



# The Cathedral Connection



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Corpus Christi

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Belief in the Eucharist is central to our life as Catholics. The readings today play out that theme.

The short first reading from Genesis brings in the shadowy figure of Melchizedek and the idea of priesthood. At a priestly ordination, the words are used 'You are a priest forever, according to the Order of Melchizedek.' Those words are special to me today, as 50 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1972, I was ordained a priest at Sacred Heart Church, Petone.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Paul tells the Church at Corinth the story of the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, and the command to continue celebrating it. The Eucharist is central to all our lives. It is something we do together. Yes, we do need the priest, but it is a priestly action that involves us all – whether it is in singing, prayer, silence, proclaiming, distributing. It is something we do together. There are no passive spectators.

The Gospel chosen is not about the institution of the Eucharist but one of 6 accounts of Jesus feeding the crowds. But these accounts all point to the Eucharist as the same words are used by Jesus – he took.... blessed.... broke....and gave (as also when Jesus eats with the disciples going to Emmaus.)

The emphasis on the quantity of food produced – enough for 'five thousand men' points to the prodigality of the action – 'they ate as much as they wanted' – this is not ration food, but a generous banquet.

The fact that there was so much left over reinforces that, but also, perhaps, indicates that Jesus' bounty provides also for others. We receive the Eucharist in order to give Christ's life to others. Pope Benedict said that if we do not share and live out the Eucharist in our daily live, then it is intrinsically fragmented! It is not all that it is meant to be.

*Fr Ron Bennett (Moderator)*



## Readings For The Week

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Corpus Christi Sunday

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** – 2 Kings 17:5-8;13-15,18 Matthew 7:1-5

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** – 2 Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36; Matthew 7:6,12-14

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 2 Kings 22:8-13,23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Isaiah 49:1-6; Luke 1:57-66,80

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Ezekiel 34:11-16; Luke 15:3-7

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19; Luke 2:41-51

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:16,19-21; Galatians 5:1,13-18; Luke 9:51-62

Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion and to share what we are with him and with our neighbour. Our life will then be truly fruitful.

*Pope Francis: [Homily on the feast of Corpus Christi](#), May 2013*

## 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All are welcome.



Welcome to the latest edition of our Schoolzine eNewsletter!

Visit this link to view your newsletter:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=172>



### 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](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)

**FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION**



**Please keep our parish children making their first reconciliation on Sunday in your prayers:**

Andre Manalili, Azaria Manu'a, Bella Bermillo, Cassie Elbao, Charles Whitaker, Dishan Fernando, Dominic Wells, Elijah Dorn, Ellie Tana, Ethan O'Leary, Fletcher Ryan, George Stephens, Indira Rafter, Jaiden Lam, James Wells, Jiezl De Guzman, Kellan Hibbert, Kialani Wilson, Layana Mainu'u, Leah Abro, Madeleine Manu'a, Mariajose Correa-Cazares, Michael Gayotin, Rafael Billones, Reid Felise, Riva Fernandez, Sebastian Rojas, Tiara Nguyen.

### RESUMPTION OF PARISH SINGING AND HOSPITALITY:

Following continued cases of Covid in our parish community, we are continuing to act cautiously in relation to the reintroduction of singing and regular hospitality. At the Parish Feast Day on 24<sup>th</sup> June the singing of responses to parts of the Mass will be resumed. Hospitality in the form of drinks and individual offering of food will be made available during hospitality after the Feast Day Mass. Normal weekend hospitality will resume from 3<sup>rd</sup> July with tea and coffee only at this point. From 2/3 July we will resume singing the responsorial psalm with a cantor leading the singing and the response sung by the congregation. Decisions regarding the resumption of further singing will be reviewed in mid July.

## FUTURE PARISH DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR - ALL ARE WELCOME

**18 June:** Drinks and fellowship after 5.30pm Vigil Mass to celebrate Fr Ron's 50th Jubilee of Ordination .

**24 June:** Parish Feast Day and Matariki (Public Holiday) Mass Celebrated by Cardinal John (Connolly Hall Chapel) at 10.00am followed by Fellowship in the Cathedral Foyer.

**23 July:** Parish Formation Days - More information to follow

**31 July:** Parish AGM after 10.30am Sunday Mass



## FUNDRAISING



**Cathedral Restoration Fundraiser**



Vegetarian Roti Wraps \$4 each



Beef Roti Wraps \$ 5 each

Pre-order for pick-up on 2nd July 2022 at 5.30pm Vigil

Orders will be taken after the Vigil Mass each weekend until 25th June 2022 or email Sandra at [cramoo01@gmail.com](mailto:cramoo01@gmail.com)

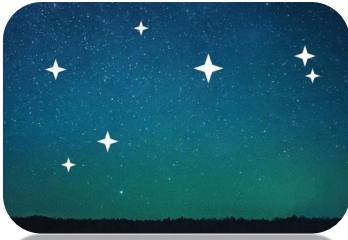
### Used Stamps – A Mission Effort in which “Tui Motu” is involved

There are not many used stamps around but any you get at home or at work please leave on the envelope and bring to Church. They will be cut to size so privacy will be maintained as much as possible. Please leave at: **Wilton – Box on the table in foyer; Connolly Hall Chapel – Box in the kitchen.**

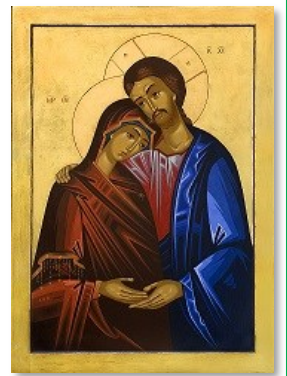
## Feast of the Sacred Heart and Matariki

This year our Parish Feast Day of the Sacred Heart falls on the same day as New Zealand celebrates Matariki as a public holiday for the first time. One of the traditional aspects of Matariki includes the remembrance of those who have died in the previous year.

