



The Cathedral Connection



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Season of Creation began on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

The Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, with other Christian Churches and Faiths offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the God and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together.

Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects and advocacy.

Prayer: Host an ecumenical prayer event as Christians unite on caring for our common home.

Sustainability: Lead a clean-up project that helps all of creation thrive.

Advocacy: Make one's voice heard for the care of our planet.

The theme this year is: *"Listening to the voice of creation."* During COVID many of us discovered creation in a new way. As the world stilled, we discovered the beauty of our world, be it through walking in our beautiful hills, listening to bird life, enjoying a gentle stream. We have also become aware of the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. They are voices of people who possess ancestral wisdom about how to live with gratitude within the limits of Earth. They are voices of a diminishing diversity of species rather than humans. It is the voice of the Earth.

As Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*, *"Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation'. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."* (LS 14).



A local ecumenical event is mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin.

Fr Ron
Parish Moderator



Readings For The Week

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

Monday 12th – 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 13th – 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday 14th – Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17

Thursday 15th - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27

Friday 16th – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday 17th – 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday 18th – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

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)

Are we accustomed to being a Church which has a single sheep in her flock and we let the other 99 get lost on the hill?

Pope Francis: [Homily 12 June 2015](#)

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.**

dcm Together we can end homelessness

We thank [Kevin Lampen-Smith](#) from Downtown Community Ministries for speaking at our Masses last weekend.

If you feel called to support DCM by being on their board then please contact Kevin office@dcm.org.nz or (04) 384 7699 More information: <https://www.dcm.org.nz/>

Season Of Creation

1st September to 4th October

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis emphasised the importance of biodiversity. While the earth is the common heritage of all, he writes. 'It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.... Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation' (para 33, 36).

While our parish has been celebrating Masses at St Thomas More, we have been close to Ōtari-Wilton's Bush. This forest remnant is – along with Zealandia – a vital resource for biodiversity on the edge of the city. Take time to appreciate the combination of luck and far-sightedness that has given us this wild space.



Listen to the Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

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.

We are very grateful to [Maria Smart](#) and [Anne Santos](#) who have volunteered their time and talents for Sunday Morning Hospitality. Please show them and all our wonderful hospitality team your appreciation when you see them. Many thanks team, you are a great blessing to us all and an important part of our parish outreach.

Thank You!

Kaitiaki at Ōtari

Season of Creation

18th September 4-6pm

Appreciating and Caring for Creation

This year our Ecumenical Season of Creation Event is a creative family-friendly sensory walk into the Troup Picnic Area along an easy flat track. It will include a scripture reflection, scavenger hunt, fun team activity, song, prayer and a take-home commitment idea –What can we do to care for God's Creation? It will finish with a BBQ and kai (BYO Drinks). Please contribute a koha for the BBQ food. Special thanks to the Anglican 'Messy Church Team' who will run the BBQ. Starting place Ōtari/Wilton Bush Northern Picnic Area Wilton Bush Rd Northern Carpark entrance from Churchill Drive Road – approx. 40m from carpark.

RINGING GOOD NEWS

Our Cathedral Bells

Please come and join us as we celebrate the reinstatement of our restored Cathedral Bells as they once again ring out for all to hear. This is a very tangible expression of our journey towards completion of the strengthening, restoration and reopening of our beloved Metropolitan Cathedral and parish home. This is an exciting occasion when we can all come together to celebrate this milestone. Please join us for refreshments from 5.30pm Friday 23 September in the Cathedral Foyer. The bells will be ceremoniously rung at 6.00pm.



REKINDLE - Fanning the flame - Worship, Proclaim, Empower, Fellowship

Saturday, 8 October 2022 10:30 am - 3 pm

St. Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria, Wellington. Bring your lunch! With Fr. John Rea sm and Tom Caballes.

Cost of living: Increase in people needing daily meals at the Soup Kitchen

In the past 12 months, the Compassion Soup Kitchen has had a steep increase in people needing their support, serving nearly 60,000 meals and delivering another 10,000 take-out meals to people in need. As they launch their Annual Appeal on 5 September, the support of Wellingtonians is needed more than ever to help them continue to deliver this essential service.



compassion
soup kitchen
te pūaroha

"With the impact of Covid-19 and the cost-of-living crisis, people are struggling now more than ever to be able to feed themselves and their whānau. We have seen the numbers at the Soup Kitchen rise and expect this to continue", says Sam Johnson, Deputy Kitchen Manager at the Compassion Soup Kitchen.

During the last few months, with many affected by the rising cost of living due to inflation, the Soup Kitchen has experienced an increase in demand not only for breakfast and dinner but also for other services such as the provision of shoes, clothing, and laundry facilities.

The Soup Kitchen not only provides this essential support but also offers a place of community where everyone can experience kindness and the companionship of others.

As Sister Margaret Anne Mills, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Compassion, says "The support offered to our whānau is vital to their wellbeing. Our Soup Kitchen not only provides a nourishing meal but social engagement and acceptance".

The donations raised from the Compassion Soup Kitchen's Annual Appeal this September will ensure they can continue to help those who go to the Soup Kitchen daily for a hot meal and companionship. "Thanks to the support and generosity of the people, we can help make a difference, so those most in need get a hot healthy meal", says Johnson.

Please consider supporting the Compassion Soup Kitchen's Annual Appeal today by donating on their website during September, www.soupkitchen.org.nz



**Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa
Katorika o Aotearoa**

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but have to fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost.

Bishop Steve says: "When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End of Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation"

Full details online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>

NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority.

Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC,



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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

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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. Please contact Parish office.



The latest edition of our parish

school newsletter is available at

<https://>

[sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/
schoolnews?nid=184](https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=184)

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

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

Last term at **Sacred Heart Cathedral School** we learnt about how we are kaitiaki of God's creation, trying our best to live sustainably and enhance the well-being of our planet. We challenged ourselves to remember that the earth is not ours, but we have been entrusted with caring for it, protecting what God has made so that it can be enjoyed for those that come after us.—John Grevatt

