



The Cathedral Connection



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Being neighbourly = Being Holy

As a young boy, the story of the Good Samaritan always made me feel good, mainly because not only was I friends with the boys next door but also with a boy a few houses down the road and better still two boys on the other side of the road, all of whom I shared my lollies with, well sometimes. I really felt that I was doing what Jesus asked us to do, that is, everyone is your neighbour and you should love them. Forty to fifty years later I have learnt that it takes more than sharing a few lollies to be a good neighbour, but it certainly is a start.

In Gaudete et exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad), Pope Francis carries on the teaching of Jesus by reminding us about the Saints “next door”. He writes

“I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile.

Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence. We might call them “the middle class of holiness” (para.7)

Pope Francis reminds us that being holy does not require us to be beatified and canonized but that the Holy Spirit bestows holiness on us in abundance. That holiness is reflected in how we treat those around us – with respect, patience, love and mercy. It is in these small acts of love that Jesus is present. Pope Francis tells us that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details:

“The little detail that wine was running out at a party.

The little detail that one sheep was missing.

The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.

The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.

The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.

The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak” (para. 144).

The final words in today’s Gospel are “Go and do likewise”. Jesus is very simply telling us to follow the example of the Samaritan by showing compassion and love to those we meet in our lives. This is not an easy thing to do because Jesus is asking us to respond to the needs of others. As humans we are wired to put our own needs above that of others, our modern world encourages such behaviour – selfies, parading our personal achievements on social media and so on. Jesus asks us to do the little things without expecting anything in return other than being holy. Each one of us has it in us to show the small act of kindness to a family member, friend, work colleague or a stranger. When the next opportunity comes along, take it, you have nothing to lose.

Clint Ramoo - Chair, Parish Finance Committee

Readings For The Week

Sunday 10th – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Monday 11th – Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday 12th – Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday 13th – Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday 14th – Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday 15th – Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday 16th – Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday 17th – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan.

Pope Francis: [Fratelli Tutti](#) paragraph 67, 2020

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 6pm-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 5pm-5.30pm there is an opportunity to be nourished by the Word of God, coming together in an online 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-9pm. All are welcome.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Session



A reminder of the refresher training and formation session is being held on Saturday 9th July at 3.30pm and Tuesday 12th July 7.00pm, both at St Thomas More church. All ministers are required to attend one of the two sessions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday



Every Thursday from 8.30am until 7pm 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

PARISH FORMATION DAY

The Parish Pastoral Council, together with the Archdiocesan Church Mission team, invite all parishioners to an interactive conversation focussing on building community during this messy time of transition as we work toward the reopening of the Cathedral. Together we will draw out what is important to us.

Please come and join us on **Saturday 23 July 10am-12.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria**. We will begin with a cup of tea and end with an opportunity to continue conversations and fellowship over a packed lunch. Please bring your own lunch.



Day of Prayer for Seafarers

Let us pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families. Away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean, seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. On Sea Sunday 10 July, we pray especially for these 1.3 million hardworking men and women who are often forgotten. More information on the **Apostleship of the Sea Aotearoa New Zealand** <https://aos.org.nz/>



APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA
NEW ZEALAND

Prayer for Seafarers: Heavenly Father: we pray to You for those on the perilous ocean that You will embrace them with your mighty protection and grant them success in all their rightful undertakings. Grant them in all hours of need to see that they have a God who remembers them, and grant them grace in the hour of danger to commit their souls into Your hands. O Lord Jesus Christ, who can rebuke the storm and bring it to silence, and lay the roaring waves to rest, show them who call to You out of the deep that You hear their prayer and will save them. And finally bring us all to the only safe port. Amen.

CATHOLIC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Financial assistant/Donation Processor – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. We work in partnership and solidarity with communities throughout the world, to promote human dignity and the common good. We are looking for a financial assistant/Processor in a fixed term (12 months) to help efficiently and effectively process donations towards the work of Caritas. This role is based in the Wellington office of Caritas at 204 Thorndon Quay. Training will be provided. Attention to detail, speed, accuracy and good communication skills are important for the success of an applicant. Applications can be made to amandag@caritas.org.nz and must be received by 5pm, 22 July 2022. They should include a resume and cover letter. For more information about Caritas visit caritas.org.nz

Community Facilitator – Wellington Catholic Social Services

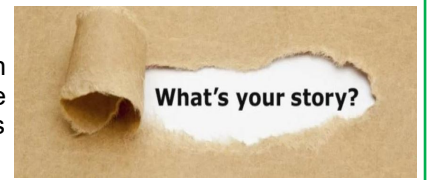
Permanent part-time position—30 hours (4 days per week)

