



# The Cathedral Connection



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Assumption of Mary

## Mary, Mother of Hope

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. Pope Pius XII proclaimed this a dogma of the Catholic church in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* in 1950. Though officially declared a dogma in the recent past, it has been part of the Church Tradition for many centuries.

The word “assumption” comes from Latin *assumptio* which means ‘a taking up’. Since Mary was sinless (Dogma of Immaculate Conception), she participates in the merits of Jesus’ saving act of redemption by being taken up soul and body into heaven. The dogma however does not address the question whether or not she died first. It only states: “when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory.”

Even if there be no explicit references in Scripture for Mary’s assumption the notion of being taken up into heaven has some Scriptural references. For instance, Enoch was taken into heaven without seeing death (Hebrews 11:5). So too Elijah was taken into heaven in a whirlwind at the end of his life ( 2 Kings 2:11). As seen in these instances within the Old Testament, it does seem possible that Jesus could assume his own mother as well.

From our First Reading taken from the book of Apocalypse the Church Fathers have inferred that Mary is the “woman clothed with the sun” (Rev 12:1). She is depicted as the Queen mother engaged in a battle. It reminds us that we are too in the world involved in a spiritual combat. We have Mary to accompany us, however. The numerous Marian apparitions we have had across the globe testify to this. But also like her we too hope to share in the resurrection of our Lord of which she is in fact the “first fruits” as today’s second reading tells us.

Living with God for eternity is an invitation for all of us. In baptism we concretely began this journey. As any loving mother does, Mary accompanies us on this journey as the Gospel showcases in her visit to Elizabeth. In living out faithfully her own vocation she inspires us all to follow the Lord in seeking his will especially when the going gets tough.

Being the patronal feast of the Church here in New Zealand may we be reminded to pray that through our Lady’s intercession, the light of Christ will shine on all who live in Aotearoa.

Fr Alliston

## Readings For The Week

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Assumption of Mary

Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Ezekiel 43:1-7; Matthew 23:1-12

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

## 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 door of God’s mercy is narrow but is always open to everyone! A narrow door to restrain our pride and our fear; a door open wide because God welcomes us without distinction.

Pope Francis: [Angelus 21 Aug 2016](#)

## YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)

### Faith Stories a series of sharing sessions aimed at deepening the bonds within our parish community.

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. Last sessions be sessions Wednesday 10.30-11.30am – 17<sup>th</sup> August at Cathedral Foyer, Wednesday 7.00-8.00pm – 17<sup>th</sup> August at Connolly Hall Chapel, Saturday 3.30-4.30pm – 20<sup>th</sup> August at St. Thomas More Church lounge.

## PARISH VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA

For various reasons, not least Covid restrictions, it has been a while since the parish has been able to come together for hospitality. We dabbled our toes in the water recently on the Parish Feast Day, followed by the resumption of drinks to mark special occasions. Then last month the Sunday morning parishioners resumed their hospitality after Masses with a drink. While Covid is still a major factor in our decision making, along with winter ills and chills, the Parish and Pastoral Leaders would like to again test the water and invite you to join us for afternoon tea to thank and acknowledge all volunteers who contribute to the life of our parish. If you are volunteering in our parish in any way, please join us on Sunday 21 August in the Cathedral foyer between 2.00-3.30pm, where like at the Parish Feast day gathering, you will be offered individual plates of food and hot drinks and a chance to converse with your fellow parishioners.

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

This weekend at the 10.30am Mass the children who are starting their journey of preparation towards receiving their First Holy Communion will be presented and blessed. We welcome them and their families and friends who are supporting them. Please do keep them all in your prayers.



## CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**August Bake Sale is on This Weekend 13, 14 August** – after the Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil Masses at St Theresa's Karori and St Thomas More; after the Sunday 10:30am Mass at St Thomas More, and after the Sunday 7:00pm Mass at Connolly Hall Chapel. The last sale was a hit – thank you all. Also available after Sunday 10.30am and 7.00pm Mass is Curry Chicken and Rice at \$12. Please come with cash and get your hands on the scrumptious cupcakes and home-made goodies.

