



# The Cathedral Connection



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## Foundation for our approach to life

We are living in a world that values competition and success, occupying the 'place of honour', above all else, where there is little space for the weak and for people who are unable to push themselves forward. As you look around you will be able to recognise people who give, but only on condition that they receive something in return and receive it immediately. There are also people who give on condition that they receive something in return later, and even some who prefer it to be with a handsome profit. And then there are people who give without expecting anything in return, now or ever. Which type of person are you?

Jesus gives us the foundation for our approach to life when He tells us that it is in humility and lowliness that we will find strength. 'All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted' (Luke 14:11). Before God we are all equal. We were made in His image and likeness – to God, privilege, status, and rank have no meaning.

As children of God, it is not earthly recognition that should drive us. Our Christian faith asks of us that we act with humility, compassion, and generosity; give without expecting anything in return; use our gifts and talents to serve and build up the Kingdom of God and offer hospitality without counting the cost. Our witness is how humanity here on earth experiences the Kingdom of God on earth, and on what we will be repaid at the end of our earthly life.

As we ponder and pray with this week's readings may we receive from them wisdom, strength, and encouragement to continually seek to imitate the generosity of God, living lives of humility and lowliness. May the reign and kingdom of God shine brightly through us.

Debbie Matheson  
Parish Leader/Lay Pastoral Leader



## Readings For The Week

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -**  
Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31; Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Mark 6:17-29

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Luke 4:31-37

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September -** 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:1-5

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -**  
Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33

## 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)

"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor." Pope Francis: [Evangelii Gaudium](#)

## 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 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)

### 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 **You and your parish working together.**

## FORMATION IN PRAYER

Are you struggling to pray? Are you praying for someone or something, but nothing happened? Do you feel your prayer is dry? Do you think something is wrong with your prayer, or perhaps you pray wrongly?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us prayer is a vital and personal relationship with the living God... the living relationship of the children of God with their Father (CCC 2558, 2565). Therefore, we are invited to pray, not just on Sunday at Mass, but every day, everywhere! Because encountering God is at the heart of Catholic Life. So, as a faith community, let us grow in our prayer life and understanding of prayer. Remember, there is power in prayer!

Come and join us for our first FORMATION NIGHT on Wednesday, 21 September 2022, from 7 pm to 8 pm at Connolly Hall to learn more about PRAYER. For more information, please get in touch with [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz).

## CATHEDRAL PARISH MUSIC COORDINATOR POSITION VACANCY

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.

## 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](mailto:trish.mcaloon@gmail.com); or the parish office (04) 496 1700 or [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz).

## 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.



## COVID, COLDS, AND FLU

Although Covid case numbers are dropping rapidly, it is as well to remember that we still need to be careful of our own health and that of each other. The current variants of Covid are not to be viewed lightly, and we are still in the season of winter colds and influenza. All are contagious, and all are easily passed on.

So, as well as the measures which we continue to take as we gather for Mass and other events, please remember: if you are not well, PLEASE STAY HOME. And if you should find yourself with a coughing or sneezing fit at Mass or a meeting, please step out of the gathering, at least until you're ok. We all want to be as safe as possible.

That said, we look forward to a gradual return to more of our normal practice at Mass - especially congregational singing.

Normal Sunday Hospitality with food will resume from 11 September. Please do stay after Mass for refreshments.

# Thank you!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

### Social Justice Week: 4 –10 September 2022



Whakakāhoretia te kaikiri. Kotahi anō tātou i roto i te Karaiti. Say no to racism. We are one in Christ.

*Diversity is a beautiful thing when it can constantly enter into a process of reconciliation and seal a sort of cultural covenant resulting in a 'reconciled diversity'. – Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (2013), #230*

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference give us Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year the theme is about standing up to racism and for the dignity of all people. May we be strengthened and encouraged **to resist evil and speak out against hatred that would pull others down because of appearances or cultural background**. For resources and more information visit <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

## VOCATIONS MORNING

**For Single Men - Come And See – Vocations Morning** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 9-11:30am at St Teresa's Church, Karori. *Has anyone ever said that you would make a good priest? Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind? Do you think you might have a vocation?*



Come And See is an opportunity to meet other like-minded young men, talk with priests and seminarians, and ask questions about the vocation to the priesthood. Join us for Mass at 9am, followed by breakfast and a time of fellowship and discussion. For catering purposes, please let us know you're coming. Contact Lucienne [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or text 021 164 5800. Visit [www.wellingtonpriests.org](http://www.wellingtonpriests.org)

## FUNDRAISER — CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

### FUNDRAISER – Catholic Enquiry Centre/Catholic Discovery

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (now known as Catholic Discovery) has provided resources and information to those interested in the Catholic faith, and to parishes and individuals, for many years. This fundraiser is the recently released movie, 'Father Stu' The story is of Stu Long's journey from small town boxer to being a struggling actor living in Los Angeles. His life drastically changes when he miraculously survives a motorcycle accident. Stu aspires to use his second chance to help others find their way, and comes to a surprising realisation that he is meant to be a Catholic priest.



The screening is Tuesday 6 September, 6:00pm at the Light House Cinema Petone. Tickets (\$20 + processing fee) can be securely purchased online at [www.catholicdiscovery.nz/stu](http://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/stu) or call the CEC office (04) 385 8518.

To learn more about the movie, you can access a preview which includes comments made by our audience members on YouTube at [https://youtu.be/Qj0m\\_iv5Nvl](https://youtu.be/Qj0m_iv5Nvl) The movie contains adult themes and strong language. It is recommended for mature audiences only. Please do share this with your friends and family.

## CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING

### Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration Campaign

can be made to bank account number: 02-0506-0138488-025

**Particulars:** Your surname & initials

**Code:** Your phone number.

**Reference:** REOPEN.

Check out the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website:

[www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz](http://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz) and please mention it to your friends too.



# 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:

Appointment pending

## 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.



The latest edition of our parish

school newsletter is available at

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=182>



Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

## Mass offered for



Fr Brian Cummings SM (RIP 19 August)

For all the dead. Those near and dear to us and those who have no one to pray for them.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Simon Lai 28 August

Mike Loftus 28 August

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Today's gospel reading is about being humble.

Have you ever rushed to get the best seat before someone else?

Jesus understands us, and wants us to

realise that when we do this we think we are more important than other people.

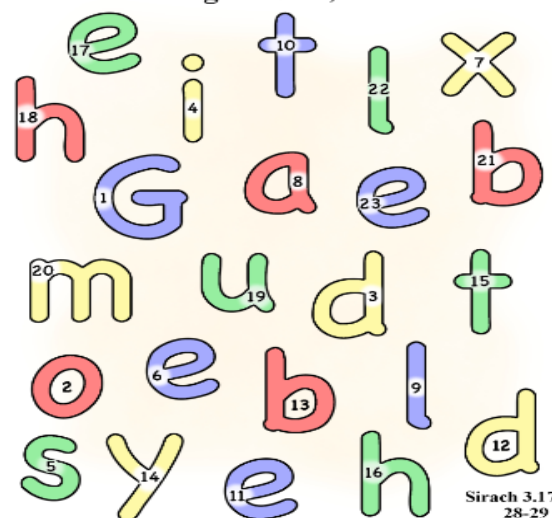
What does Jesus tell us to do instead?

When we do something nice for other people who can't repay us, God will reward us.

How can we practice doing what Jesus teaches us?

## The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 28th, 2022



Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29

What can we learn from today's first reading?  
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23