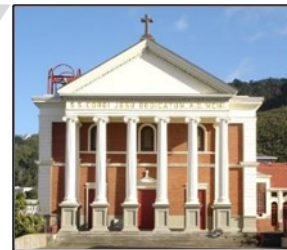




The Cathedral Connection



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

To Guard One's Heart

The readings from the lectionary for the 26th Sunday places before us the obligation of being considerate towards those who are less fortunate around us.

In today's Gospel we find someone who may not have harmed anyone in any way but nonetheless bears the consequences of the sin of *omission*. Luxury and gluttony blinded the rich man in considering the needs of poor Lazarus. A disordered self-love blinded him in acting out in justice.

Reflecting on this parable Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI stated: *Jesus admonishes us through the image of a soul destroyed by arrogance and opulence, who has created an impassable chasm between himself and the poor man; the chasm of being trapped within material pleasures; the chasm of forgetting the other, of incapacity to love, which then becomes a burning and unquenchable thirst.* (Spe Salvi no. 44)

Scripture often uses a term, "hardness of heart," in describing the failure to listen to and respond to the Lord's Word. The rich man had failed to respond to the Old Testament call to respond to the needs of the poor: "If there is a poor person with you, one of your people, in any of your towns in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother/sister." (Deut 15:7)

For us Catholics, the Eucharistic celebration, which we celebrate in a special way with those receiving their First Communion today at our parish, reminds us particularly to have that "preferential option for the poor." St. John Chrysostom, a 4th century Church Father, drives home the point when he writes:

You honour this altar (meaning the altar of the Eucharist in the sanctuary) indeed, because it receives Christ's body (at the Eucharist). But the poor man, who is himself the body of Christ, you treat with scorn, and when perishing, neglect. You can see this altar (meaning the altar of the poor) lying around everywhere, both in streets and in marketplaces, and you can sacrifice upon it every hour; for on this too is sacrifice performed.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to quicken within us that grace of where and how we might respond to God's word we hear generously mindful that the Lord loves a generous giver (2Cor9:7).

Fr Alliston



Readings For The Week

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

Monday 26th – Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday 27th – Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday 28th – Job 9:1-13,14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday 29th – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

Friday 30th – Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday 1st – Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday 2nd – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

OUR MISSION & VISION

To joyfully share God's love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary



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)

Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change.

Pope Francis: [Lenten message 2017](#)

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday 6pm-6:30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel. All welcome.

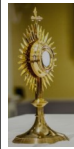
Rosary - Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in our Connolly Hall Chapel, all welcome.

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.**

Season Of Creation 1st September to 4th October



In Laudato Si' Pope Francis emphasised the importance of social justice as well as ecological justice: 'we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. This theme appears often in the Scriptures.

The Hebrew Scriptures warned against over-farming and over-exploiting. In Psalm 85 we read:

*God's help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.
Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.
The Lord will bestow his goodness
and our earth shall yield its fruit.*

Jim McAloon

HOLY HOUR ON 27 SEPTEMBER

You are invited to come to a **Holy Hour** on **Tuesday 27 September** at the **Connolly Hall Chapel** beginning at **7.30 pm** to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. Our celebrant will be our newly ordained priest **Fr Alfred Tong**. All are welcome.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING



The Sacred Heart Cathedral School is running a raffle to support the Cathedral with its final stages of strengthening. Each ticket is worth **\$2.00**.

1st prize : A meal for six at La Bella Italia worth \$570.00 donated by Fr. James

2nd and 3rd prize : Gift hampers, with the 2nd prize including a \$50 New World voucher. All prizes will also come with 2 bottles of wine also donated by Father James.

Raffle tickets need to be returned by Tuesday, **27 September** as the raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, **28 September**.

Tickets available after weekend Masses or from the School Office directly.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

Please join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as we pray for the Abolition of the Death Penalty.

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Welcome and congratulations to our First Communicants. We also welcome their families and friends joining us for the special occasion of reception of their First Holy Communion.