**Car Boot Garage Sale – Saturday September 10 – Appeal for Donations** - If you have household items, clothing or other items that you no longer need, would you consider donating them for our September Car Boot Garage Sale? We also welcome anyone who would like to offer the boot of their car for this event from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please email the parish office and let us know how you can help. A bake sale of cakes, curries and roti will also be on offer.

## MUSICAL NIGHT OUT

A fun musical night out - Kevin Downing's 101 Guitar Lab Band is coming to Wellington. Our own parishioner, Zach Reyes is a member of the band and has invited us to meet and hear the band. The band – a 14 piece electric guitar orchestra – performs blues, jazz, and rock. It's part of Kevin Downing's Guitar School and Wellington Guitar School where Zach works. Saturday 3 September, 7:00pm. at the Johnsonville Salvation Army Auditorium. Tickets on sale now - \$20 each CASH and paid to Zach. Feel free to contact him on 021 046 4823 for any further information.



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CENTENARY



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](http://www.smoa.org.nz/100years) for the programme, or contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) for more information.

The weekend will include 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.

## JOBS ADVERTISED

### 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](mailto: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.

Caritas is seeking a Wellington-based Head of Programmes to lead and manage the Programmes Team, and ensure the effective management of partnerships for development and humanitarian relief within the team. The successful applicant will also be responsible for identifying programme opportunities that will help the team and group to engage with current partners (and potential partners).

Details: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/57927367?type=standout#sol=5e05b1d98ce49206b72504aa2bec9111ef3e3e1f>

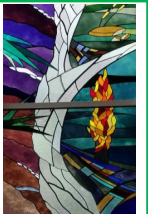
Catholic Social Services needs a qualified person to work as a member of the Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy Team (20 hours per week). The successful candidate will come from a committed Catholic ministry background, will have the maturity and resilience required to be a Chaplain, will have undertaken ongoing formation and had at least two years of pastoral ministry. A demonstrated aptitude for working in mental health and a commitment to ongoing CPD to become a registered healthcare chaplain with NZHCA are also required. Please send a cover letter, and CV to Kamau Holland at [reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz). Applications close 5pm, Friday 9 September.

Holy Cross Seminary based in Ponsonby, Auckland is looking for an experienced Office Manager to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although possible part-time candidates could be considered (30 hrs minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships in a collegial community. Applications to [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) by 22 August. More details available at <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58017032>

### 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](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)



### Youth Gatherings

**XLT (eXaLT) YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT** All Year 9-13 students and young adults are invited to a night of relevant worship, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and music, food, fun and fellowship! Join us from 7pm to 9:30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. (Search XLT August 2022 on Facebook for more details.)

**Young Church Mass is back in August!!** The Young Church are excited to be joining Cardinal John and Life Teen Petone for Young Church Mass on Sunday 21st August. 5.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Petone. Come and bring your friends along!



**Tertiary Education Scholarships:** The Catholic Foundation offers a number of scholarships for students entering their first year of tertiary education next year. Information and application forms are available at [www.catholicfoundation.org.nz](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.nz)

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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. Please contact Parish office.

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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.



Julio Sison RIP 3 Aug  
Father of Gidget Cueto

Noel Healy RIP 5 August  
Father of Bernadette Murfitt

Rolly and Horten Tablizo RIP 6 Aug  
Parents of Randee Tablizo

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

David Shroff 12 Aug

Robin Adair 21 Aug

Mike Loftus 28 Aug

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

*Fire in Our Hearts*



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.



What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!

How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments

He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



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**The Kids' Bulletin**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 14th, 2022

Match the puzzle pieces to find the correct text from the Gospel reading.

**Luke 12:49-53**

- "I have come to set the earth on fire."
- and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."
- There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
- and a son against his father.
- Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?
- and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!
- From now on a household of five will be divided,
- No, I tell you, but rather division.
- a father will be divided against his son
- and a daughter against her mother,
- a mother against her daughter
- and how I wish it were already blazing!
- a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
- three against two and two against three;

**What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading? Match the parts to find out!**