



# The Cathedral Connection



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Easter Sunday

## Dying and Rising in Christ

Our Easter liturgies lead us through a time of Jesus' death and resurrection. This is often symbolised and witnessed to during the Easter Vigil in the tradition of receiving new members into the Catholic faith and church community.

This was me twenty years ago.

At the beginning of the new millennium, I began two years (traditionally it's only one) of preparation, exploration, and discernment of the Catholic faith (known as the RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Each week I looked forward to the fellowship of the other attendees as we spent time breaking open God's Word, questioning the catechist about the teachings, and learning about many Catholic traditions. As the weeks went by, I was enveloped by a strong sense of belonging and comfort, and over this time as my relationship with Jesus grew, I realised that He loved me unconditionally, that I am a work in progress and am on a continual journey.

I loved this regular time together of enquiry, revelation and self-discovery and leading up to Easter 2002 one day found myself at a crossroad, with a decision to make. Did I want to, and was I ready to, leave behind my old life and fully embrace a new life of following Jesus' example and all that I understood this to entail, and all the time? When I responded to God's continual knocking on the door and accepted his invitation to join the Catholic church, I was overwhelmed by an amazing sense of peace and belonging.

That Easter, twenty years ago, when I was received into the Catholic faith and community at St Edwards in Windsor, England. I was again overwhelmed with a sense of peace and belonging, but this time also by community that I now belonged to. I felt that I had arrived at where I had been searching for, but didn't know, and so my new journey in Christ and the Catholic faith began.

Having invited Jesus back into my heart and rekindled my adolescent relationship with Him, I am continually amazed at the enrichment of our relationship and his calling. Twenty years ago, I could never have perceived that our relationship would lead me into today's Lay Pastoral Leader role in the church.

This Easter may we remember that Jesus is alive and in our midst and that he continually welcomes us in a new life with him.

Debbie Matheson - *Parish Leader/Lay Pastoral Leader*



## Readings For The Week

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

## 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

'Easter, brothers and sisters, is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. Human history does not end before a tombstone, because today it encounters the "living stone", the risen Jesus.'

Pope Francis: [Easter Vigil homily 2019](#)

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## YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE:** Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 19 April and will reopen on Tuesday 26 April. Note the normal Parish Office Hours are now 10.00am to 4.30pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**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 an on-line Zoom gathering. All are welcome. <https://tinyurl.com/3xhax96d>  
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](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com). All are welcome. Please wear a mask and sanitise hands.

**RECONCILIATION TIMES:** Please approach Fr Alliston for an appointment for Rite I Reconciliation at any time.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** There will be no devotion in Connolly Hall on Easter Sunday or Sunday 24 April. There will be a celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on 24 April at 2:00pm at St Teresa's, Karori.

**HOLY HOUR:** You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 April at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm 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.

**A Life in the Spirit Seminar** is an opportunity to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in a fresh way, offering the chance to rediscover the power that Jesus gives His people through the Holy Spirit. It is a time to build community and meet new people. In a world torn with conflict it is yet possible to live together in love and peace. It is a time to deepen our spirituality and be able to experience the abundant life that Jesus offers in the Gospel.

Each evening of the seminar begins with a time of prayer and praise. A talk on the topic of the evening follows. The topics are: God's Love, Salvation, The New Life, Receiving God's Gift, Baptism in the Spirit, Growth, Transformation. The topics build on each other to promote seeking God with all your heart and mind, sincere repentance, and hearing and obeying the Word of God. After the talk participants break into small groups for sharing. Join with us every Wednesday evening from 4 May to 15 June 2022 and be able to discover a deeper and more personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour. Registrations and enquiries to [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## DONATE TO CARITAS LENT APPEAL

There is still time to donate to the Caritas Lent Appeal, with the theme "Called to be Peacemakers". Money raised through the Lenten Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate using the Lenten envelopes or online by visiting [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) and pay by credit card or make a direct transfer.



### EASTER TIMETABLE

With the uncertainty of knowing whether we would be in Red or Orange Covid levels at Easter the Cathedral parish Easter timetable was prepared to accommodate attendance of as many people as possible.

Due to the ongoing threat from Covid you will notice changes in all Easter Masses. These will be explained at the beginning of each Mass.

**Our Easter timetable is:**

**Holy Thursday** – 7.00pm St Thomas More, Wilton

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross – 10.00am St Thomas More, Wilton  
Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm St Thomas More, Wilton

**Holy Saturday**

Lauds (Morning Prayer) & Office of Readings - 9.00am  
Connolly Hall Chapel

**Easter Sunday**

Saturday Easter Vigil – 7.00pm St Thomas More, Wilton  
Sunday 10.30am — St Thomas More, Wilton  
Sunday 7.00pm – Connolly Hall Chapel

### COVID-19 MEASURES

With the move to Orange in the Covid-19 framework, the following restrictions apply to our Masses and other gatherings at present:

1. There are no limits on numbers attending.
2. Mask wearing is still required inside the building.
3. Hand sanitising is still highly encouraged.
4. No physical sign of peace and no holy water.
5. Collection plate located in the foyer.
6. No singing.
7. Hospitality will be reviewed early May.

