



The Cathedral Connection



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Third Sunday of Easter

Towards a Synodal Church

Yesterday, we came to the end of the 1st part of the Synodality process.

It's been an amazing journey, with the whole Church involved. It was that invitation from Pope Francis for everyone to be involved that really caught my attention.

Two scriptures seemed to sum everything up. The 1st from Luke 18 : 9-14, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Everyone's contribution is important. The 2nd the parable of the widow's mite. (Mark 12 : 41-44, Luke 21 : 1-4). The widow gave her all and was heard.



Pope Francis had made it clear he wants to hear from all. In the words of Cardinal John *"The Holy Father wants to hear the voices of all the baptised. He believes the time is ripe for a wider participation of the people of God in a decision-making process that affects the whole Church and everyone in it."* (Cardinal John Dew)

What was truly amazing was the process. It was wrapped in prayer. Prayer at the beginning and end, and in-between each comment. So, in a very real sense, these were no longer 'our' comments', but the spirit of Jesus moving through individuals and groups, just as happened in the early church that we are reading about in Acts.



The image for me is of our little drops of water, forming a stream of prayers, thoughts and aspirations moving the church into the future.

Fr Ron, Parish Moderator

Readings For The Week

Sunday 1st – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Monday 2nd – Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday 3rd – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Wednesday 4th – Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday 5th – Acts 8:26-40; John 6: 44-51

Friday 6th – Acts 9:1-20; John 5:52-59

Saturday 7th – Acts 9: 31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday 8th – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52; Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

The Lord calls the disciples and, seeing them with empty nets, he tells them to do something odd: to fish by day, something quite out of the ordinary on that lake... God surprises us whenever he calls and asks us to put out into the sea of history not only with our nets, but with our very selves.

Pope Francis: [Homily for the Third Sunday of Easter 2019](#)

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)

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm until 9.00pm from the 4th of May to 15th of June 2022. All welcome. Please see poster in foyer or contact the parish office for further information.

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: Every Sunday 6:00pm to 6:30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel. All welcome.



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 021 288 4388.

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 [bgcumings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

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.

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

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

St Paul – The first Missionary with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 -27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

\$25/session or \$50/series.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-paul-meet-the-first-missionary-7/>

Interview with Michael Mangan on Liturgical Music:

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

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

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.

Pax Christi - Laudato Si'/Care for the Earth study

Free Zoom study on Pope Francis's Laudato Si encyclical on Care for the Earth. Tuesday evenings, 3 and 10 May. Led by Dr Mary Betz and Liz Beazley. Hosted by Pax Christi. Contact paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com for further details. All welcome.

Children's Sacramental Programme: The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation and Holy Communion begins with the Parent's session 10th May and Children's first session 15th May. We welcome all baptised students from age 8 (Year 4) and up, to join with us as they continue on their Faith Journey. Parents and Caregivers are invited to join us for these sessions also. If you are interested in having your child participate in the programme please contact the parish office 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 koha will be taken each week
7:30PM to 9:00PM

To inquire/register:
cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?

A Life in the Spirit Seminar is an opportunity to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in a fresh way; it offers the chance for participants to rediscover the power that Jesus gives His people through the Holy Spirit. It is a time to build community and meet new people; that in a world that is torn with conflict and strife it is yet possible to live together in love and peace, be united with all people, and have faith driven homes. 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 for each evening's talk are as follows: 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 of the evening participants break into small groups for sharing.

Curious? Join with us every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm until 9.00pm from the 4th of May to 15th of 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

MAY - MARIAN MONTH

Today marks the start of May. We celebrate Mothers' day next Sunday. May is also the Marian month, in which we celebrate Mary - proclaimed by Pope Saint Paul VI as the "Mother of the Church", in 1964. "God Himself needed a Mother" said Pope Francis, and Jesus Himself gave her to us. "She is the Queen of peace, who triumphs over evil and leads us along paths of goodness, who restores unity to her children, who teaches us compassion".

Let us always remember to pray to Mary, our Mother, and for our mothers, near and far.



"A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength....Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world."

- Pope Francis

WelCom May 2022 edition is distributed this week for Sunday, 1 May.

Contents include:

- Cardinal John Dew – Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' – Mt 7:12
- New Mission and Administration Centre for The Catholic Parish of Napier – Pārihi Katorika ki Ahuriri.
- Hauropi Mariana: A Marian Integral Ecology, Fr Peter Healy sm – a presentation for 7th anniversary of Laudato si'.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Sunday 29 May to Sunday 5 June.
- 'Come, dream with me a dream that is coming true' – a letter to young people from Bishop Cullinane.
- 'The hills are alive with witness – a reflection by Fr James Lyons for the Ascension of Jesus, 29 May, and the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, 31 May.

Plus, more features, local and international news and views, young Church.

If you are visiting someone unable to attend Mass, please take them a copy of WelCom. The next edition of WelCom is a combine edition for **June/July 2022**. The content and advertising deadline is **Monday 16 May 2022**. We invite articles (300 words or less) plus photos – attached as large jpeg files sized 1MB each.

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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

Do You Love Me?



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter was a bit offended that Jesus asked him the same thing three times. After all, Jesus knew everything- so He knew that Peter loved Him.

But think back to a few weeks ago: on Holy Thursday night some people asked Peter if he even knew Jesus, and he said "No!" three times! Maybe Jesus was trying to show Peter that it's easy to say "I love you," but it's harder to really love Him.



If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?" what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are you ready to show your love for Jesus?



Answers to Cross-Word puzzle: Across: 2. weeping 6. rejoicing 8. in 9. helper 11. give 14. dawn 17. moment 21. over 11. give 14. dawn 17. moment 21. over
Down: 1. mourning 3. praise 4. God 5. forever 7. let 9. holy 10. Lord 12. into 13. anger 15. at 16. on 17. any 18. me 19. to 20. be

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The Kids' Bulletin

**Third Sunday of Easter
May 1st, 2022**

The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!

