



The Cathedral Connection



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOPE OR DESPAIR

The readings today are rather pessimistic. The first reading from Ecclesiastes suggests life is meaningless. The Gospel, if we look at it in terms of wealth and possessions, is equally negative.

Perhaps these are readings for the times! Covid has really changed things, not to mention the war in Ukraine and climate change. Many are under financial and emotional stress, people can't afford to buy houses, let alone groceries and the necessities of life. Food banks are busy as never before and counselling services are overstressed. As well, we don't seem to be listening to each other – social media is full of people pushing their point of view, but with very little listening to those of others. The church also seems to be weighed down with its own problems.

As I write this on Wednesday, the Gospel of the day is Matthew 13:44-46 – the parable of the treasure hidden in the field and finding the pearl of great price. I'm reminded of a line in Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poem: *"Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God, but only he who sees takes off his shoes; The rest sit round and pluck blackberries"*.

Jesus is indeed the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price. To know Jesus and to live his life is a privilege we have. The recent synodal documents from the six Aotearoa/New Zealand Dioceses showed people with a great love of their church but wanting to extend the boundaries to be more inclusive and open to new possibilities.

The pessimism of the above readings is counterbalanced by the second reading, Paul's letter to the Colossians, finishing with the words *"There is only Christ, he is everything and he is in everything."*



Fr Ron

Readings For The Week

Sunday 31st – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 1st – Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday 2nd – Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday 3rd – Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday 4th – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23

Friday 5th – Nahum 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7; Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Luke 9:28-36

Sunday 7th – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48

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.

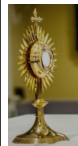
Rosary - Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in our Connolly Hall Chapel, all welcome.

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.

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 THIS SUNDAY 31 JULY

This year's Parish AGM will be held after the 10.30am Mass this 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 will begin directly after the Mass. The AGM papers have been emailed out – if you did not receive them, please contact the Parish Office cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz.

TAKE PART IN OUR RCIA PROGRAMME

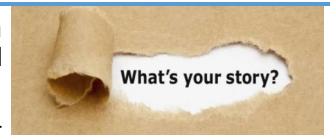
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence in September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs for around seven months (September to April) and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith.

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 email trish.mcaloon@gmail.com; or the parish office (04) 496 1700 email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz.

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 beginning this coming week 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

Cathedral Parish Music Coordinator/Leader

Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral Parish, Wellington, seeks applications for the position of Music Co-ordinator/Leader. This is a part-time, 15-hours-a week, fixed-term contract until December 2023. The successful applicant will be responsible for co-ordinating the music requirements across all parish liturgies, including the establishment of a voluntary choir/singing group to regularly lead the congregation at the Sunday morning service. The position requires flexibility and includes weekend work. Applicants should have musical training to tertiary level or equivalent professional standard, and ideally be familiar with Catholic liturgy.

Please contact Debbie Matheson at d.matheson@wn.catholic.org.nz for a position description, enquiries, and to submit a written application enclosing a curriculum vitae. Applications close 30 August 2022.

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.



DEDICATION OF NATIONAL SHRINE TO MARY

A Mass to celebrate the Dedication of St Mary of the Angels in Wellington as the National Shrine to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven, will be held at St Mary of the Angels on Sunday 14 August 2022 at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Details will be posted on the website of Te Ara a Maria (Mary's Way): <https://www.tearaamaria.nz/>

The Mass will be live-streamed (details to come).

The Mass will be the culmination of the year-long nationwide hīkoi of the artwork Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua (Holy Mary, Mother of God) by the artist Damien Walker (Studio of Saint Philomena, Rangiora).

The hīkoi began with a Mass at St Mary of the Angels on the Feast of the Assumption last year. The artwork will go on permanent display in St Mary of the Angels after the 14 August Mass.



St Mary of the Angels celebrating 100 Years

Please join the Parish of St Mary of the Angels in celebrating the centenary of the consecration and opening of the Church. There will be a weekend of liturgy, music and events from Friday 12 August 2022 until Sunday 14 August 2022. Please see the website www.smoa.org.nz/100years for the programme, or contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or office.manager@smoa.org.nz for more information.

SPRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ignatian Retreat In Daily Life

The Wellington Christian Life Community invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life.

The retreat is open to all and will be held at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, over five Sunday afternoons from 2pm-4pm on 7, 14, 21 and 28 August, and 4 September 2022.

The cost (including materials) is \$50, but sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending.

To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424.

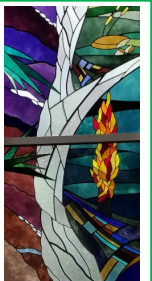
Liturgy Workshop: Sacramentality and Sacraments of Initiation

Wellington Archdiocese Liturgy Advisor Fr Patrick Bridgman will explore how we can find the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives and where the three Sacraments of Initiation fit in.

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Petone

When: 7pm, Wednesday 17 August 2022. Tea & Coffee available from 6:30pm

Register: Chris Walkerdine (04) 496 1706 c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz



Online Session: Mary of Nazareth

Brought to you by Titipounamu Study & Joy with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

What do we know about Mary, what has been her role in the church and how does she speak to us today?

When: Monday, 22 August, 7pm-8.30pm via Zoom. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-of-nazareth/>



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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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.

Brian Dunn

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 July

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.

This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.

Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!

Answer to the Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

www.thekidsbulletin.com



The Kids' Bulletin

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July 31st, 2022

Use the code at the bottom to find out what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.



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