



The Cathedral Connection



27 February 2022
Vol. 11 Issue 5
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good Fruit

Jesus frequently gives, through parables, some instructions on living a Christian life. Last week's Gospel was about how we treat others. This week it is about how we treat ourselves. Posing questions that require deep reflection, He invites us to be honest and assess ourselves with a critical eye.

Likewise, the first reading from Sirach emphasises today's Gospel message of self-awareness. It tells us that a person is known by their words and actions: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind".

Today's parable teaches that our first focus is on ourselves, to bring out the best out of ourselves, before we look at other people's faults. "We can't guide a blind person until we, ourselves, can see. You can't point out someone else's faults until you have identified your own shortcomings. And you can't give people the good fruit of our own labour if you haven't made any good fruit". We are a relational community, and we care for each other, but Jesus clearly tells us that first we must recognise our own shortcomings before being critical of others and reminds us that the quality of people is judged by their actions.

In a few days we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, where we are marked and called to "repent and believe in the Gospel". Lent is a season of mercy and purification. We are a people on a conversion journey towards holiness and the season invites us to recall through the practices of fasting alms giving and prayer, to slow down our busy lives, in order to better be able to see God working in and through us.

As preparation for the beginning of the Lenten season, why not take time to consider how we can make time to prioritise our relationship with Christ this Lent. Our engagement in self-examination and focus on good discipline practices during Lent will help us to recognise that true peace resides not in us but in God.

Debbie Matheson (*Parish Leader/Lay Pastoral Leader*)



Readings For The Week

Sunday 27th Feb – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45
Monday 28th – 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday 1st Mar – 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday 2nd – Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday 3rd – Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday 4th – Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday 5th – Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sunday 6th – 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



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 or email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz Ngā mihi.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Solidarity today is the road to take towards a post-pandemic world, towards the healing of our interpersonal and social ills.

Pope Francis: General Audience – Solidarity and the virtue of faith, 2 Sept 2020

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Open to all - Online meeting via Zoom: Every Sunday 3:00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3IUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVk5UT09>

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 Passcode: hra2h3

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=WIgwbkYyT2pnbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Ash Wednesday Services

Cathedral parish Ash Wednesday Vaccine Pass Masses will be held at 8.00am and 12.10pm at Connolly Hall chapel (subject to the chapel being open) and 5.30pm at St Thomas More church. Due to restrictions on numbers please register for this Mass at <https://mcshwellington.org/ash-wednesday-mass-reservations/> Vaccine Pass Masses at Otari Parish are at 6.30am, 9.30am, 5.00pm and 7.00pm also at Saint Mary of the Angels at 7.30am, 12.05pm, 1.00pm and 5.15pm with ashes being available at the 5.15pm Mass on Thursday 3rd for unvaccinated people.

Cathedral Parish Lenten Opportunities

Lent is characterised as a period of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. To help you "align your souls with God" you are invited to join Fr Alliston for two one hour reflective Zoom Lenten sessions breaking open the season of Lent. He looks forward to your join him on Thursday 10th and 17th March at 7.00pm. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89854801437?pwd=UkJsV2dXbFU0YzFYUdxTTJalO94Zz09> Meeting ID: 898 5480 1437 - Passcode: 728596

Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Alliston for an appointment for Rite I Reconciliation at any time or come along at the following times: Weekends during Lent – at St Thomas More church, Saturday 4.50-5.20pm and Sunday 9.50-10.20am; Weekdays at Connolly Hall chapel 20 minutes before 12.10pm Mass and 30 minutes before and after the Stations of the Cross on Friday's. In response to the Omicron outbreak there will be no Rite II Reconciliation services offered across the diocese during Lent.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed, every Friday at 7.00pm in Connolly Hall chapel. Registration is not necessary. Social distancing rules will be adhered to, face masks are required to be worn and a valid Vaccine Pass is required.

ON-LINE LENT RESOURCES

https://hallow.com/lent/	The no.1 Catholic app leads you during the course of 40 days with also the chance to try the app for free
https://stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-lent/	Receive daily reflections from Scott Hahn by signing-up by email
https://formed.org/lent	Sign-up to receive free Daily Reflections (3-5 mins) in your inbox from Dr. Tim Gray at the Augustine Institute based in Colorado.
https://dailycatholicgospel.com/lent-reflections-2022	Daily Lenten Gospel Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron
https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html	Matthew Kelly (Dynamic Catholic) will send receive two short, practical and inspiring videos in your inbox.
https://spiritualdirection.com/lent	<i>40 Days to Peace</i> , a Lenten journey written by Dan Burke and Fr. John Bartunek.
ScienceOfSainthood.com	Sign up to access St. Teresa of Avila's <i>Nine Grades of Prayer</i> led by Matthew Leonard to help transform your prayer life during Lent.

MASSES UNDER THE RED COVID "TRAFFIC LIGHT" FRAMEWORK

The Cathedral parish, at the moment, continues parishioners to have a Valid Vaccine Pass for entry at all parish Masses, along with face masks for all without an exemption. Registration to attend is required and can be found here. <https://mcshwellington.org/ash-wednesday-mass-reservations/> Please continue to practice 1m social distancing and be aware of those around you who may be nervous about the current environment and be considerate of each others situations, known or unknown.

