



The Cathedral Connection



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Hospitality and presence

Hospitality is more than serving. It also includes being present, being attentive and listening to our guests. In this week's Gospel, Martha makes Jesus's comfort the priority by serving him, while Mary honours Jesus by giving him her full attention, even physically sitting silently at his feet. We listen to Martha, distracted by her service, complain to Jesus that Mary is no help to her and that she has been left to cope on her own. But Jesus, showing concern for Martha, says that Mary has chosen the better part.



In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus stressed the importance of action in the life of a disciple. In the story of Martha and Mary he stresses the importance of contemplation. To divide and divorce the Martha and Mary in each of us is a real temptation. Yet we do not need to choose between contemplation and action. It is not a question of either/or. Both aspects and attributes are important in our Christian life. The key is in recognising and choosing what to prioritise in each situation. When Jesus visited Mary, she set aside her usual work and gave him her undivided attention.

Our ideal aim as Christians is to have an active life fuelled by prayer, for it is when we are attentive to Jesus that we clearly hear his voice, then we act. If Welcome and Serving feel overly burdensome for you, or a 'complaining' spirit is developing in your life, work, relationships, ministry, perhaps it is a good time to consider where the worry is coming from and talk to God about it?



Debbie Matheson
Parish Leader/Lay Pastoral Leader

Readings For The Week

Sunday 17th – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 18th – Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday 19th – Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday 20th – Jeremiah 1:1,4-10; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday 21st – Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday 22nd – Feast of St Mary Magdalen

Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-2,11-18

Saturday 23rd – Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday 24th – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

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)

Even in one's own home, among one's own family members, it might be easier to find services and care of various kinds rather than listening and welcome. We are constantly busy and thus we have no time to listen. I ask that you learn to listen.
Pope Francis: [Angelus 17 July 2016](#)

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday



Every Thursday from 7.00am 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

New to this parish?

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome

If you would like to become a member of our parish or know more about us then please complete the form at: <https://mcshwellington.org/join-the-parish/> or contact the parish office Ph. 496 1700 **Your parish working together.**

PARISH AGM AFTER 10.30AM MASS SUNDAY 31 JULY

This year's Parish AGM will be held after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 31 July. Understanding the past as we look to the future. There will be a visual presentation of the Cathedral Strengthening as well.

MUSIC AT MASS

Drink water from your own well. Proverbs 5:15

Thanks very much to the parishioners who have courageously stepped forward to lead singing over the last three weeks as we have all begun to use our voices again. It is a joy to see members of this community being willing to offer their gifts in music ministry.

Participation in Catholic liturgy is about the whole community gathered contributing what we can, and welcoming the gifts and contributions of each other. We gather not as a passive audience, but as an active, engaged community drawing on gifts present in our midst. We are all invited to open our hearts to recognise the gift and call of those accepting the challenge to unveil their talents and do their best, to accept each others' contributions, and to see God in each other.

For the coming weeks, we will continue to sing Mass responses including: Psalm response, Gospel acclamation, Prayer of the Faithful response, Holy Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Lamb of God. We will continue to monitor case numbers for Covid, influenza and respiratory illnesses, and will let you know if any changes need to be made.



TAKE PART IN OUR RCIA PROGRAMME

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence in September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs for around seven months (September to April) and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in joining this programme, or would like to support it as a leader or sponsor, please contact Trish McAloon: 021 223 1987 or trish.mcaloon@gmail.com; or the parish office (04) 496 1700 or cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz.

PARISH FORMATION DAY

The Parish Pastoral Council, with the Archdiocesan Church Mission team, invite you to a lively discussion to help shape the look and feel of our parish community. As we journey together and work toward the reopening of the cathedral, let us draw out what is important to us and plan our steps going forward.

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



BAKE SALE SUCCESS

Thank you to the bakers and buyers alike together we raised an impressive \$1400 at the recent bake sale.

The next bake sale will be held over the weekend 13-14 August. If you are able to offer a contribution for sale please contact Geraldine Irinco.



WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Last year, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in honour of all grandparents and the elderly. This special day is now set to become a tradition, and the second **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on **24 July 2022** (the fourth Sunday in July closest to the feast of Sts Joachim & Anne).



The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has issued a Pastoral Kit to enable parishes to celebrate this day. The material includes a prayer, liturgy notes, a message to grandparents and the elderly and resources for social media. Follow this link: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2022/ii-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>

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 deeper connect people and it can strengthen and enliven 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 interest, 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 Chapel

Every Thursday, 11am

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 Christian desert fathers and mothers.

ALL are welcome.

Miha – Māori Mass

Every Sunday, 11am to 12pm

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

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz



Hardship Support is available! We are seeing an increase in people asking for support during and after they have had Covid. Being off work and in isolation is hard. There is help available. Please do not be too shy or too humble to reach out for help. If you are struggling to meet essential costs such as rent, power, food, loss of wages you can contact:



MSD/WINZ:

-Working age: 0800 559 009

-Over 65s: 0800 552 002

-Students: 0800 88 99 00

Interpreters are available to support you

Taeaomanino Trust 0800 345 345

Pacific Health Services Hutt Valley
0800 747 213

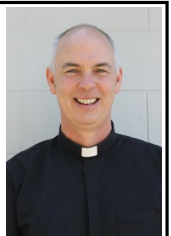
Whanau Manaaki: Text your name and phone number to: 021 446 765 or email:

whanauora@wmkindergarten.org.nz and someone will contact you

Healthline - 0800 611 116 **Samaritans** - 0800 726 666, **Youthline** - Free call 0800 376 633, Free text 234, talk@youthline.co.nz

Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM

Parishioners are invited to a Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM at St Teresa's Church, Karori on Friday 12 August at 6pm to be followed by light refreshments.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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/>

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

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.

Anne Jagose, RIP 11 July mother of Maki,

Jean Scanlon RIP 11 July, mother of Mary English

Moira Dunn, RIP 12 July, wife of Brian

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne Kelly – 19 July



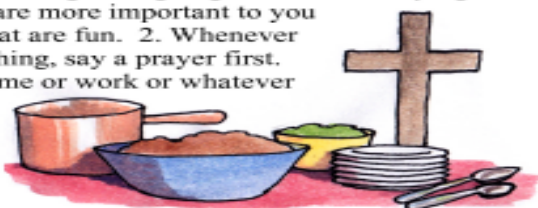
CHILDREN'S CORNER

Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.

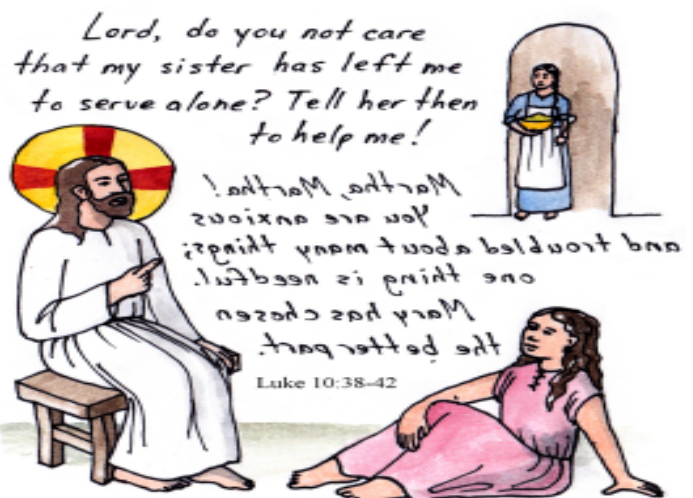


Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1. Lord 4. chose 6. am 8. is 9. to 10. then 11. many 13. Martha 16. set 17. be 18. do 19. her 20. said DOWN: 1. listen 2. am 3. distributed 4. care 5. one 7. away 11. Mary 12. needed 14. things 15. serve

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The Kids' Bulletin

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Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn't helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him?
Look in the mirror to find out!