



The Cathedral Connection



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Social Justice Week – Say No to Racism

This is the week in which our church asks us to think particularly about social justice. The theme for this year is racism. It used to be the case that Pākehā New Zealanders liked to tell ourselves that we had 'the best race relations in the world'. Perhaps that myth is still around in some places.

With the Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of our nation, much attention in the last half century has gone, and continues to go, on the relationship between iwi and hapū on the one hand, and the state on the other. Colonisation devastated Māori communities, in a way that is only now beginning to be addressed in treaty settlements. Fifty years after the first Māori Language Day, the right of Māori to speak, read, and see their language in public spaces and in mainstream media is still challenged.

Our history has plenty of other examples of racism. A couple of years ago the government formally and publicly apologised to Pasifika communities for the infamous Dawn Raids of the mid 1970s. Those who had lived through them, and their children, spoke of healing. But Pasifika people do not enjoy real equality. On average, a Pasifika man is paid 76% of what a Pākehā man is, and a Pasifika woman, 73%.

People of Chinese and South Asian birth and ancestry, too, suffered legal discrimination until well into the 20th century, and even recently some political parties have made more or less subtle attacks on people of Chinese background.

No one needs reminding of the terrible events at the Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Centre in Christchurch in March 2019. But prejudice against Muslims is still evident.

Working for justice and peace is integral to faith. It is essential that we check our own attitudes to people of other cultures and heritages - that we avoid, and challenge, personal expressions of racism and prejudice (and in writing this, I am aware of my own perspective as a well-off, professional, Pākehā male). But the issues are wider than that. They affect our life as a faith community, and they call for our engagement as citizens, too. As Pope Paul VI said, 'If you want peace, work for justice'.

Jim McAloon



Readings For The Week

Sunday 4th – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Monday 5th – 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday 6th – 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday 7th – 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 8th - Micah 5: 1-4; Matthew 1:1-16; 18-23
Friday 9th – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27; Luke 6:39-42
Saturday 10th – 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday 11th – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 32:7-11; 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

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)

Life is not the time for possessing but for loving.
Pope Francis, [General Audience 7 Nov 2018](#)

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 **You and your parish working together.**



Listen to the Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Seasons Of Creation

1st September to 4th October

The Season of Creation, in which Christian communities worldwide pray and work for the environment, began on 1 September, designated in 1989 by the (Orthodox) Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitros I as the Day of Prayer for Creation.

Later, the World Council of Churches set the Season to finish on 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. In 2015 Pope Francis signed the Roman Catholic Church up. This year's logo reflects the risk of heatwaves and wildfires, although floods are probably more on our mind. A thought from the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu:

"The destruction of the earth's environment is the human rights challenge of our time. Over the 25 years that climate change has been on the world's agenda, global emissions have risen unchecked while real world impacts have taken hold in earnest. Time is running out. The most devastating effects of climate change – deadly storms, heat waves, droughts, rising food prices and the advent of climate refugees – are being visited on the world's poor who have no involvement in creating the problem. This is a grave injustice" (at the United Nations Climate Summit, 18 September 2014).

The National Liturgy Office has posted online resources to help liturgy groups prepare for the Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October. Parishes, schools and households are invited to participate in a variety of ways to renew our relationship with our Creator God and all of Creation through celebration, conversion and commitment together.

The Resources page is here: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-2022/>

Here is a video describing the Season of Creation 2022 (1.49 min dur):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7VNncdIC4E>

PRAYER FOR FATHERING SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers and those in father figure roles as they care for those entrusted to them. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.

Many thanks to the staff and students at Sacred Heart Cathedral School for the beautiful Fathering Sunday cards.

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 8pm at Connolly Hall to learn more about PRAYER. For more information, please get in touch with cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz.

MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS



This is a shout out to you all to see if there is anyone interested in taking a turn to host the morning teas after the 10.30am Sunday Mass. At this stage we only have three Sundays catered for. Would you be willing to take a turn every fourth weekend? Do you know anyone who would be prepared to do it? This is such an important hospitality ministry, so if you can help or would like further information, please contact the parish office:

cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz or

Ph. **496-1700** as soon as possible. Many thanks.

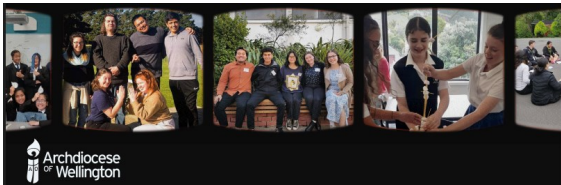


Do you feel called to do more with your year in 2023 ?

Make a difference for young people and join our team of college youth ministers

Part-time position

Apply now at Youth@wn.catholic.org.nz



Archdiocese
Wellington

BAKE SALE

MCSH Earthquake Strengthening
Fundraiser



September Bake Sale is on Next Weekend **17, 18 September**

Saturday **17 Sep** after Mass St Teresa's

Saturday **17 Sep** after 5.30pm Vigil Mass, St Thomas More

Sunday **18 Sep** after 10.30am Mass, St Thomas More

Sunday **18 Sep** after 7.00pm Mass, Connolly Hall Chapel

The Cathedral Restoration Fundraising monthly bake sale returns in two weeks. Thank you all for your generous support.

Please come with cash and get your hands on the scrumptious cupcakes and home-made goodies.



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.

The Synodal process we are working through in response to Pope Francis invites us to join in a dialogue that will take us forward synodally in harmony. This is very timely for Social Justice Week and beyond. We hope each of us will engage with the challenging topic of Racism and that such respectful conversations will prompt thoughtful and prayerful actions of justice based on Gospel values. Dealing with racism is an important starting point for the journey ahead for us, for our Church and for Aotearoa New Zealand.

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 10th 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 or text 021 164 5800. Visit www.wellingtonpriests.org



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 and please mention it to your friends too.



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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://](https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=183)

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Brian Dunn
Gabrielle McLeavey



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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Mass offered for

Margot Gresham RIP 25
August 2022
Wife of Peter and long-standing parishioner.



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

ANNIVERSARIES:

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Family and Friends or God?



YES, I AM A CHRISTIAN.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

STEAL THAT IF YOU WANT TO STAY FRIENDS WITH ME.
NO, I WON'T.

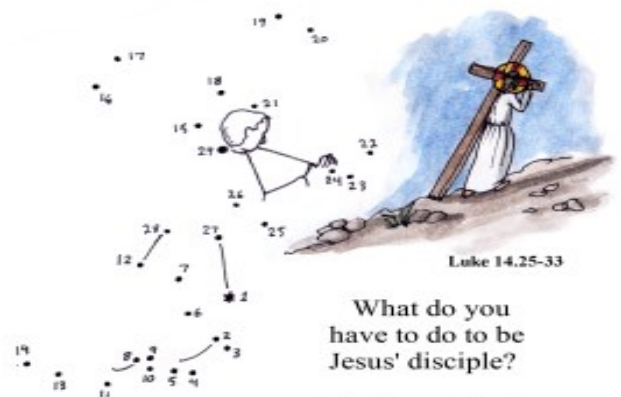


Answer to Word-Find:
We ask God for His mercy.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4th, 2022



Luke 14.25-33

What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1. Then you can colour the picture in.

*This Thursday is Our Lady's Birthday!
What can your family do to celebrate Mary's Birthday?*