



The Cathedral Connection



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PRAYING FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

The month of November is traditionally dedicated as praying for the poor souls in purgatory though in a particular way we did so earlier in the week on 2 November - All souls Day, when we traditionally commemorate the faithful departed.

The doctrine of purgatory (Latin: *purgatorium*; "to purge") itself has been a bone of contention but having such a "state" is quite logical when one considers what it truly teaches and the fact that it is backed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

If Scripture mentions that nothing unclean enters into God's holy presence (Rev 21:27) then there must be a period of purification or 'a cleansing fire' to undergo before one enters Heaven. Numerous passages in the Bible allude to this. For instance, we find Jesus stating that "whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven in this age or the age to come". (Mt 12:31-32) What could this imply if not that a time/place exists for such sins to be forgiven?

Jews before the time of Jesus had this custom and it is also testified during the time of the early Church and in the writings of the Church Fathers. We find the *Catechism Of The Catholic Church* stating: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC nos 1030-1).

God's deep and providential love extends his mercies to those in purgatory. During a vision of the Purgatory that St Faustina had, she asked the souls what their greatest suffering was. Their response was that it was a longing for God. The longing gets stronger along with the maturing in love; after all, love is the measure of longing.

One of the ways we can help these poor souls is to remember to pray for them. They in turn will pray for us.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Fr Alliston



Readings For The Week

Sunday 6th – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Monday 7th – Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday 8th – Titus 2:1-8,11-14; Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday 9th (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica) – Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; John 2:13-22

Thursday 10th (St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor) - Philemon 7-20;

Luke 17:20-25

Friday 11th (St Martin of Tours, Bishop) – 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday 12th (St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr) – 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday 13th – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

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)

"Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives" (#274) Pope Francis "Evangelii Gaudium"



YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

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

Rosary - Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in 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 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

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.**

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS



Each year during November, we especially remember our family members and friends who have gone home to God. A box is provided in the entrance where you can place the names of your loved ones. The box will be placed before the Altar where the names are offered up as part of our Mass.

Also, during the month of the Holy Souls, the Parish celebrates a Mass in memory of those who were called home to God in the previous 12 months and have a connection with the Cathedral. Everyone is invited to share in our memorial Mass at the **5.30pm Vigil on Saturday 12 November**. Drinks and nibbles will follow Mass.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Have you ever wondered how a community can bring renewal to our parish? Come to know more about the importance of community as Christians.

God did not create us to live alone. No man is an island to himself. Without friends around us, especially brothers and sisters in the Lord, we become lonely and isolated. It doesn't do us any good to go through life without a support system, and what better support system than the Body of Christ? There is something extraordinary about growing together in communion with one another. When God's people are living in unity together, we grow closer to Jesus. And this might be one of the most beautiful things ever.

Come and join us to learn more about COMMUNITY in our third FORMATION NIGHT on **Wednesday, 16 November 2022, from 7pm to 8pm at Connolly Hall**. For more information, please get in touch with cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz



ADVENT RECOLLECTION

As we await Jesus' birth at Christmas the Church offers us the liturgical season of Advent to prepare for the same.

To facilitate this there will be a recollection on the theme: "Let us prepare for Christ's Coming". It will be held between **9:30am to 12 noon on November 26 at Connolly Hall**. There will be a talk by Fr Alliston along with a time of Eucharistic adoration and possibility to avail yourself of the sacrament of reconciliation. Please do join us as we delve deeply into the meaning of the season of Advent and how one may use this season fruitfully to prepare for the coming of the Lord into our hearts.

PRIESTS' ANNUAL RETREAT

As our diocesan priests will be on retreat from Sunday evening 27 November until Friday 2 December there will be some changes to our Weekday Liturgies during that week.

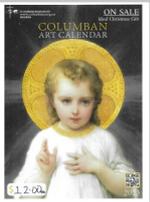
Service times will remain the same. However, a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be offered when no supply priest is available. All are welcome.

A Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is provided in the absence of a priest to enable the Faithful, to offer praise and worship and to be nourished by Word and Holy Communion.

Let us keep our priests in prayer especially during this time and many thanks to those who volunteer to nourish our faithful by leading our Liturgies of the Word.

Now Available - 2023 Columban Art Calendars

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. It is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2023 marks the 101st edition. \$12.00ea available from our Connolly Hall Stall or the Parish Office. These make a great Christmas Gift.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG WELLINGTON CATHOLICS

XLT NOVEMBER

Inviting Teens and Young Adults to come and experience the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Together we worship Him through music, receive true freedom through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and feel the love through the gift of each other.

Date: Friday, 18 November 2022, 7–9:30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

SEEK – EXPLORE AND DISCERN

An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the Church and in the world.

Sunday 20 November, 1pm- 5pm at St Mary of the Angels. The afternoon will conclude with the World Youth Day Mass at 5pm.

To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz



WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS 2022

Come together with the Youth of Wellington to celebrate all that's happening in the Young Church! Join us for Young Church Mass and an evening of fellowship and celebration for World Youth Day 2022.

Date: Sunday 20 November 2022, 5pm

Venue: St Mary of the Angels Church

ŌTARI PARISH MOVIE SCREENING OF 'THE LETTER'

Friday 11 November, arrive at 6.45pm for 7pm movie start time

A community screening of 'The Letter', a film by the Laudato Si' Movement featuring Pope Francis as the protagonist, and five leaders representing the voices of indigenous people, the youth, the poor and the wildlife of our planet.

The screening will take place at St Thomas More Church, 36 Worcester Street, Wilton. There will be a light supper, time for reflection, group sharing and discussion following the screening. Save the date and invite family and friends along too.



How God is calling us at this time

Joshua Wellington invites both men and women to the last meeting for 2022 on Thursday 17 November at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by supper.

This interactive session will be led by Monsignor Gerard Burns, Vicar-General, on 'How God is calling us at this time'

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

On Wednesday 9 November, we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. On this day the Church commemorates a uniquely sacred space, the oldest of the four major basilicas in the city of Rome. The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome and thus the seat of the Pope as Bishop of Rome.

Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite. The honouring of this sacred edifice was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church, which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch says, "presides in charity" over the whole Catholic communion (Letter to the Romans, 1:1).



COVID, COLDS, AND FLU

Although Covid restrictions have been eased, please 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. Many thanks.

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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:

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Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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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=193>

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Honora Paulin

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Mass offered for

Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM
RIP 24 Oct 2022

Gerard Gittings
RIP 1 Nov 2022

Anniversaries:

Janice Campbell 13 Nov



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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Saint Martin of Tours

November 11



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF BEING GENEROUS. FIRST HE GAVE HIS OWN CLOTHING TO A POOR BEGGAR. LATER HE GAVE HIS TIME TO GOD BY LIVING FOR HIM AND SERVING HIS PEOPLE. HOW CAN YOU BE GENEROUS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE? CAN YOU BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME?

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Heaven:

Fill in the Blanks

What did Jesus say to the men in today's Gospel who didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead?

Fill in the blanks with the words in the list, and use the letters in squares to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

1. Jesus rose so that we could _____ again after we die.
2. God will give us new _____ in the resurrection.
3. Then we will be in _____.
4. We will see God after we _____.
5. Then we will _____ sin again.
6. We will be happy forever with _____.

**NEVER
HEAVEN
GOD
BODIES
DIE
LIVE**



"He is not God of the dead but God of the _____; for all live to him."

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