



# The Cathedral Connection



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## PRAYER

In this week's Gospel, our Lord is teaching us *"about the need to pray continually and never lose heart"*. (Lk 18:1). In his talk about prayer, Bishop Robert Barron defines prayer, through the primacy of grace, as God's addressing of us. He cites Herbert McCabe (Dominican priest, theologian) in saying *"Whatever is good and true and right in our prayer is the Holy Spirit already praying in us"*. Bishop Barron further describes prayer as a conversation among friends – our friendship with God expressed in lively conversation.

In his talk, Bishop Barron makes the following recommendations:

First, take the time everyday to converse with God. Maybe first thing in the morning, or the last thing we do before going to bed – pray. In the first of a series of parish formation workshops on prayer, prayer was described as an act of dedication. We pray, dedicating ourselves to God saying "God, I need You". That acknowledgement of needing God tells us we need to be conversing with Him – always.

Second, prayer is the act of finding the centre. Bishop Barron cites Thomas Merton saying "to pray is to find the place in you where you are here, and now, being created by God".

Third, to pray is to speak to God with honesty. At the heart of prayer is a clear and honest communication letting God know about everything – your joy, your sorrow, your guilt, your sin, your pain, your confusion – everything.

Fourth, listen attentively. It's a communication, a two-way conversation. We may not hear Him directly. But normally, God speaks in much more indirect ways. It might be through the scripture you are reading.

Lastly, silence in prayer. Bishop Barron cites St Theresa – silence gives rise to prayer, prayer gives rise to faith, faith gives rise to love, and love to service. Interestingly, it all starts with silence. Do we sit in silence, allowing God to speak in that space? Elijah heard God not in the roaring wind, nor in the fire, nor in the earthquake; but in the tiny whispering voice that can only be heard in silence. Bishop Barron continues with *"when you have the good of God, a silent savouring of that good is key in prayer"*.

Apart from all the good that prayer does for oneself, prayer, as well, allows us to be instruments of God's grace and mercy to others. Prayer, as an act of supplication and cooperation, allows us to intercede for those who are in need. As much as we seek the intercession of saints and our Blessed Mother, we too can pray to God for the needs of others. I was blessed to be able to participate in a healing service just recently in Upper Hutt. And to be able to pray with those who were seeking healing, among other things, is truly a privilege and a blessing.

Randy Reyes - Pastoral Council Chair



## Readings For The Week

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> –** Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> –** 2 Timothy 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> –** Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> –** Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> –** Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> –** Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,6-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

## 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)

*"Serving means caring ... for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people"*

Pope Francis, [Homily in Havana](#), 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 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 7.00pm 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.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MISSION SUNDAY 22-23 OCTOBER

Your support for this cause on the weekend of **22 – 23 October** is greatly appreciated.

For those of you with 'giving envelopes' there is a brown coloured envelope in your envelope pack you can use with the details of the Special Collection on it. Please ensure you put your giving number on the envelope. If you give by cash in the plate, please place your cash in an envelope and write "**special collection**" on the outside.

If you give by automatic payment to the parish planned giving programme, you can still give electronically by using the same bank account you currently use, but you do need to change the transaction details for this one-off transaction to show the following:

**Particulars = Your Initial and Surname**

**Code = Your Planned Giving Number** (please contact the parish office if you are unsure of your number), and

**Reference = "Special Collection Name"** (this is to ensure that your donation goes to the specific cause).

*"May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."* Ruth 2:12

## SCRIPTURE WORKSHOP

### SCRIPTURE / THE BIBLE

The Bible allows Christians to access the foundations of their faith; therefore, it is essential to Christians. The Bible is filled with words of love, affirmation, hope, peace, strength and goodness. If you want to experience Christ living in us, God's word must be implanted in us. The more we feed on the Word of God, the more we will grow. God's word has the power to transform our lives! Its teachings will radically change our thinking and our lifestyle.

Are you ready to be transformed?

Come and join us for our second **FORMATION NIGHT** on **Wednesday, 19 October 2022, from 7 pm to 8 pm at Connolly Hall** to learn more about **SCRIPTURE/THE BIBLE**.

