



The Cathedral Connection



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Blessed

The dictionary offers a lot of definitions for 'blessed': highly favoured or fortunate; characterised by happiness and good fortune; made holy or consecrated. Most of us aspire for such blessedness, happiness in our day-to-day lives. Yet, a lot of us find such happiness elusive, and even unattainable for some.

In this week's Gospel, our Lord Jesus is teaching us on the way of the kingdom of heaven where true happiness and joy are found. If we are to be children of God, to be part of God's Kingdom, we need to have God in the centre of our lives. We need to change our value system from that of the secular world around us. God's priorities differ from that of our own. That is why it is challenging to hear that the ones who are blessed are those that society shuns and, even at times, spat upon – the poor, the hungry, those who are mourning, and the persecuted. Jesus further rattles our cages when he declared woe to the rich, full, happy and liked – that which we aspire in this world.

So, the question is, are we happy with the treasures of this secular world? Or, do we seek the "pearl of great price", namely Jesus Christ? To be blessed demands a conversion of heart and mind, to move away from a secular world view. For this, we need the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. To be poor in spirit, so that we may have ample room in our hearts to be filled with God's happiness. To be hungry in spirit, so that we may seek nourishment in God's word. And to seek joy and freedom as we mourn away sin and oppression through God's love and protection.

The dictionary offers a lot of definitions for 'blessed'. I pray that we seek to be blessed through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Randy Reyes, Parish Pastoral Council Chair

"Praise the Lord! Praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with strings and pipe!" Psalm 150
Tēnā koutou katoa. Thank you all for the welcome as I begin as Parish Music Coordinator/Leader. During this challenging time of Covid-19 restrictions, while we may not be able to sing together right now, we can still use instrumental music to support our prayer together. A brief background: I studied music at Victoria University, and have played professionally on viola, baroque viola, treble viol and fiddle. I've had involvement in parish music and community arts, and have been Ngā Karere choir tutor. I also have qualifications in Christian studies (including liturgy), journalism and public policy, and have worked for Catholic justice agencies. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know you all and to contributing to the Cathedral Parish music.
Lisa Beech, Music coordinator/leader

Readings For The Week

Sunday 13th Feb – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26
Monday 14th – James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday 15th – James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday 16th – James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday 17th – James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33
Friday 18th – James 2:14-24,26; Mark 8:34-9:1
Saturday 19th - James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13
Sunday 20th – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

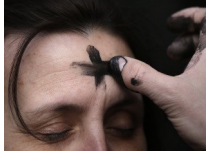
The Cathedral Parish Office is open to receive visitors. Please note that you must have and show your My Vaccine Pass to the Catholic Centre Reception Staff before entering the Catholic Centre Building. You will be required to either scan the Covid-19 Tracer App QR Code or use the manual sign in system. Office Hours are on the back page. Otherwise please phone the Parish Office on (04) 496 1700

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)

PALMS NEEDED



As we approach Ash Wednesday we are requesting that you bring in your blessed old palm fronds from previous Palm Sundays so they can be burnt to create the ashes we need for Ash Wednesday. There will be boxes at the entrance to collect your palm fronds. Many thanks for your help.

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=Qzl3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>
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://us06web.zoom.us/j/84826247342?pwd=K0tUMHhyR1Rkb2NDZFhiRIZIT0dmdz09> Meeting ID: 848 2624 7342 Passcode: 404496

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.

PRAYER GROUP : Our Prayer Group has resumed our fortnightly meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. We meet in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7.30 – 9.00 pm. Valid My Vaccine Passes will be required to be shown before entry. Our next meeting will be on Monday 21 February, where we will work on the Synod Topics.

Welcome to the latest edition of our Cathedral Schoolzine eNewsletter!

Visit the link below to view the newsletter:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=148>



We congratulate two of our parishioners, **Angelo Sepnio (AJ)** and **Julie Cruz** on their engagement. We ask God's blessings on them as they prepare for their marriage next year. They will marry either in the Philippines or in our Cathedral. We assure you both of our prayerful support.



Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives! 2nd March to 10th April - Monday to Friday - 7 am to 1pm & Saturdays 8 am to Noon. Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting and keeping vigil outside the local abortion facility, Te Mahoe, Newtown, for one hour of prayer with two or three people needed to cover each hour. Be a positive, peaceful and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be her last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. To find out more and to sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit 40daysforlife.com or email wellington40daysforlife@gmail.com

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 RED "COVID TRAFFIC LIGHT" FRAMEWORK

The "Red" setting of the Covid-19 alert level has necessitated a few changes to how we gather for Masses, including the need to register for Masses. All Cathedral parish Masses continue to be Vaccine Pass Masses.

- 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 must be worn (unless you have an exemption). This will be enforced.
- During the pandemic the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in place.

This pandemic continues to be very challenging for us 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 who can help you. Please do reach out to us. 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/>

ST VALENTINE'S DAY Mass Cancelled

Unfortunately this year due to the move to 'RED' under the Covid-19 protection framework (traffic light system), the annual St Valentine's Day Mass has been cancelled.

World Marriage Day 13th February 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Save the date! "Building a Love that lasts!" Book in some intentional time as a married couple to enrich your relationship....right from the comfort of your own home! Grab some wine + cheese and tune in at 7.30 pm for a live talk by Megan and Nahum Kozak of Lighthouse Relationships.

Registration is free!

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/events>

This a nationwide event sponsored by the [Catholic Network of Marriage Educators](#) and promoted by ADW Marriage Ministries.



NZCatholic

Since we are all back at the "red" traffic light setting, we are providing, free of charge, a digital link to our latest issue.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/d85454b0-a062-4280-8afb-9a123f98b1d3>

Some headlines for this issue: Sixteen men from Vietnam hope to be priests in NZ. Catholic abuse stats in NZ revealed. Social housing project in Christchurch. Leading Tauranga layman farewelled.

Do you want to be part of this great adventure?

Read, listen, share, dialogue with others, have your say in the consultation process...

Synod opportunities... be part of the adventure!

You are encouraged to meet up with friends and acquaintances and organise or join a zoom Synod discernment session (help with facilitating Zoom sessions is available, contact the Archdiocesan Church Mission Team), or join one of the Archdiocesan Church Mission Team's facilitated Zoom sessions.

Registrations for the Archdiocesan Facilitated Zoom sessions are essential. Upcoming dates are: Monday 21 March at 11.00am, Tuesday 22 March at 2.00pm, and Wednesday 23 March at 7.00pm.

To register or for further information please contact:
Chris Walkerdine (04) 496-1706 c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz or
Lucienne Hensel (04) 496-1715 l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

"There are signs that the Holy Spirit is at work. Those who have experienced this synodal process in action testify to an experience that brings joy and speak of a true transformation in their feeling of belonging to an ecclesial community the current pandemic has constituted a significant obstacle, limiting the ability to meet in person. The consultation of the People of God cannot be reduced to a mere questionnaire because the real challenge of synodality is, precisely, mutual listening and communal discernment."

Cardinal Mario Grech (Secretary General)



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

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- Fr Alliston Fernandes

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Lisa Beech

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MASS TIMES

Valid "My Vaccine Passes" are required to be shown 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

Hidden Blessings



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



The Kids' Bulletin

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Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?



Luke 6:20-26

Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:
Across: 3 who 5 trusts 8 cursed 10 year 11 that 13 barren
14 but 17 begins 19 roots 21 least
Down: 1 green 2 is 4 his 6 stream 7 human 9 distress
11 new 12 he 14 beside 15 Lord 16 from 17 bush 18 in
20 at

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