



The Cathedral Connection



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Second Sunday of Easter

Peace be with You

Easter is our season of joy, but it is understandable that immediately after the resurrection the disciples would have experienced conflicting emotions. Today's Gospel finds them behind locked doors in fear, still traumatised and grief-stricken from the brutal and unjust way that Jesus had been killed, but with the hope of the empty tomb. Into this turmoil of emotions, the resurrected Jesus' first words to them are: "Peace be with you."

This year Lent and Easter have felt anything but peaceful. From the civil unrest and fires at Parliament on Ash Wednesday, to the heartbreak of the war in Ukraine, to the ongoing necessary restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, we also hear Christ's greeting of peace through our own present-day experiences of grief, fear and locked doors. The peace that Christ offers is not the absence of conflict or pain, but our hope and faith that the tomb is never the final word.

I know that for many of us, it can be hard to feel that we are in the season of Easter when we are still "fasting" from singing and other aspects of our communal liturgical life. Like many of you, I long for the days when we can sing "Alleluia" together freely and without constraints. However, while we continue to protect the most vulnerable members of our communities with Covid restrictions, let's allow the hope and joy of Easter to take root and sing in our hearts. Christ still offers his peace to each of us and to all of us. Christ lives, and we rejoice.

Lisa Beech
Music Co-ordinator/Leader



Readings For The Week

Sunday 24th – Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31
Monday 25th – Anzac Day
Wisdom 3:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 12:23-28
Tuesday 26th – 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20
Wednesday 27th – Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday 28th – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Mark 1:14-20
Friday 29th – Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday 30th – Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
Sunday 1st May – Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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

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)

'Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.'
Pope Francis: [Urbi et Orbi Easter Message](#), 2013

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

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. All are welcome. Please wear a mask and sanitise hands.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: There will be no devotion in Connolly Hall on this 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.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP APRIL GATHERING: We are meeting Friday evening the 29th at the Curtin's home for a Fish & Chip night from 5:30pm onwards. Please let Kaye-Maree know if you are interested in joining us via Frank at the office and we will give you the address.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS IN SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH



Parish Music coordinator Lisa Beech would love to meet all parishioners who play a musical instrument.

Please drop her an email at Cathedral.music@wn.catholic.org.nz or call 0212884388.

Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon: Events coming up:

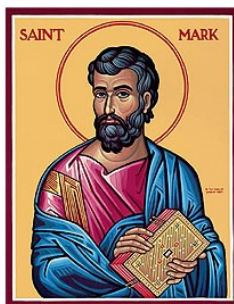
Spiritual Theology Course: "Death and After Death", 5 Tuesday evenings, beginning 3 May

Winter Film Series: "Born in the Shadows: A Spirituality for Living in Today's World", 5 Monday evenings beginning 6 June OR 5 Thursday evenings beginning 9 June.

For further information and/or to register, please contact Brian Cummings SM at bqcummings@xtra.co.nz

Mark the Evangelist

On 26 April we observe the Feast of St Mark (moved from 25 April, Anzac Day). Little is known about Mark; many traditions identify him with the John Mark who is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as working with both Peter and Paul. Mark's gospel is placed second among the four, but is the shortest and, most scholars think, the first to be written in the form that has come down to us. If Mark's gospel was written before Matthew and Luke, then it was very likely a source for those evangelists. More important, though, is the emphasis in Mark's gospel – a clear, careful, and direct account of Jesus's ministry and teaching, death and resurrection. Mark's gospel is also notable for its 'leaness' - it doesn't have the lengthy prefaces of Matthew and Luke, nor the very long speeches in John. As the American scripture scholar Raymond Brown wrote of Mark's contribution: 'one might reflect on what would be known about Jesus if we had only Paul's letters. We would have a magnificent theology about what God has done in Christ, but Jesus would be left almost without a face. Mark gets the honor of having painted that "face" and made it part of the enduring gospel' (Raymond E. Brown, *An Introduction to the New Testament*).



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. No singing.
6. Collection plate located in the foyer.
7. Hospitality will be reviewed early May.
8. 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 Teresas/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

Welcome to the latest edition of our Schoolzine eNewsletter!

 Sacred Heart
Cathedral School

Visit the link below to view your newsletter:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=165>

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening, and Restoration Campaign

can be made to bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025**
Particulars: Your surname & initials

Code: Your phone number. **Reference:** REOPEN.

Check out the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website: www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz and please mention it to your friends too.



MARY POTTER HOSPICE APPEAL



The Hospice's annual street appeal is Thursday 19 and Saturday 21 May. If you can spare an hour or two to help in Wellington, Porirua or Kāpiti, please sign up at www.marypotter.org.nz or contact Phillip at street.appeal@marypotter.org.nz

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

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

*Life in the Spirit Seminar
2022*



St. Thomas More Church
30A Worcester St. Wilton
4 May to 15 June 2022
7 consecutive Wednesdays
A kohe will be taken each week
7:30PM to 9:00PM
To inquire/register:
cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz



Refurbished Cathedral bells

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

Online Session (Evening). For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Women in the Scriptures & Mythology

Part 2: Women in the Sistine Chapel with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Sunday, 29 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/women-in-the-scriptures-mythology/>

Please also see additional information about Esther, Judith and Miriam here:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/09/miriam-esther-judith/>

Interview with Michael Mangan on Liturgical Music:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/13/michael-mangan-on-muffin-talk/>

SYNOD - DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There is still time to participate in this important process. Nothing is off the table.

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>.

Thanks to everyone who has already participated!

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Please keep in your prayers

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- Fr Alliston Fernandes

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Lisa Beech

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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.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,
I offer You
the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the
whole world.*



Answers to Cross-Word Puzzle: Across: 2, Thomas 5, nails 7, Lord 9, Father 10, side 11, send, Down: 1, twin 3, Holy 4, Spirit 6, afraid 8, peace. Front page: My Lord and my God!

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The Kids' Bulletin



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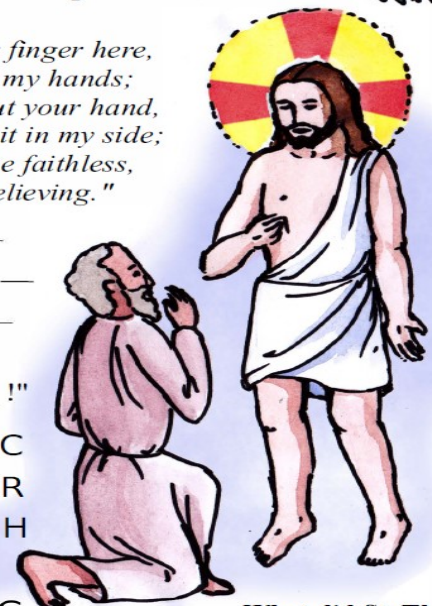


"Put your finger here,
and see my hands;
and put out your hand,
and place it in my side;
do not be faithless,
but believing."

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A M B Y C
L D O E R
F D G A H
N I D J
M K Y L G
M O N D O



What did St. Thomas reply to Jesus? Use every second letter to fill in the blanks!