



The Cathedral Connection



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

‘PRAISE BE TO YOU...’

On 24 May 2015 Pope Francis signed his encyclical letter *Laudato Si’: On Care for our Common Home*. Taking its title from Saint Francis’s hymn of praise, ‘Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth...’ the encyclical is a sustained meditation on God’s goodness as expressed in the small fragile planet we all call home, which feeds us and sustains us. (Personally, I think it is one of the most important pieces of church teaching in my lifetime. You can download the encyclical [here](#)).



Even before it was published on 18 June that year, there was some anticipation about what the encyclical would say about climate change. It said plenty about this most critical matter, but that was by no means Francis’s only concern. Francis had much to say about making cities liveable, about pollution of air, water, and soil, about waste, about the depletion of the oceans. More generally, human-induced extinctions mean that ‘Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right’.

Drawing on Scripture and tradition, as well as contemporary voices, *Laudato Si’* is an urgent plea to cease, and reverse, environmental destruction. Climate change is a real and present emergency, ‘one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day’. Dealing with climate change, and other dimensions of the ecological crisis, calls for urgent ‘changes of lifestyle, production and consumption’.

All of creation, then, is to be treasured, and – when we use it – to be used wisely. Above all, we need to think of future generations, and to realise that ecological justice and social justice go together.

Laudato Si’ continues to prompt reflection and action in dioceses, parishes, and other contexts. In reading it, I find myself thinking how many other prophetic voices, from outside as well as inside the church, call us to an ethic of care for creation. In the end, the issues are ethical and spiritual.

Jim McAloon

Readings For The Week

- Sunday 22nd – 6th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29
- Monday 23rd** – Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
- Tuesday 24th** – Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
- Wednesday 25th** – Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15
- Thursday 26th** – Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
- Friday 27th** – Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
- Saturday 28th** – Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
- Sunday 29th – 7th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

A prayer for our earth - Pope Francis: [Laudato Si’](#)

OUR MISSION & VISION

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



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 from 8.30 am until 7 pm at Connolly hall. Please contact Sr. Marie Gore if you would like to participate on a regular basis and commit to one hour, or just pop in for a visit for a few minutes.

mariegore023@gmail.com

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



To prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, there is an opportunity to gather for a time of recollection. This will be held on June 4th at 9:30am in Connolly Hall. This will include Praise & Worship, a talk by Fr Alliston, eucharistic adoration, and a chance to avail of the sacrament of reconciliation. We should conclude by 11:30am. Hoping to see you there!

RESUMING HOSPITALITY EVENTS



We wish to resume hospitality (morning tea) again after the **10.30am Mass** from Sunday **4th June**.

This is a shout out to you all to see if there is anyone interested in taking a turn to host the morning teas. At this stage we only have three Sundays catered for. Would you be willing to take a turn every fourth weekend? Do you know anyone who would be prepared to do it?

This is such an important hospitality ministry, so if you can help or would like further information, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

HOLY HOUR ON 24 MAY

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 24 May** in **Connolly Hall Chapel** beginning at **7.30pm** 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.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 29 MAY TO 5 JUNE 2022

Dear friends,

On January 25, 1959, in the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, Pope John XXIII announced his intention to convoke an ecumenical council. It was at the closing ceremony for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been a formal cooperative work involving the Holy See and the World Council of Churches since 1958. Times of prayer for Christian Unity date back to the 1700s.

The Week of Prayer takes place in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday (29 May-5 June). The theme this year is "**We saw his star in the east, and we came to worship him**", from Matthew's account of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus.



The star of Bethlehem has meaning beyond Christmas. It is a sign that God calls his people to unity, walks with them, feels their pain, hears their cries, and shows them compassion. It reassures us that though circumstances change and terrible disasters may happen, God's faithfulness is unfailing.

I ask you to pray this week for Christian unity, even for just a few minutes, so that the witness of all those who follow Christ may be a star, a light for the world. You will find resources to help your prayer on your diocesan website and on <https://catholic.org.nz/>.

