



# The Cathedral Connection



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

## LOVE

*A thought transfixed me: for the first time in my life, I saw the truth as it is set into song by so many poets, proclaimed as the final wisdom by so many thinkers. The truth – that love is the ultimate and the highest goal to which man can aspire. Then I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and belief have to impart: The salvation of man is through love and in love.*

The above quote is of Dr Viktor Frankl writing from the experience he had living in the trying conditions of the Concentration Camps of World War II. There, he found himself vividly communicating with his wife, whom he had known and deeply loved. Though he didn't know where she was or if she was still alive, it was in the loving memory he had of her, he found a way not only to cope, but a meaning to live for.

If Dr. Frankl had the experience of love that sustained him, what might that mean for us believers especially as Jesus invites us in today's gospel to love as he loves us.

This means we reflect on Christ's love which is one of total self-giving. *Greater love has no one than this, that one should lay down his life for his friends* (Jn15:13) .

It is a love that is faithful despite our insincerities. As the letter to the Romans puts it: *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us* (Rom 5:8)

His love is free and not forced upon him. He freely lays down his life on his own accord (Jn 10:18) having timed his ultimate act of self-giving at the Jewish feast of the Passover when thousands of lambs were being slaughtered in the Jerusalem Temple. He is indeed the true lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. (Jn1:29)

Finally, this act of love is a fruitful love as he bestows on his beloved ones the gift of the Holy Spirit. *God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.* (Rom 5:5). It is that love is ever present.

The experience of Christ's love for us transforms and changes lives. It is the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. To love as Christ loves invites us in turn to live that *agape* love by contemplating it and asking for the grace to live that out.

Fr Alliston



## Readings For The Week

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – 5th Sunday of Easter

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

Love of neighbour, grounded in the love of God, is first and foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful, but it is also a responsibility for the entire ecclesial community at every level: from the local community to the particular Church and to the Church universal in its entirety. As a community, the Church must practise love.

Pope Benedict XVI: [Deus Caritas Est](#) (paragraph 20), 2005

## OUR MISSION & VISION

To joyfully share God's love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary

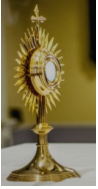


METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL  
OF THE SACRED HEART

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

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday



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.

### 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.



**Divine Mercy Devotions** - Sunday 6:00pm-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.

**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



### Restarting Hospitality events.



Hospitality is one of the great ways of meeting fellow Parishioners and welcoming new members to our Parish. Over the last two years we have had very few opportunities to do this. After careful consideration, the Parish Leadership Team in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Parish Finance Committee has decided to reintroduce hospitality events from the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 while still ensuring that we adhere to the guidance set out by the Archbishop.

Your safety however remains our primary concern and therefore the protocols for Mass attendance will remain the same until advised otherwise. The planned hospitality events will primarily take place after Masses on a Saturday and Sunday as well as on our Parish Feast Day but may also include other Parish events. The decision to attend these events is entirely up to you and as always we will respect your decision to attend or not.

As with all things, the staging of these events is subject to change depending on government rules or directives from the Archbishop.



**Can you help our Parish School?** The school are once again looking for tutor readers to come into the school and listen to children read - grandparents, parents or other family members are welcome. For further details, please see the link: [https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/file/media/3715/parent\\_tutor\\_readers.pdf](https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/file/media/3715/parent_tutor_readers.pdf)

Welcome to the latest edition of our Schoolzine eNewsletter!

Visit this link to view your newsletter: <https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=167>

### 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](mailto:cathedral.music@wn.catholic.org.nz) or call 021 288 4388.

### 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](http://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz) and please mention it to your friends too.



### COVID-19 MEASURES

In the Orange setting of 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.

## MARIAN MONTH

Speaking to pilgrims during his May 1 Regina Coeli address, Pope Francis noted that for Catholics, the month of May is dedicated in a special way to the Mother of God, and urged individual believers and faith communities to pray the rosary every day for peace.

"My thoughts turn immediately to the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, the 'City of Mary,' barbarously bombed and destroyed," he said, referring to the key port town where some 200 civilians have been trapped as Russian forces continue their offensive to take the city.

Pope Francis appealed for humanitarian corridors so civilians can safely evacuate and questioned the political resolve for peacemaking.

"Please do not surrender to the logic of violence, to the perverse spiral of weapons. Let us take the path of dialogue and peace," he said.

### The Ancient Prayer to the Virgin Mary

This prayer, first found in a Greek papyrus, c. 300, is the oldest known prayer to the Virgin.

