



The Cathedral Connection



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Holy Ground



In our first reading this weekend, we read about God appearing to Moses in a burning bush and the voice of God saying: "Come no nearer, take off your shoes for you are standing on holy ground." Where God is, there is holiness.

The creation story tells us that God created the earth and because of this we should see the entire earth as holy because of God's presence in its creation. Just as God called Moses to respect his presence by taking off his shoes, he calls each one of us to respect our earth and in so doing, him. As we battle with our changing environment and the impact it has on everyone and future generations to come, we should remember that when we show disrespect to our earth we show disrespect to God. As creation is made in the image of God, we have a responsibility to our earth to protect it. So this Lent, as part of our prayers let us continue to pray for the restoration of our earth to its former glory because it is all "holy ground".

God's greatest creation was, however, that of man and woman. He loved us so much that when we sinned he sent his Son to make us holy again. St Paul reminds us that our body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit" and that we have been bought at a price – that being Jesus dying on the cross. Lent offers a great opportunity to remember this "price" by taking part in the Stations of the Cross (every Friday at 7pm in Connelly Hall) where we can remember just how precious we as humans are to God. When we think of God he becomes present in us and our minds become "holy ground".

God, however, exists most in our heart. Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure of heart; they will see God". The heart is associated with love and God is love. It is very easy for us to be drawn away from the love of God by the trappings of our world. Lent is a time to ask ourselves what is really important to us. Is it God? We are called to respect our bodies, our minds, our hearts, because it is there that we will find God. It is within us that we find God on "holy ground" too!



Clint Ramoo
Parish Finance Chair

Readings For The Week

Sunday 20th – 3rd Sunday of Lent
Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Monday 21st – 2 Kings :1-15; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday 22nd – Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday 23rd – Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday 24th – Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord – Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10;
Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday 26th – Hosea 5:15-6:6; Luke 18:9-14
Sunday 27th – 4th Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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)

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: Due to illness the parish office is temporarily closed until Wednesday 23rd March, and Fr Alliston is away from Monday 21st until Tuesday 29th March. The parish email address is continuing to be cleared regularly. Fr Ron is contactable on 021 065 8997 if needed.

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 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 on (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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 March at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We will also be praying for peace in the world and especially for peace in Ukraine. Included in the hour will be prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: PFG get-together for March. We are meeting today, Sunday 20 March, at Northland Park, Seaview Tce entrance, at noon for a BYO picnic lunch. Please let Kaye-Maree know, via Frank at the office, if you are interested in joining the group for future gatherings.

END OF FINANCIAL TAX YEAR: With the end of the tax year on 31 March, the Parish Finance Committee would like to thank you for your support towards the parish's ongoing pastoral and mission work. If you would like to give a donation to the Church, 'top-up' your giving, or join Planned Giving before then, your receipt for the current financial year will include all amounts given before 31 March 2022. Our parish account number is **02-0506-0138488-000** please remember to include your surname and initials.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

'And to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness'. (Eph 4:23-24)

Rediscover the power that Jesus gives His people through the Holy Spirit. Join fellow parishioners every Wednesday evening from 4 May - 15 June 2022 in a Life in the Spirit Seminar to gather and prepare for a very personal "Pentecost", a revitalisation of the Spirit's presence. For enquiries: cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

DONATE TO CARITAS LENT APPEAL

Lent is a time of fasting, praying and almsgiving. The Caritas theme for Lent 2022 is "Called to be Peacemakers" based on the Beatitude reference in Matthew 5:9 and inspired by the writing of Pope Francis in his recent encyclical Fratelli Tutti. As we journey towards Easter, the theme highlights our encounter with God in building peace. During Lent, NZ Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Lenten Appeal help to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate using the Lenten envelopes available at the back of our churches or online by visiting www.caritas.org.nz and pay by credit card or make a direct transfer.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our Cathedral Schoolzine eNewsletter!
Visit the link below to view the newsletter:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=160>



LENT 2022

Acts of the Penitent by Fr Alliston Fernandes

Three important aspects on the part of a penitent, viz. one undertaking the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are: contrition, confession and repentance. We shall look at the first one this week. The Council of Trent (1545–63) defined contrition as “a sorrow of soul and a hatred of sin committed, with a firm purpose of not sinning in the future”.

A striking example for me comes from Pope Francis' work, *The Name of God is Mercy*. He cites an example of a young German soldier who comes to confess to a priest. The man has had numerous amorous adventures and the young priest tells him of the need for repentance to receive forgiveness and absolution. But the man had enjoyed doing it and did not desire to stop his behaviour and so wondered how he could repent. In a spur of inspiration, the priest asks the soldier, “Are you sorry that you are not sorry?” The German soldier replies he is indeed sorry that he is not sorry. Thus, having apologised for being unable to repent, the door to receive absolution is opened.



This serves to illustrate the fundamental need for contrition which the Catechism classifies broadly as perfect and imperfect. Perfect contrition springs from the love of God who has been grievously offended through one's offence i.e. wounding a relationship; while imperfect contrition arises principally from some other motives, such as loss of heaven, fear of hell, the ugliness of sin, etc. By itself, imperfect contrition cannot obtain the forgiveness of grave sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance (CCC 1453).

Fr Ian Vanheusen writes, “The problem is not that contrition is an outdated and repressive expression of a misguided piety, but rather that we do not understand what true contrition is. A healthy contrition is the foundation for good living because it frees us from our attachments to self and opens us to the spontaneity of the Holy Spirit.”

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit: “When the Spirit comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (Jn 16:8). Let us ask for this grace as we prepare ourselves for this wonderful sacrament of healing.

Reconciliation Times

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 after the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. In response to the Omicron outbreak there will be no Rite II Reconciliation services offered across the diocese during Lent.

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Online Charity Art Auction
8am 19th - 9pm 27th March 2022

MCSH Charity Art Auction Goes Live from 8am Saturday, 19 March 2022 on www.galabid/art4icon.com

On offer are exquisite works from many talented New Zealand artists and beyond including Del Te Rito, Charlotte Hird, Jim Gorman, Olympia Osborne, Sonia Treacy, Ellen Donnelly and many more. Among the featured works are those of award-winning New Zealand portrait artist, Julia B. Lynch (1896-1975), who joined the order of the Sisters of Mercy in Wellington and became Sister Mary Lawrence. Her paintings have been exhibited beyond our shores in France, Italy, UK and the US. In addition, the work of Father David Orange, “the priest who paints” and who was greatly influenced by Lynch, will also be available for auction.

Register via Browser

Go to <https://app.galabid.com/art4icon> or scan the QR code
Click on the 'Register' button
Follow the instructions to complete registration.

Register via TEXT

Text: art4icon and your full name
To 2834
Example: art4icon John Smith
Follow the registration link you are sent by text from GalaBid.

A notification will go out to registered participants once the auction goes live. The auction will run 24 x 7 from 19 March to 27 March 2022. If you have any questions, feel free to email mcsch.march22art@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

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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 Tuesday to Friday

12:10pm Monday (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)

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. (see notice on page 3)

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



John Murray, Anniversary
18 March 2015

CHILDREN'S CORNER

What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free land

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 20th, 2022



*What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by reading what they say in a mirror.*