Zia Soleil Aranzamendez, Leah Abro, Bella Denize Ocampo Bermillo, Rafael Sia Billones, Mariajosé Correa-Cazares, Jiezi Kallysta M. De Guzman, Elijah James Dorn, Cassie Nicolette Elbao, Reid Manaia-Li Felise, Riva Guerra Fernandez Dishan Sansith Fernando, Michael Bryan Gayotin, Kellan Federico Hibbert, Jaiden Daniel Lam, Layana Natalia Mainu'u, Andre Gabriel L. Manalili, Azaria Margaret Manu'a, Madeleine Valerie Manu'a, Tiara Tuong An Nguyen, Ethan O'Leary, Indira Ruby Rafter, Sebastian Nicolás Ureta Rojas, Fletcher John Kahurangi Ryan, George Patrick Counsell Stephens, Ellie Seine Tana, Dominic William Wells, James Thomas Wells, Charles Joseph McDonald Whitaker, Kialani Antonia-Maria Wilson.



LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM



The Archdiocese of Wellington, and the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission (EJP) have signed up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform. A Mass to formally mark this commitment with Cardinal John as president, will be celebrated at our **10.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday Mass on 2nd October at St Thomas More Church**, Wilton.

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, please come along to the **8.30am Saturday morning Mass in the Connolly Hall Chapel on 1 October. Fr Alliston will be the celebrant.**

HEALING SERVICE

A Healing Service with **Fr John Rea** will be conducted at **St Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt** on Thursday **06 October** beginning at **7.30 pm**. This is the first we have been able to have since Covid struck. Please invite and bring with you all those in need of healing. Contact: (Ph. **022 6390240**)

CELEBRATING VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT



Sunday **2 October** will be marked as a day of celebration for the **Venerable Meri Hōhepa-Suzanne Aubert**. The purpose of this important national day of celebration is to promote and celebrate the spirituality and good works of Suzanne Aubert to as many people as possible. This year it will be on 2 October. The National Liturgy Office has produced readings, prayers and other resources for this wonderful Sunday. Please visit the website for more information:

<https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/national-day-for-meri-hohepa-suzanne-aubert/>



Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding a free online event, *"No hope in hell: How a real Gospel view of the afterlife can make us better missionaries"* on **Thursday 13 October at 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom**. The speaker is Cameron Surrey of the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy. Come along with your whanau and friends.

Register for free at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlqce-ggzsvH9Eu8vW8t9BLNz7ZvTkGFOM>

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- Debbie Matheson: **Parish Leader / Lay Pastoral Leader**
- Fr Ron Bennett: **Parish Moderator**
- Fr Alliston Fernandes

Music Coordinator/Leader:

Appointment pending

Secretary:

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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.



Sacred Heart Cathedral School

The latest edition of our parish

school newsletter is available at

<https://>

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Please keep in your prayers

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Jodi Woodcock,
Nephew of Fr James
Lyons.



Mass offered for



Oliver Sonny Liwanag
19 Sept 2022 Philippines

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

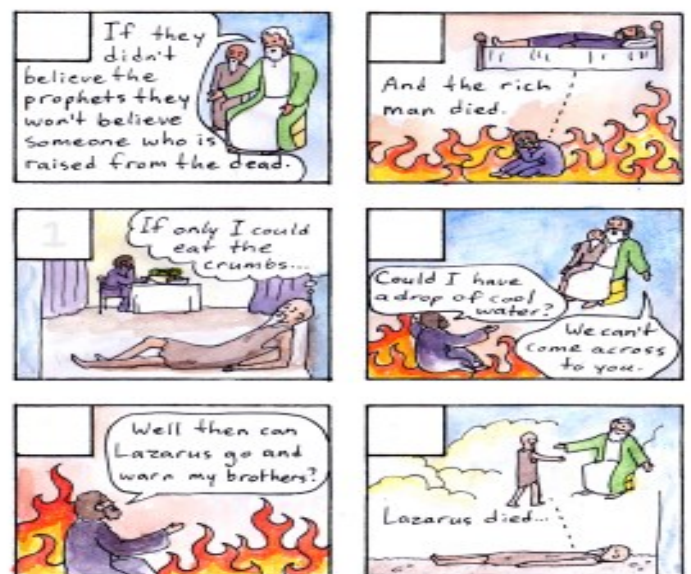
Saint Francis of Assisi October 4



SAINT FRANCIS LIVED A LIFE OF POVERTY AND HUMILITY EVEN THOUGH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. SOON THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR (FRANCISCANS) WAS STARTED. SAINT FRANCIS ALSO RECEIVED THE STIGMATA. HE DIED AT AGE 45 AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SICKNESS.

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Sort-the-Pictures Lazarus and the Rich Man



In this story are Lazarus, the rich man, and Abraham. The pictures are not in order, though. Can you put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the corners to show their proper order?