



The Cathedral Connection



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why the world needs auditors?

There are many ways we can interpret Jesus' parables. With World Auditor Proud day (yes there is such a thing) on the 29th of September, my interpretation of today's parable is that Jesus was indirectly promoting the audit profession, because had the rich man engaged an auditor, he would have had better controls (segregation of duties) in place and would not have been defrauded by his steward. But of course, this is not the message of the parable (although I would like it to be).

Last week we read about the prodigal son, who wanted his inheritance before his father died, today we hear about the shrewd steward, who with his pending dismissal in sight, opts to cheat his master in order to secure his future and maintain what must have been a good lifestyle and next week we will hear about the rich man living a life of luxury (spoiler alert) while Lazarus went hungry at his gate. The theme running through all these readings is how easily we can become blinded by our earthly possessions.

I always find it strange that Jesus appears to be commending the steward's dishonesty which must have confused his listeners. However, the dishonesty was pretty obvious, more so because it involved so many people that it would ultimately have gotten the attention of the rich man. The words *"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light"* is for me the real message of the parable. Jesus is reminding us of the need to spend more time planning for our spiritual future than we do for our material future.

Recently, my wife Sandra and I joined Sacred Heart Cathedral Prayer Group led by Sr Marie. The group meets twice a month (we can only make it to one of the meetings?) and I am always left in awe of how much time members of the group give to prayer and reflection each day. The result of this is visible in how they see God working in their daily lives that clearly gives them joy. I am always struck by their humility – nothing they achieve or overcome is "self-made or self-achieved" it is always by the grace of God. Like the members of this group and many others in our Parish, they are investing in their spiritual future or as I like to think, their spiritual balance sheet.

Our Parish offers many such opportunities to do so, there is Adoration on a Thursday, Divine Mercy Devotions on a Sunday, Scripture Reflection on a Tuesday, Rosary on Mondays, and many other ad hoc events throughout the year.

Like with material assets, we can start small when building up our spiritual assets – 15 minutes a day will grow incrementally until it becomes part of a routine. All we have to do is start so that when that spiritual auditor looks at our spiritual balance sheet, we can be confident with the investment we have made.

Clint Ramoo
Parish Finance Chair (and auditor)



Readings For The Week

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

Monday 19th – Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday 20th – Proverbs 21:1-6; 10-13;
Wednesday 21st – Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Thursday 22nd - Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Friday 23rd – Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday 24th – Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43-45

Sunday 25th – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 6:1,4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Starting from our roots, let us sit around the common table, a place of conversation and of shared hopes. In this way our differences, which could seem like a banner or a wall, can become a bridge.

Pope Francis: [Querida Amazonia](#)

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)

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 **You and your parish working together.**

ANOINTING MASS

The sacrament of Anointing the Sick is administered to bring spiritual and physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death.

"The special grace of the sacrament has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (CCC 1532).



If you or someone you know would like to avail themselves of this Sacrament, it will be celebrated during the **8.30am Saturday morning Mass on 1 October.**

FORMATION IN PRAYER

Are you struggling to pray? Are you praying for someone or something, but nothing happened? Do you feel dryness in prayer? 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.

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.

Called to Ministry



Our celebration of Mass is a community celebration. That's why, for instance, we refer to the priest as 'presiding' rather than 'celebrating' or 'saying Mass'. Mass involves all of us, whether we have a particular job to do or we are simply sharing in the celebration by being present.

Our parish has been well served by many who have volunteered to take a place on a roster – whether greeting at the door, washing the altar linen, proclaiming the Word, collecting, serving at the altar, acting as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or as Mass Coordinator making sure everything is where it needs to be.

We would be grateful for more volunteers for these ministries. If you think you might be able to assist, please contact the parish office or speak with **Debbie** or **Fr Alliston**. This weekend we are pleased to welcome and commission, also, a few people, already to these ministries. **Thank you!**

Children's Sacramental Programme



The children and families will join us next weekend at the 10.30am Mass for the celebration of their First Holy Communion.

Registration is now open for the 2022/23 programme which begins with CONFIRMATION this coming Term 4 followed by FIRST RECONCILIATION in Term 1 and HOLY COMMUNION in Term 2 of 2023.

For your child to be eligible, he/she must already be baptised and be at least 8 years old.

The first parent's session is at 7.00pm on 18 October 2022 at St Thomas More Church in Wilton. For registration and/or further enquiries, please contact **Geraldine** at mcsch.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com or the parish office at cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

LAUDATO SI



The Archdiocese of Wellington, and the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission (EJP) have signed up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

To formally mark this commitment Cardinal John will be presiding at the **10.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday Mass on 2nd October at St Thomas More**

Church, Wilton.

Parishes are encouraged to send a representative.

TE RŌPŪ TAUTOKO UPDATE

Update from the group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care.

As the findings and recommendations stemming from the Royal Commission's inquiry take shape, Tautoko will soon move into the next phase of its work - ensuring that listening to and learning from the Commission and survivors is carried through into concrete actions by Church leaders and meaningful change in the wider Church community.

For more information : Te Rōpū Tautoko

contact@tautoko.catholic.org.nz

Season Of Creation 1st September to 4th October



Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush
Ex 3:12

Ko tenei te wiki o te reo Māori – this is Māori Language Week.

As well as showing support and respect for te reo Māori, we might remind ourselves of the authority which **te Tiriti o Waitangi** guaranteed to **iwi** and **hapū** over their land, water, and other things of value.

In thinking about integral ecology, Pope Francis reminds us, 'it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners... For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors'. The word '**kaitiaki**' – perhaps translated as guardian or caretaker - is often used in this country. As for land, so for water, of which **Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku** have observed that 'It is the **kaitiaki** responsibility of **tangata whenua** to ensure that this taonga is available for future generations in as good as, if not better quality'.

Jim McAloon

MASS FOR LIFE



FAMILY LIFE
INTERNATIONAL NZ

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on **Friday 2 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.**

Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life.

For more information please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone **Clare 021 231 7954.**

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/](https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=185)

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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.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Winston Perera 27 August

Fernanda Casali Carmana 12 September

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Last term at our **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*