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/>

This pandemic is very challenging to all on many levels. Omicron is now out in our community, and as we respond and adjust, 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.

Parish office physical closure

In the current environment with the Protestors at Parliament the Catholic Centre, and therefore the Parish office, building is closed until further notice. The parish phone is in the process of being transferred to be able to be answered by Frank, our Parish Secretary, but the best way of contacting us is by emailing the parish office on cathedral.pariah@wn.catholic.org.nz

Welcome to the latest edition of our Cathedral Schoolzine eNewsletter!
Visit the link below to view the newsletter:
<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=150>



The World Day of Prayer Service will be livestreamed through Zoom

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer

Place: St Thomas More Church, 36 Worcester Street, Wilton
Date & Time: Friday 4th March 7.00pm

Vaccine Pass and Face mask required for entry

This service will also be livestreamed via a Zoom link available on the Ōtari Parish website.



This year the World Day of Prayer (WDP) service has been prepared by WDP England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme

"I Know the Plans I Have for You"

Come along and join Ōtari Parish, St Luke's Anglican Parish Wadestown, St Anne's Anglican Parish of Northland/Wilton and Wadestown Presbyterian Church for the WDP service in your local area. **All are welcome.**

There will be an opportunity to give a donation for WDP projects.

Ōtari Parish are providing 3 readers for this service. If you would like to participate please contact Estelle Henrys ph.027 3123200 or ev.henrys@gmail.com

(If St Thomas More Church is closed due to Covid then the service will be run via the same zoom link) To connect to the World Day of Prayer Service with your PC, tablet or smartphone Click this link below and follow the instructions. If it asks you for permission to do anything, click Allow or Yes. <https://zoom.us/j/5301825098?pwd=UmhOdXZ4VG9Y1L0p1Zk82THI1QXFIZz09>

If you had installed Zoom in the past and can get to a screen with a "Join Meeting" option, click that and type in our conference ID (530-182-5098).

The password is 941394.

If you have headphones or a headset please use them, they make the sound better for everyone.

Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation

Praying with Imagination

with Laetitia Puthenpadath



The Anointing at Bethany by Daniel F. Gerhartz

In this contemplative prayer, we will be focusing on Mary of Bethany who anoints Jesus six days before his life ends on earth. We will pray together using a guided contemplation of the Ignatian tradition to be with Jesus as he resolutely move towards fulfilling the mission God entrusted to him.

Laetitia Puthenpadath has a Master's Degree in Spiritual Direction and is accredited to give the full Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.



Friday, 25 March 2022, 3-4pm
Zoom (Koha/Donation)

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

NZCatholic Since we are at the "red" traffic light setting, we are providing, free of charge, a digital link to our latest issue. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3-2a0caa12f2ee>

INSPIRING WOMEN

Celebrating International Women's Day



FREE ADMISSION

ORGANISTS

Judy Dumbleton & Dianne Halliday

8 MARCH 12.15PM ST PETER'S, 211 WILLIS ST



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140,
Ph: (04) 496 1700
cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz
www.mcshwellington.org

<https://www.facebook.com/MCSHWellington/>

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

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

Music Coordinator/Leader:

Lisa Beech

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: John Grevatt

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

Fr David Dowling



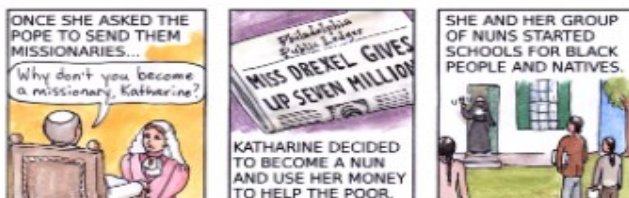
Mass offered for



All our deceased friends, family and former parishioners.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Saint Katharine Drexel March 5



ST. KATHARINE GAVE UP A HUGE FORTUNE AND COMFORTABLE LIFE TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE IN HER COUNTRY. WOULD YOU DO THAT IF YOU HAD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS? OUR LORD SAYS IT IS HARD FOR THE RICH TO ENTER HEAVEN, BUT SAINT KATHARINE SHOWS THAT THEY CAN CHOOSE TO BE HOLY TOO.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Psalm 92 Unscramble

Unscramble the missing words to complete today's Psalm!

It is good to give _____ (KNSHTA)
to the Lord,
to sing praises to thy _____ (MNAE),
O Most High;
to declare thy steadfast _____ (OVLE)
in the morning,
and thy faithfulness
by _____ (HGNTI)
The righteous flourish
like the _____ (LMAP) tree,
and _____ (ORGW)
like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted
in the _____ (UOESH) of the Lord,
they flourish in the courts
of our _____ (DGO).
They still bring forth _____ (UFIRT)
in old age,
they are ever full of sap
and _____ (ERGNE)
to show that the Lord is upright,
he is my _____ (KCRO)
and there is no
unrighteousness in him.

