



The Cathedral Connection



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The pandemic began two years ago. Perhaps the hardest thing has been the successive variants after the first wave - Delta, now Omicron, each coming as we might have hoped it was over. The pandemic has affected some people in our country much more seriously than others, but it has affected everyone and continues to affect everyone. It would be easy to think, too, that the values of solidarity and community, which have served us so well over the last two years, are breaking down – especially in the streets around our Cathedral in recent days.

I find myself feeling angry about the crowd that has been around parliament. Angry, and confused, because the right to protest is important, but I find some – a lot – of the goings-on thoroughly disturbing. As Pope Benedict XVI said, ‘individual rights, when detached from a framework of duties which grants them their full meaning, can run wild, leading to an escalation of demands which is effectively unlimited and indiscriminate. An overemphasis on rights leads to a disregard for duties’. So, I find some words in today’s gospel very difficult to hear: ‘bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly... do not judge... do not condemn...’.

A while ago I read a biography of Raymond Hunthausen, Archbishop of Seattle 1975-91. Reading the signs of the times, Hunthausen became an outspoken opponent of the US government’s expansion of its nuclear arsenal, and indeed of nuclear deterrence. He withheld a proportion of his income tax and donated it to a peace organisation. For this and other reasons, he was not popular in the Vatican, but something of a celebrity among the peace movement of the time.

On one occasion Hunthausen addressed a large protest at the nuclear submarine base in his archdiocese. Instead of the ringing denunciations which some in the crowd expected, he spoke of reconciliation, listening to the other side – the Navy - and said that ‘We are all... caught up in the same system. We all struggle to do the best we can to live according to our beliefs’. While uncompromising in his judgement of nuclear weapons – and joining in an attempt to blockade a Trident submarine - he managed to avoid demonising those on the other side of the argument. Judging actions and judging people are not the same thing.

Jim McAloon

Readings For The Week

Sunday 20th Feb – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
Monday 21st – James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday 22nd – 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Wednesday 23rd – James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40
Thursday 24th – James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50
Friday 25th – James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12
Saturday 26th - James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16
Sunday 27th – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

What is done in the family, what is done in the neighborhood, what is done in the village, what is done in the large cities and internationally is the same; it is the same seed that grows and bears fruit. If you in your family, in your neighborhood start out with envy, with fights, there will be "war" in the end. Instead, if you start out with love, sharing love, forgiveness, there will be love and forgiveness for everyone.

Pope Francis: Catechesis "Healing the world": 6. Love and the common good, 9 Sept 2020



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=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.

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.

CHANGE TO MONDAY EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE

Late last year it became necessary to make a temporary change to the Cathedral Parish's Monday Eucharistic schedule. With the arrival of Fr Alliston last month we are now able to confirm a permanent schedule. Fr Alliston will take Mondays as his day off as this will offer him flexibility for his commitments outside of the parish. From Monday 7th March we will move to a permanent Eucharistic schedule offering one Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in our Connolly Hall Chapel, at 12.10pm only. This service will follow the weekly praying of the Rosary at 11.30am. We offer our thanks and gratitude to Dr Michael Humble, Lucienne Hensel, Margaret Lundberg and Sr Marie Gore for their leadership of these services.



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)*

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/>

Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 22 February** beginning at **7.30 pm** in the **Connolly Hall Chapel**, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, recorded music, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. Vaccine Passes will need to be shown.

Welcome to the latest edition of our Cathedral Schoolzine eNewsletter!

Visit the link below to view the newsletter:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=151>



Lenten Opportunities

Debbie and Fr Alliston are putting together some opportunities to aid us in our Lenten Journey so please, if you can, keep Thursday 10 & Thursday 17 March at 7pm free. This will be an on-line "Zoom Meeting". Further details will be provided in next weekend's newsletter.

Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday is 2 March. Masses with distribution of Ashes will be at 8.00am, 12.10pm & 5.30pm (extra Mass) in the Connolly Hall Chapel. Vaccination Passes will be required to be shown and registration will be required, further detail next weekend.

The Holy Spirit—A Driving Force

Prayers need the Holy Spirit

with Kieran Fenn fms

Pope Francis calls the Holy Spirit 'the protagonist of every Christian Prayer':
"The Spirit is peace in the midst of restlessness, confidence in the midst of discouragement, joy in sadness, youth in aging, courage in the hour of trial. Amid the stormy currents of life, he lowers the anchor of hope".



Church Maria Assumpta, Beachhaven, Auckland

The Spirit descends on us. The hovering Spirit signifies a new act of creation, a fresh start for humanity.

In this series of 3 parts, Br Kieran will introduce us to the power of the Holy Spirit as described in the Scriptures, and in particular in the Gospel according to John.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

Join us and get *inspired* through the teachings of Br Kieran who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.



Mondays, 7-8.30pm per ZOOM

14 -28 February 2022

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$50 (NZD)/3 sessions

Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



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What Catholics Believe

For more information contact Ann King a.king@ctc.ac.nz

Or visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz

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- Debbie Matheson: **Parish Leader / Lay Pastoral Leader**
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- Fr Alliston Fernandes

Music Coordinator/Leader:

Lisa Beech

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MASS TIMES

My Vaccine Passes are required to attend these Masses or Liturgies. Masses for people 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

Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.

Answer to Word-Find page: BE MERCIFUL
Answer to Word-Find page: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



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The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20th, 2022

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What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!