Cardinal John A Dew

President, New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

MARIAN MONTH

Over the holidays **Jesse Harte** and **Pita Pekepō** completed a mural outside Room 3 at **Sacred Heart Cathedral School**. The inspiration for the mural was **Māmā Mary and her connection to Aotearoa and Sacred Heart Cathedral School**. Jesse has written a short blurb on his inspiration and the meaning behind the mural.

Ngā mihi nui Kia Jesse raua ko Pita. Ka mau te wehi!

This piece has a close connection for myself and artist, Pita Pekepō as we have used the image of Pita's mother as the central figure of this work and Pita himself as the pēpi she carries. She has been the maternal figure for Pita of course, but also played a great motherly figure throughout my own childhood. Pita and I have been the closest of friends from a young age, which allowed us to put emotional depth within the art. I was asked to reflect an image of mother Mary with connection to Aotearoa and I was instantly drawn to Hine Pekepō to represent this holy mother figure. Further, we have featured the now extinct sacred bird of Aotearoa, the Huia. This is purposely the female species of the bird with the extended curved beak, this, in turn, continues to carry on the matriarchal theme of the piece.

We then finished this theme with the Matariki star formation. Showing Matariki and her six daughters, Ururangi, Waipunarangi, Tupu-ā-rangi, Tupu-ā-nuku, Waitā and Waitī. We can then remember the gifts they bring to us and Papatūānuku each year. With all this together we hope to show our gratitude to each feminine figure that have gifted our lives with their wisdom, love, joy, and beauty which can be reflected in either these sacred stories of old or the Wāhine in our everyday lives.

Jesse Harte



St Patrick's College Open Day Tours – June 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa

It is with pleasure that I invite you to register to attend one of our Open Day Tours which are to be held on Tuesday **14 June** between **10.00am to 11.30am** and from **12.30pm to 2.00pm**, and again on Thursday **16 June** at the same times.

To make a booking please either email admin@stpats.school.nz with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see a drop down menu labelled 'Enrol' and if you click on that and scroll down you will see a tab for Open Day. Open this section and click on the Blue button – book here. Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time. A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

Open Day is a chance for parents to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9 to 13.

Mike Savali
TUMUAKI |RECTOR

Tuesday 24 May, 7.30-8.30pm Online seminar: Hauropi Mariana – Marian Integral Ecology: Fr Peter Healy will introduce a developing Marist ecological spirituality linking Mariology, sustainable gardening practices and care of our common home. Registration: Please email Lisa Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz for registration.

A Zoom link and some background reading will be forwarded before the online seminar. This seminar is hosted by the Integral Ecology Committee of the Archdiocese of Wellington Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. All welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of our Schoolzine eNewsletter!



Visit the link below to view your newsletter:
<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=168>



CLC Christian Life Community will be starting an Introductory **Ignatian Spirituality Group** on Thursday **16th of June** from 10am, at St Thomas More Church, Wilton. If you are interested in attending please contact **Maureen Mckillop** on [0211349370](tel:0211349370) or **Susan Chrisp** at chrisp.s@xtra.co.nz

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- 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)



Marie Byrne

Mass offered for

Herminia Carpe Montes RIP
18 May

Anniversaries:

Eileen Romanos - 22 May

Paul Guerin - 23 May

Robert (Bob) Thomson - 23 May

Eduardo Pangilinan - 26 May

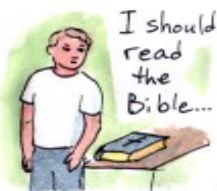
May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace, Amen.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.

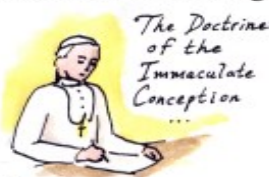


I should read the Bible...

would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22nd, 2022



Today's second reading tells about the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city. Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks...

The city has no need of sun or moon because

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

will be its light.

Rev.21:22-23

Answers to Match-up puzzle: 1-E, 2-F, 3-A, 4-C, 5-E, 6-G, 7-B.
Answer to puzzle on front: The glory of God.
John 14:23-29