Please continue to be mindful and respectful of others as we gather and continue to keep each other safe.

### Parish Donation Receipts

End of year donation tax certificates are currently being prepared as part of the work required for the end of financial year. Your Finance Committee are working to have these completed and with you in May. Thank you again for your support over the last year.

## Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

24th April 2022: 2.00pm—4.00pm  
St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral  
301 Karori Rd. Karori.



### PROGRAMME

2.00pm Reconciliation  
2.40pm Adoration  
3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
3.20pm Mass  
4.00pm Veneration of the Image and  
Blessing of religious objects.

Note: Vaccination passes are not required but masks should be worn. Please ensure social distancing.

ALL WELCOME

## Easter Raffle Winner

# CONGRATULATIONS

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and congratulations to David McCaw who won our Easter Raffle.

Thanks also to Sacred Heart Cathedral School for donating the prize.

 Sacred Heart  
Cathedral School

During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his humble entrance into Jerusalem. As the Lenten season comes to an end and we enter the Easter Triduum before Easter, we take this time to reflect on your gifts to those less fortunate throughout Lent and of the holy time ahead.

Thank you for your patience with us as we continue to work through the donations and we will be receipting our donors before the end of April. We are humbled and grateful for the incredible generosity of you all during this season and we wish you a blessed and peaceful Easter.



**Ōtari Parish Recycling Supports Sustainability Trust** - Metal bottle caps, jar lids and plastic bottle lids are not recyclable through your Wellington City Council kerbside recycling, so St Thomas More Church Foyer has become a drop off place for many items like these, saving them from going to landfills by placing them in the boxes in the foyer. The JPD Group then take them to the Sustainability Trust. They have invited the Cathedral parish to be involved in this initiative. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer explaining what can be left for recycling. Please consider doing a bit extra for our planet and take advantage of this initiative.



## TE RŌPŪ TAUTOKO ROADMAP: RESPONDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THEMES ARISING FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Te Rōpū Tautoko has heard the call from the Commissioners that the Commission's work is part of vision to transform care today and into the future. In response to the call from survivors and their advocates that the Catholic Church can do something more than wait for the Commission to make recommendations or wait for the government to respond. With the release of the Commission's interim Redress Report and the completion of the Maryland's Hearing, Te Rōpū Tautoko have solidified its roadmap into a series of actions that church leaders have agreed. For more details on each of the actions click on the link:

<https://mailchi.mp/0210cf3735a0/tautoko-update-roadmap?e=51ed05e24b>



## SYNOD - DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

***Thank you to all who participated in our parish organised opportunities. If you missed out there is still time to participate in this important process. Nothing is off the table.***

### ***For women in the Archdiocese:***

An opportunity for Catholic women to participate in the synodal journey and meet, share, listen and discern: How are we as women called to participate in the mission of the Church? As Catholic women, what are our hopes and dreams for a truly inclusive Church? Wednesday 20 April 7pm: on Zoom. Thursday 21 April 7pm: St Joseph's Mount Victoria. To register, contact Lucienne Hensel, e: [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz), t: 04 4961715 m: 021 1645800

### ***Individual responses online:***

Until 30 April anyone may make an individual response to the Synod process online. The Archdiocese website has a lot of information at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/>, and the response form is available at: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SYNOD-PARTICIPATION-RESPONSE-.docx>.

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Please keep in your prayers

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## 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:

10.00 am - 4.30 pm Tues, Thurs, Fri.

## Parish Council Chair:

Randy Reyes

## Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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**Principal:** Bernadette Murfitt

**DRS:** John Grevatt

## MASS TIMES

### Weekdays

(Except Public Holidays)

All held in the Connolly Hall Chapel

**8.00am Tuesday to Friday**

**12.10pm Monday** (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)

**12.10pm Tuesday to Friday**

### 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 2).

**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



For all the dead. Those near and dear to us and those who have no one to pray for them.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

# Jesus is Risen!

## Alleluia!



Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But He didn't just die- He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

Jesus had come back to life!

Answer to puzzle on Front:  
Jesus is Alive!  
Answer to Word-Find Puzzle: Jesus was raised from the dead.

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# The Kids' Bulletin



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John 20:1-18



What are we celebrating on Easter?  
Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks!

# Alleluia!