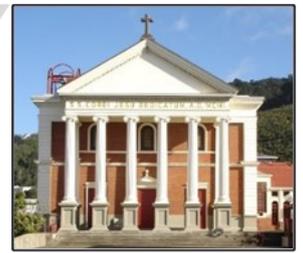




The Cathedral Connection



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

My Jesus

As I was preparing to write this newsletter insert, I was reminded of a recent Country Calendar episode which featured a farm in Papanui, near Taihape where they trained young shepherds. It is fair to say the thought of waking up at 3:30am each morning to rustle up nearly 3,500 sheep takes commitment and love.

On this the 4th Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we are presented with the image of Jesus as a Shepherd. In the Old Testament, there are a number of references to God, as a shepherd, the most famous of which is in Psalm 23 of David's famous picture of God as the Good Shepherd.

In today's Gospel, Jesus however takes on the role of the Shepherd with his opening words " *My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me*" Jesus does not refer to "they are my sheep" but rather "my sheep". To me this is really comforting to know that I am under the protection of Jesus but it does not stop there, because Jesus goes on to say that we also have the protection of his Father "no one" can take them out of the Father's hand" – double protection, what more can we ask for?

With this protection comes a challenge as well – "*they follow me*" – When Jesus called his first disciples, the words he used was "Come, follow me". This was an invitation to join him on his mission. The words spoken today, is more of an expectation that we **will** follow him as our shepherd. So while he will protect us, we also need to do our bit and follow his great example. Jesus was a great example of someone who takes time to pray despite the distractions and demands around him. As we head towards Pentecost Sunday, taking time from our busy days to find a quiet spot to pray and be in the presence of God; a simple act of kindness towards a stranger, or picking up the phone to check how a colleague or family member is doing, now that many people we know are contracting Covid, are some ways of showing our love and the love of God working in us. To me that is following Jesus, my Jesus.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer of Vocations so we pray for all our those who have answered the call to a Vocation or are discerning it. May they be good shepherds to those entrusted to their care and that their flock be supportive to them through prayer and love.

Finally, in the Country Calendar episode I referred to earlier, way before the young shepherds woke up to start their 3:30am shift, someone else was already awake preparing their breakfast and lunch packs. Standing in the kitchen was their "mother" on the farm. So today we also give thanks to all our own mothers on this Mother's Day, those that are still with us and those that have passed on.

Clint Ramoo (Finance Committee Chair)

Readings For The Week

Sunday 8th – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 9th – Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

Tuesday 10th – Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wednesday 11th – Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50

Thursday 12th – Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Friday 13th – Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Saturday 14th – Acts 1:15-17; 20-26; John 15:9-17

Sunday 15th – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-33, 34-35

He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God. And the Church is called to carry on this mission of Christ. Aside from those who participate in our communities, there are many people, the majority, who do so only at particular moments or never. But this does not mean they are not God's children: the Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. - Pope Francis: [Angelus for Good Shepherd Sunday, 25 April 2021](#)

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

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

ROSARY: Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in our Connolly Hall Chapel, all welcome.

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.

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.

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

Children's Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation begins with the Parent's session on 10th May and Children's first session on 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 or mcs.h.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com



St Bernard's College Open Day

St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 28 May 2022 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what we can provide. Our new classrooms will be completed by then and open for visitors to view. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college.

As St Bernard's College has reached its maximum roll, the Board of Trustees will be accepting applications for enrolment in accordance with its enrolment policy. We appreciate your help in completing the preference certificates for us. The closing date for 2023 applications is 8 July 2022.

For further information see our website: www.sbc.school.nz or contact the office at: 183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph: 560 9250
Email: office@sbcschool.nz

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening, and Restoration Campaign

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



HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY!



"I think of you, dear mothers: How much you pray for your children, without getting tired. Continue to pray, to entrust your children to God; He has a great heart!"

- Pope Francis
September 18, 2013

VOCATION SUNDAY

Vocation Sunday – 8th of May 2022

Pope Francis says, *"Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives."*

Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Deacon Alfred, our seminarians, **Matthew**, **Kinh**, **Emilio**, and **Gerson** and for all those discerning the call to priesthood.

Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest?

Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood. Affirm his gifts and qualities.

Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

CONTACT : Fr Andrew Kim, Vocations Director of Archdiocese of Wellington

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Visit www.wellingtonpriests.org Follow us on Facebook: [Wellington Priests](#)



Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, lay pastoral leader life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Please pray for our seminarians



Alfred Tong



Matthew White



Kinh Nguyen



Emilio Capin



Gerson Badayos

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Please keep in your prayers

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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



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

The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?

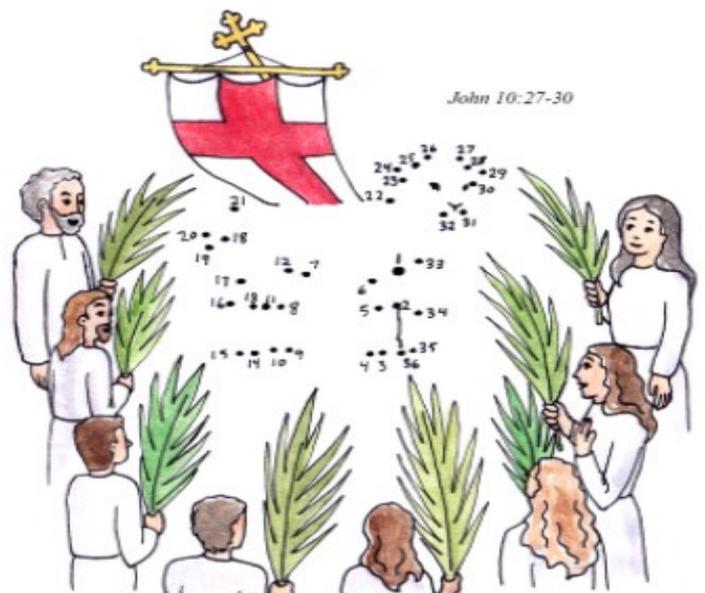


Answer to Word Puzzle: GOOD SHEPHERD

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The Kids' Bulletin

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John 10:27-30

In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.