While Western European Catholicism traditionally has a focus on prayer for people who have died in November of each year, other communities of the Eastern Catholic rites and Orthodox traditions have traditionally marked this prayer for the dead in the season following Easter, while some link this to the parish's own feast day.



This year, to mark this convergence of Matariki and our parish feast day, our parish feast day will include special prayer for all our parishioners and loved ones who have died in the past year.



## Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has dedicated Sunday 19 June as the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants. This occurs in 2022 at the same time as the Feast of Corpus Christi, where we celebrate Christ's presence in the Eucharist, and hear the Gospel of Jesus feeding a huge crowd of people.

At our Saturday Vigil Mass, we are privileged to have Sr Margaret Anne Mills OMC as a guest speaker. Sr Margaret Anne is Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Compassion and will share some recent experiences of offering hospitality to new refugee arrivals. An edited version of her talk will be available on the parish website and Facebook page during the next week.

## Prayer Reflection

"If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world .... In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action. Therefore we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be." - Pedro Arrupe SJ, Servant of God.

Refugees and migrants travel to Aotearoa New Zealand for many reasons, such as safety and security, new beginnings and opportunities for future generations, to be with loved ones, and to be part of Aotearoa New Zealand.

- As we receive the Bread of Life, how can we also give it, as a Church that reaches out and looks after refugees and migrants?
- How are we breaking down barriers of "us and them" and widening to be "we", one human family?



The Climate Actions Programme invites each local religious community to send their climate action story, maybe with a photo, to [admin@rdc.org.nz](mailto:admin@rdc.org.nz) so it can be loaded onto the website. Planting trees, cleaning a stream, building a bicycle rack - every action - large or small - matters.

The stories will be added to a Climate Actions section on the RDC website, [www.rdc.org.nz](http://www.rdc.org.nz)

**Together we will 'Build a Climate of Hope: E tū te mana o Te Ao'.**



**Final opportunity to give to the Bishops' Lent 2022 appeal**

Caritas is still accepting donations, either in a Lenten or marked "Lent" envelope in Mass, or online through its website at [www.caritas.org.nz/donate](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate). You can also contact Caritas directly either by email at [caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:caritas@caritas.org.nz), or by phone on **0800 22 10 22**.

Thank you again for your generosity.

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## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

If you didn't get a chance to join the parish seminar then here is another opportunity:

WHEN:  
**Saturday, 23 July (9:30am - 4:30pm)** \*lunch provided  
**Sunday, 24 July (1:30pm - 4:30pm)**

WHERE:  
**St John's Anglican Church  
18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville**

REGISTRATION LINK:  
<https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPq7E8TiCb6>

CONTACT EMAIL: [lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com](mailto:lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com)

## 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. Mask wearing is required inside the building.
2. Hand sanitising is still highly encouraged.
3. No physical contact sign of peace and no holy water.
4. No singing.

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



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**Parish Pastoral Leadership Team**

- Debbie Matheson: **Parish Leader / Lay Pastoral Leader**
- Fr Ron Bennett: **Parish Moderator**
- Fr Alliston Fernandes

**Music Coordinator/Leader:**

Lisa Beech

**Secretary:**

Frank Doherty

**Office Hours:**

10.00 am - 4.30 pm Tues, Thurs, Fri.

**Parish Council Chair:**

Randy Reyes

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**Principal:** Bernadette Murfitt

**DRS:** John Grevatt

**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

June Swain



**Mass offered for**

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



Gerardine Mollo - Sister of Sr Marie - RIP  
13 June

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mick Robbers - 14 Jun

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**



**The Body and Blood of Christ**

When Jesus went back to Heaven He didn't want to leave us all alone, so He gave Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. First He gave Himself to the Apostles at the Last Supper, and today He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Normally when we eat something it gets absorbed into our body. But receiving Jesus in Holy Communion does something different. It makes us more into Jesus' Body! It brings our soul closer to God and closer to all the other people in the Church. That's what "Communion" means.

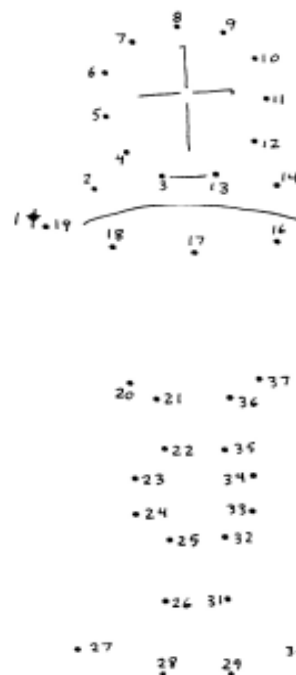
When we go to Communion in a state of grace we can get so much more grace from God. Our venial (small) sins can be taken away and we can get more strength to do His will. In fact, the time that your prayers are the most powerful is right after you receive Holy Communion, when Jesus is right inside you. He is your closest friend and only wants what is good for you. When you go to Communion remember Who you just received and don't forget to thank Him for coming to you!

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle: top: 3, 6 middle: 5, 1 bottom: 2, 4

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**The Kids' Bulletin**

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ  
Sunday June 19th, 2022



*Today is the feast day of the Body and Blood of Jesus.*

*When He died on the cross He offered up His Body and Blood for us.*

*Jesus also gave us His Body and Blood to eat and drink at the Last Supper.*

*Connect the dots to see where He comes to us now!*

Luke 9:11b-17