations of water and non-perishables food items
These can be dropped off from
Monday 31 January - Friday 4 February, 9am-4pm
City Hub - 7 Serlby Pl, Porirua
Office of Barbara Edmonds MP - 12 Hagley Pl, Porirua
Le Malaga o Moanarua - 3 Niagara Street, Shop 16,
Waitangirua Mall (around the back)

Contact Wellington Tongan Council Secretary for more info
Edna 'Ungatea Tu'itupou Havea
M: 0223603163 | E: edna.tuitupou@gmail.com
Malo 'Aupito.



Te Rōpū Tautoko: Scale of Abuse in NZ Catholic Church

For the past three years, the Archdiocese of Wellington Royal Commission Response Team along with other dioceses and religious orders have worked with Te Rōpū Tautoko (Tautoko) to provide information in response to requests from the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.

The scale of reported alleged abuse within the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand has become known for the first time from this extensive research. As well as reporting to the Royal Commission, Tautoko has collated the data from this research into reported abuse and has chosen to publish further details.

The report found that 1680 reports of abuse were made by 1122 individuals against Catholic clergy, brothers, nuns, sisters and lay people from 1950 to the present, with 592 alleged abusers named. Almost half the reported abuse involved sexual harm.

Both the statement and a link to a Fact Sheet produced by Tautoko are available online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcatholic-abuse-research/>

Te Rōpū Tautoko (Tautoko) encourages anyone who has suffered abuse in the care of the church to approach the Police for any form of abuse, but particularly if the abuse is current, or if it is criminal (involving a person under 18), the Royal Commission, the Church's agency for managing reports of abuse, the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS): 0800 114 622/email prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz or visit their website for more information <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/>

Te Rōpū Tautoko

The group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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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

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne
(Graham & Rosaleen
Taylor's grandsons)



Ron Blackwell

Marie Byrne

Rocky Dunmire



Mass offered for

Sr Monica Quigg RSM
RIP 1 Feb 2022



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

Answers to picture puzzle: top 2,4; middle 5,1; bottom 6,3

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The Kids' Bulletin

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Luke 5:1-11

Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?