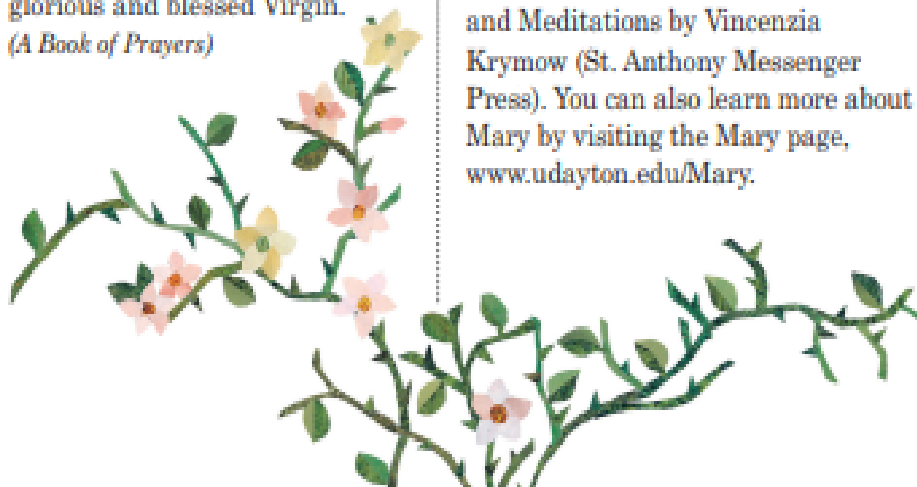
We turn to you for protection,  
holy Mother of God.

Listen to our prayers

and help us in our needs.

Save us from every danger,  
glorious and blessed Virgin.

*(A Book of Prayers)*



### Mary Gardens

Over the centuries, various legends have developed around Mary. Many of these are associated with flowers that are said to have bloomed at different points in her life. Such stories gave rise to the planting of gardens dedicated to Mary that provided ideal places to meditate and pray. To learn more, see the book, *Mary's Flowers: Gardens, Legends, and Meditations* by Vincenzia Krymow (St. Anthony Messenger Press). You can also learn more about Mary by visiting the Mary page, [www.udayton.edu/Mary](http://www.udayton.edu/Mary).

### National Prayer for Vulnerable Children in Aotearoa

The prayer for vulnerable children will begin on Sunday, 15th of May 2022 and end with a special National prayer event on the 15th of June via zoom. (People can also pray at home or in their prayer groups on this day).

We encourage people if they can, to pray the 'Project Innocence Prayer' every day i.e., the 15th of May until Wednesday the 15th of June.

Further details for the zoom prayer event on the 15th of June 2022 is available from: <https://charisnz.com/>

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Co-Ordinator for Human Promotion  
(Promoting service of the poor and social action) Project Innocence  
CHARIS NZ

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

### First Reconciliation:

Let us pray for those preparing for their First Reconciliation. During our Sunday 10.30am Mass the Candidates preparing for this sacrament will be presented and prayed for. In this way the parish acknowledges, supports and welcomes the children who are beginning their preparation for First Reconciliation. As members of the same faith community we are all invited to support and nourish our parish and her members. This wonderful opportunity also serves to remind us all about the ongoing initiation of new members, the responsibility and need of the entire community to pray for members of our faith community who are preparing for the Sacraments, and the need to continually model Christian love and service.

Please remember each of these young people in your prayers: Bella Bermillo, Rafael Billones, Mariajose Correa-Cazares, Elijah Dorn, Riva Fernandez, Dishan Fernando, KellanHibbert, Jaiden Lam, Andre Manalili, Azaria Manu'a, Madeleine Manu'a, Tiara Nguyen, Indira Rafter, Sebastian Rojas Fletcher Ryan, Ellie Tana, Dominic Wells, James Wells, Charles Whitaker. Also those that have joined since printing this newsletter.

### Blessings To You



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<https://www.facebook.com/MCSHWWellington/>

**Parish Pastoral Leadership Team**

- Debbie Matheson: **Parish Leader / Lay Pastoral Leader**

- Fr Ron Bennett: **Parish Moderator**

- Fr Alliston Fernandes

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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 New Commandment**

In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they should live and what they should and shouldn't do. Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His followers a new one, something different than any of the others:

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

The love that Jesus was talking about is called charity. It means doing what is best for a person. Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. Even when you know something bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them.

Always speak kindly about people. Saying bad things about others can hurt them.

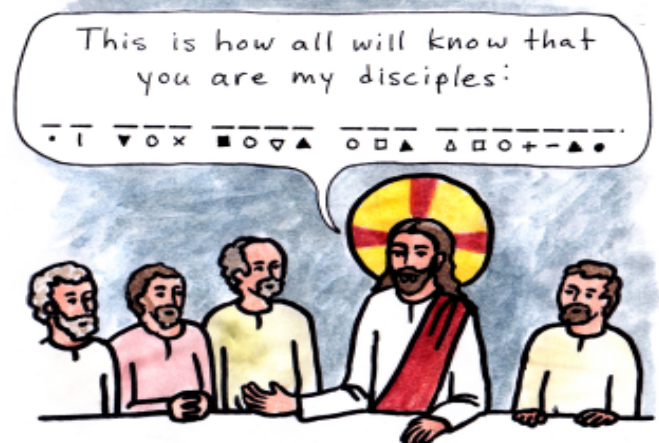


Always act kindly toward others. Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. Show that you are a follower of Jesus by how you love others!

Answer to Word-Find: If you love one another again  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

**The Kids' Bulletin**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 15th, 2022**



**What did Jesus tell His disciples in today's Gospel reading? Use the code below to find out!**

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John 13:31-35