Wellington Catholic Social Services (CSS) is looking for a resourceful, persistent and energetic human to join our team to take on and develop the role of Community Facilitator. This role covers some key tasks: Identify, develop and lead any new projects that enable CSS to reach into the community to achieve our mandate to work effectively on the margins; Work alongside our parishes to identify projects that focus on the issues of poverty and marginalization; Lead out the Archdiocese response to refugee resettlement in the Wellington region in partnership with our key partners; Identify, develop and support volunteer opportunities

This role requires knowledge and understanding of Catholic Social Teaching; strong interpersonal and administrative skills; patience and determination. For a copy of the role description, please email: reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

FAITH STORIES – WHAT IS YOURS?

During August there are several opportunities to join a group of 8-10 fellow parishioners in small groups to share your “faith story”. So, what is your faith story and why are we inviting you to share it with others? Your faith story can be an inspiration to others, it helps to more deeply connect people and it can strengthen and enlarge community.



As we share our faith stories our community grows in richness, compassion, and love. A more intimate knowledge of each other helps us to be better equipped to offer our support, to connect through joint experiences or opportunities that may arise from shared interests, activities, service.

When sharing your faith story you are invited to share why you continue to walk the Christian path. Share aspect/s of your faith that excite you; have drawn you closer to God; areas of your faith that you would like to explore more or become more involved in and are passionate about?

The Faith stories sessions will run for approximately 1 hour over three consecutive weeks. We hope you will come along and join one of the groups and get to know more about the people in our community.

Wednesdays 10.30-11.30am – 3rd, 10th, 17th August at Cathedral Foyer

Wednesdays 7.00-8.00pm – 3rd, 10th, 17th August at Connolly Hall Chapel

Saturdays 3.30-4.30pm – 6th, 13th, 20th August at St. Thomas More Church lounge

To register your interest please contact the parish office on 496 1700 or cathedral.pariah@wn.catholic.org.nz

Compassion News

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Every Monday, 7pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christians.

ALL are welcome.

A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert

Thursday 14 JULY, 10:30am-2:30pm

Venue: Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. There is no fee, however, a koha is greatly appreciated.

Registration required – email sr.sue@compassion.org.nz or ph. (04) 383-7769

EAT MY LUNCH - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We're a social enterprise on a mission to feed Kiwi kids at school who would otherwise go without. Every lunch someone buys, means we can give a lunch to a Kiwi kid in need. It's a little gesture that makes a big difference. We currently provide lunches for 12 schools around Wellington, including Sacred Heart Cathedral School, and we couldn't do it without the help of our amazing volunteers. We make sandwiches from 6.45am-8.30am at our Arthur Street kitchen and get volunteer drivers to help us deliver them to the schools from 9am-11am.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends and to give back to the community. If there are any parents who would like to support us by doing deliveries or sandwich making, we would love to meet you! For more information email kiaora@eatmylunch.nz or sign up via our website: eatmylunch.nz

“The only constant in Life is Change”



Seasons for Growth small group programme for adults:

For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences.

We may not choose the changes in our lives – but we can choose how we meet them.

Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults with companion Bridgett Parkin:
Dates: 4 September, six consecutive Sundays, 2pm-4.30pm (participants to attend all six).

Venue: Wilton (venue on application)

Cost: \$40

Registration by email closes Wednesday, 23 August:
seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz

If you didn't get a chance to join the parish “Life in the Spirit” 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 <https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPg7E8TiCb6>

CONTACT EMAIL: lifeinthepirit.log@gmail.com

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

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Please keep in your prayers

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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

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Ph: 472 4047

Principal: Bernadette Murfitt

DRS: John Grevatt

If you would like your child to attend Sacred Heart Cathedral School please download an enrolment form

[https://sacred-heart.school.nz/
enrolment/](https://sacred-heart.school.nz/enrolment/)

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.

Welcome to the latest  Sacred Heart Cathedral School edition of our School ezine: <https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=175>

Gabrielle McLeavey

Brian and Moira Dunn

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne
(Graham & Rosaleen
Taylor's grandsons)



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Noel Healy (Father of
Bernadette Murfitt - School
Principal)



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

Arnel Galvan - RIP

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jane Jeevamalar - 4 July

Mr Benedict Nissangaratchie - 20 Sep

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



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

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The Kids' Bulletin

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Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.

Liuke 10:25-37



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"