



The Cathedral Connection



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A KNOCK AT MIDNIGHT

Today's gospel reading seems to be in two parts. One is Saint Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer. The other is a parable and some reflections about prayer. Like most of Jesus' parables and sayings, we can think about these words in a number of ways. Certainly the importance of persevering in prayer is one lesson. But I want to consider some additional things that might be drawn out from these words.

The second part of the reading – the man knocking his neighbour up at midnight – was the basis of one of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's, important sermons. He emphasised the words 'it is midnight' - midnight in the world – so as to make the point that if we do not change our course, the outlook is not promising. Dr King preached this sermon several times over the years, emphasising the struggle for racial justice, or the struggle for peace, according to circumstances (I suspect he might now also reflect on the climate emergency).

A key point was that the Church had become comfortable; the world is knocking at the door with some urgency, and the Church is challenged to respond. How? I think there's a key in the preceding lines – the Lord's Prayer. Jesus doesn't ask us to say 'My father' – but 'Our Father'. Pope John Paul I observed, God 'is our father; even more he is our mother. [God] does not want to hurt us, [God] wants only to do good to us'. Jesus says as much in the later part of today's reading.

The whole of the Lord's Prayer is about 'us', not 'me'. The Prophets, the Gospels, the social teaching of the Church, all emphasise that God made the world and its goods for all people. Perhaps the knocking on the door challenges us to think about that, to reflect on the signs of the times, as Vatican 2 put it – and to respond as we can, even when it's not particularly convenient.

Jim McAloon



Readings For The Week

Sunday 24th – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 25th – Feast of St James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday 26th – Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday 27th – Jeremiah 15:10,16-21; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday 28th – Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday 29th – Jeremiah 26:1-9; John 11:19-27

Saturday 30th – Jeremiah 26:11-16,24; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday 31st – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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)

The Our Father is a prayer that leaves us troubled and crying out in protest against the famine of love in our time, against the individualism and indifference that profane your name, Father. Help us to hunger to give freely of ourselves.

Pope Francis: [Meditation on the Our Father](#), Romania, 2019

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday 6pm-6:30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel. All welcome.

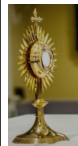
Rosary - Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in our Connolly Hall Chapel, all welcome.

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.

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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 next Sunday 31 July. Understanding the past as we look to the future. There will be a visual presentation of the Cathedral Strengthening as well. All welcome. The AGM papers will be emailed out at 9.00am this Saturday. If you do not receive them then please contact the Parish Office.

INVITATION TO HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 July at the 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, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

We are meeting Saturday evening 30 July at Kaye-Maree's home from 6pm for a mid-winter Soup Night. Bring along your favourite soup ☺ Please let Kaye-Maree know if you are interested in joining us via Frank at the office. All welcome.



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 this 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.

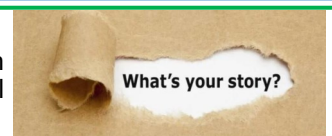


FAITH STORIES – WHAT IS YOURS?

'Faith Journeys' is a series of sharing sessions aimed at deepening the bonds within our parish community. Coming from different cultural backgrounds, our parish community is a colourful tapestry, bound together as children of God, brothers and sisters through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Join us in these sharing sessions to get to know each other more, and to further understand what brings us together in this parish family of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. There will be sessions on 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.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz



World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021. In 2022, the celebration will fall on Sunday 24 July, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Read his message here <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>



It was in the home of Joachim and Ann where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Ann and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. We too owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation. <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2022-07-26>

For more resources to help celebrate this day, including a prayer, liturgy notes and a message to grandparents and the elderly, follow this link:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2022/ii-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord, For the blessing of a long life. For, to those who take refuge in You, Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord, Resignation and disillusionment, But forsake me not When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope, to the future you give me, to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren, and all the little ones who seek shelter in You. Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

Thanks from Cardinal John

Dear People of God of the Archdiocese,

Greetings and all good wishes and blessings to you all.

I am sure you do not need me to tell you that Covid 19 has been and continues to be a difficult and challenging time.

I am most grateful to parishes and communities for all that they have done and continue to do to keep the community together and to be in touch with parishioners during the various lockdowns. I have very much admired the creative ways that people helped one another to pray and particularly to reflect on the Scriptures in different ways.

Recently at a meeting of the Archdiocesan Board of Administration the members of the Board suggested, and I willingly agreed, to write and thank you all for your continued financial support of your parish. It has become very clear that parishioners generously continue to support parishes financially and then of course also helps the Archdiocese. I therefore wish to thank you all for the ways that you continued financial support in difficult and challenging times for everyone. It is much appreciated by me and by the Board of Administration.

With sincere thanks for all you have done to keep in touch with other parishioners and to support your parish and the Archdiocese in these challenging times.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Yours sincerely in the Lord

John Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington



Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM



Parishioners are invited to a Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, 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/](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

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.

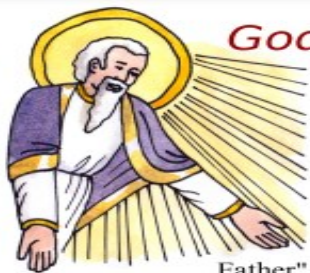


Alba Casali, RIP 16 July in Italy (Aunt of Rita Phelon)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael McLeavey - 30 Jul

CHILDREN'S CORNER



God Gives us What We Need

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, so He taught them the "Our Father."

In the first part of the "Our Father" we give glory to God by praising Him, and in the second part we ask Him for the things we need. First we ask for our daily bread. This can be asking both for the things like food that our bodies need, and for the spiritual things as well, especially Holy Communion. Next we ask for forgiveness for our sins and for God to keep us away from temptation and evil.

Jesus said that if a father on earth would give his children the things they need, then God, Who is our Father in Heaven, will certainly give us what we need. All He wants us to do is show that we trust in Him by asking Him.

Make sure you say the "Our Father" every day to praise God our Father and ask Him for everything you need.



Answers to "The Lord's Prayer" Puzzle: Father, Heaven, name, kingdom, give, daily, tempt, evil, us, bread, deliver, evil, "Ask and it will be given you."

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24th, 2022

Luke 11:1-13



Jesus taught His disciples a prayer that we still use today. We often call it by its first two words. To find out what they are, colour in ONLY the spaces with crosses. (+)