For more information, please contact [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## CATHEDRAL PROJECT FUNDRAISERS

# BAKE SALE

MCSH Earthquake Strengthening Fundraiser



**THIS WEEK-END!**  
Please Bring Cash

After:

5:30pm Mass at St Teresa's, Karori

5:30pm Mass at St Thomas More, Wilton

9:00am Mass at St Thomas More, Wilton

10:30am Mass at St Thomas More, Wilton

7:00pm Mass at Cathedral Chapel, Connolly Hall, Thorndon

### E-WASTE RECYCLING DROP OFF DAY

Saturday 29 October 2022

9am-2pm

Postponement Day:

Sat 5 Nov St. Mary's College (Netball Courts)

Hawkestone Street Entrance

Contact: Joy Nagrampa 021 633 225

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## 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.

## TUĀKANA GAP YEAR PROGRAMME 2023

Applications for the Archdiocese's Tuākana Programme 2023 are now open! If you know any amazing young Catholics within your Parishes or communities who are looking for a new opportunity, please encourage them to apply!

To apply and for a copy of the job description, visit:

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/tuakana-application-form/>

Contact Louise at [youth@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:youth@wn.catholic.org.nz) for more information.

## PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL TERM

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school term,  
we implore your mercy:  
bless the students, teachers, and staff of our schools,  
that together they may grow in faith, hope, and love  
as they learn from you and each other  
how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of their minds,  
that they may grow in wisdom,  
understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen their commitment to seek the truth of your ways  
as they work together with their families and parishes;  
and enliven their faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.  
Amen



**HEALING SERVICE**  
with Fr. John Rea SM

**THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022 | 7:30 PM**  
**ST TERESA'S PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH**  
**301 KARORI ROAD - KARORI**

All Welcome

Contact  
Melissa Braganza | Phone: 022 389 7460 | Email: [melissabraganza7@gmail.com](mailto:melissabraganza7@gmail.com)

### Joshua Wellington Men's Events

Meeting: 7:30pm Thursday 20 October 2022 at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul  
Laurence Benson testimony "Discovering the Light of Christianity"

Retreat: 8:30 to 5pm Saturday 29 October 2022 at Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay  
Brendan Malone on "Peace, hope and healing through Jesus for our brokenness"  
Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555  
email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

# WelCom

The latest WelCom is now available in your Church Foyer  
Contents for October WelCom include:

- Ordination to the priesthood of Fr Alfred Tong of the Archdiocese of Wellington.
- NZ Catholic bishops pay tribute to the late HM Queen Elizabeth II.
- Support Life Sunday, 9 October.
- NZ Catholic bishops' new guidelines for the country's 235 Catholic schools to support young people with regard to sexual diversity.
- Cardinal John Dew reflects on the Curia after his August meeting with cardinals in Rome.
- Feature about the reality of life today in Afghanistan a year on since the fall of Kabul.
- Hiko Whakapono – Journey of Faith, The Catholic Parish of Otari, Wellington.
- October: month of the Rosary; and Mission month.
- Plus, more features, local and international news and views, Young Church.

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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

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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/>

**MASS TIMES**

**Weekdays**

(Except Public Holidays)

All held in the Connolly Hall Chapel

**12.10pm Monday** (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)

**8.00am Tuesday to Friday**

**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=188>

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Honora Paulin



**Mass offered for**

Jodi Woodcock RIP  
29 Sept 2022  
Nephew of Fr James Lyons



Paul 'Budgie' Jacobsen RIP  
4 Oct 2022  
Husband of Lynn

**Anniversaries**

Joseph Claude Fernando - 4 Oct

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

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**Never Give Up!**

Have you ever felt like giving up on praying because it seemed like God wasn't listening?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said that if someone like that will do what a person asks, God will certainly listen to everything we ask him.

But does God always do what we ask when we ask Him to? God always hears what we say to Him, but He has a few ways of answering our prayers. Sometimes He gives us what we ask for right away, but sometimes He lets us wait a while before we get it. And sometimes He doesn't give us what we are asking for because He has a better plan for us.



So always persevere when you're praying for something. God hears you and you can trust Him to do what is the very best for you!

Never give up!

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**The Kids' Bulletin**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 16th, 2022



Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow?  
Only fill in the spaces with '+'s to find out!

