



The Cathedral Connection



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Ascension Sunday can seem an unusual Feast, sandwiched between Easter and Pentecost. On one hand we have Easter, a time of great celebration, and on the other, Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

But in-between, what? In-between Easter and Pentecost is Ascension Sunday. It is a going away of Jesus but also a waiting for the Spirit. The disciples cannot do anything because the spirit has not yet come!

The difficulty of course is that the easter events may have happened very quickly, sort of 'on top of one another.' The church has spaced them out for us, giving us an order to follow.

Today's readings are full of hope. Luke wrote a 2-volume work - Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke. We begin with Acts – Luke writes to Theophilus, telling him of his 1st work, the life of Jesus, from its earthly beginning until after his death and resurrection, when he was taken up into heaven.

The 2nd reading is Paul writing to the Ephesians – often called the Ephesian hymn – it is a writing of pure beauty. In the Greek it is one long sentence! It is a beautiful passage for reflection.

Luke's Gospel gives his 2nd account of the Ascension. In both accounts there is a sense of mission, and of excitement. That is no different from ourselves. The mission given to the early disciples is ours also – to spread the Good News of Jesus to a hungry world.

The Feast of the Ascension is important. It is a celebration of the life of Jesus – pre and post resurrection, and the promise of the spirit to come.

Fr Ron



Readings For The Week

Sunday 29th May – 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

Monday 30th – Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tuesday 31st – Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday 1st June – Acts 20:28-38; John 17: 11-19

Thursday 2nd – Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Friday 3rd – Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19

Saturday 4th – Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sunday 5th – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16,23-26

God always reveals himself by communicating freely; and man and woman are asked to tune in, to be willing to listen. The Lord explicitly calls the human person to a covenant of love, so that they can fully become what they are: the image and likeness of God in his capacity to listen, to welcome, to give space to others. Fundamentally, listening is a dimension of love.

Pope Francis: [Message for World Communications Day](#), 29 May 2022

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

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!

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

Sacred Heart Cathedral Prayer Group - We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All are welcome.



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



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.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 28 MAY TO 5 JUNE 2022

“We saw his star in the east, and we came to worship him.”

Matthew 2:2

Below is an excerpt from the Homily of Pope Francis on 25 January 2022. The Week of prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in January in the Northern Hemisphere.

In Bethlehem, after they had fallen down in adoration, the Magi opened their treasure chests and there appeared gold, frankincense and myrrh (cf. v. 11). These gifts remind us that, only after we have prayed together, only in the presence of God and in his light, do we become truly aware of the treasures that each of us possesses. They are treasures, however, that belong to all, and are meant to be shared. For they are gifts of the Spirit, destined for the common good, for the upbuilding and unity of his people. We come to see this by prayer, but also by service: when we give to those in need, we make our offering to Jesus, who identifies with those who are poor and on the margins (cf. Mt 25:34-40); and he makes us one.

The gifts of the Magi symbolize the gifts the Lord desires to receive from us. God must be given the gold, that which is most precious, because the first place must always go to God. It is to him that we should look, not to ourselves; to his will, not our own; to his ways, not our own. If the Lord is truly in the first place, our choices, including our ecclesiastical choices, can no longer be based on the politics of this world, but on the will of God. Then there is the incense, which recalls the 3 importance of prayer, which rises up to God as a pleasing fragrance (cf. Ps 141:2). May we never tire of praying for one another and with one another. Finally, there is the myrrh, which would be used to honour the body of Jesus taken down from the cross (cf. Jn 19:39), and which speaks to us of care for the suffering flesh of the Lord, reflected in the wounds of the poor. Let us serve those in need. Together, let us serve the suffering Jesus!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us take from the Magi directions for our own journey, and do as they did, returning home “by another road” (Mt 2:12). Like Saul before his encounter with Christ, we need to change course, to invert the route of our habits and our ways, in order to find the path that the Lord points out to us: the path of humility, fraternity and adoration.

O Lord, grant us the courage to change course, to be converted, to follow your will and not our own; to go forward together, towards you, who by your Spirit wish to make us one. Amen.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AGM 2022



The **Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Music** at the **Metropolitan Cathedral** will be held on **Sunday 12th June 2022 at 7:30pm**. All members and any others interested are invited to attend. Because of the ongoing coronavirus situation, we will be hosting this meeting virtually.

To register for a link to the meeting and for further details of the agenda please email: FSHCM.Secretary@gmail.com. Nominations and expressions of interest to join the Committee or nominate others are also welcome.

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

Parish resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are now available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website. The week is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, so this year's week is from 29 May to 5 June. The resources are also handy for individuals, especially the Eight Days of Prayer section. The chosen theme for 2022 is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him," and is based on Matthew 2:2. Click here for the full resources: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022/>



MORNING TEA: With the recent increase of reported COVID cases the decision to restart our Morning Tea has been reviewed and the resumption date has been deferred. We know many will be disappointed by this but the safety of all is paramount. We will keep you informed.

In the meantime we still are looking for people 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.

As part of **Te Kupenga-Catholic Theological College (CTC)** online event series, we have one happening on **Thursday 02 June from 6:30-8:00pm** entitled "**Transformation and Our Missionary Impulse**" which aims to reflect on the transformative practice of evangelising in our ministries. This will be presented by **Brendan Bergin** of the Catholic Education of Auckland Diocese and a CTC Lecturer.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-yorTwsE91fEg4RythvjbH0g3gZTt>



**Interchurch Council
for Hospital Chaplaincy (ICHC)**

ICHC offers spiritual care to all within Aotearoa New Zealand's Healthcare environment. We show compassion that fuels hope, healing, and peace amid suffering.

Feedback from a patient "*The visits to my bedside to share prayer and the Word blessed me and I believe helped my recovery.*"

To find out more about our ministry please visit our website: www.ichc.org.nz

We need your support through **prayer, giving** or as a **volunteer**



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 required inside the building.
3. Hand sanitising is still highly encouraged.
4. No physical contact sign of peace and no holy water.
5. No singing.
6. Collection plates will be passed around.

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



Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married.

There are 2 more weekends in 2022. (**16 -17th July and 12-13th November**). The weekends are held at the Catholic Presbytery, 301 Karori Road. It is a two day, live out weekend. We have had excellent feedback from couples who have participated over the years.

For more details go to our website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson.

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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

For all the dead. Those near and dear to us and those who have no one to pray for them



ANNIVERSARIES:

Eduardo Pangilinan - 26 May

Anthony Wilson - 4 Jun

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

Answers to True or False: 1. True, 2. True, 3. False, 4. True, 5. False, 6. True, 7. True.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension
May 26th or 29th, 2022



Luke 24:46-53

Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?

Colour in the spaces with crosses (+) to find out!