



# The Cathedral Connection



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1st Sunday of Advent

## Advent - A time of Preparation

Wikipedia defines advent as “a Christian season of preparation for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas”. It is also the beginning of the liturgical year in our church’s calendar. It is a time we associate with preparing for the coming of our Lord and saviour. Reading through a blog, [blessedcatholicmom.com](http://blessedcatholicmom.com), the author makes these excellent suggestions on how we can best prepare during this advent season.

Pray more. Our Lord teaches us to pray continually and never lose heart (Lk 18:1). What better way to welcome His birth than to regularly talk with God. Listen to what He has to say to us. If you’re not quite sure of what to pray during this season, perhaps you may want to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. There are a lot of online resources available, as well as apps such as ‘Laudate’ and ‘Pray as you go’.

Go to Mass more often. Attending Mass helps us keep our focus on God and less on the consumerism of the Christmas season. Filipinos have a devotional, nine-day series of Masses called ‘Simbang Gabi’ or ‘Night Mass’, literally. Usually celebrated at dawn from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of December, the tradition helps put emphasis on the spiritual preparation for commemoration of the birth of our Lord.

Go to Reconciliation. One of the best ways to celebrate the birth of our Lord is with a clean heart. Reconciliation, instituted by our Lord in His love and mercy, offer us forgiveness for our sins. In confession, we can repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. Through absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. And it helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults).

Our Lord admonishes us to ‘stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect’ (Matthew 24:44). Let us take this Advent season to prepare our spirit, our hearts, and our minds; focused on the richness of our faith and giving glory to our God.

Randy Reyes  
Parish Pastoral Council Chair



## Readings For The Week

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> (St Andrew, Apostle)** – Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1,5,6-8

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

## 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

“To celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace.”

*Pope Francis*



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 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 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 7am 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](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)

**Please note that Adoration will finish at 6pm on 1 December.**

### 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

## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



Advent marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. It is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, during this Advent season the Church invites us to renew our desire and open the door of our life to the Lord. Advent is a time of expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation, and cheerful preparation.

Each Sunday during Advent one candle on the Advent wreath is lit. As a whole the candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each candle has a name assigned to it and symbolises a virtue. The centre white candle is lit on Christmas Eve.

This week we light the first of the purple candles. It is named the Prophecy Candle in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ: It represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

*Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES

**Rite I** Reconciliation will be available before the Saturday Vigil Mass from 4.30pm on 26 November, 3 and 17 December, also before the 10.30am Sunday Mass from 9.30am on 27 November and 4 and 18 December.

**Rite II** Reconciliation will be offered as a joint parish liturgy at 4pm on Sunday 11 December at St Thomas More Church, Wilton.



## CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS/JANUARY 2023 EUCHARISTIC TIMETABLE

**Christmas Eve**—10.00pm Mass with Cardinal John Dew at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral Karori. Carols from 9.40pm. There will be no 5.30pm Vigil

**Christmas Day**—10.00am Mass at St Thomas More church, Wilton

There will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses from 24th December. These will resume on Tuesday 24th January

**Weekend Sunday Eucharistic services** will be celebrated as usual:

Vigil Mass—5.30pm St Thomas More church, Wilton

Sunday 10.30am St Thomas More church, Wilton

Sunday 7.00pm Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon

## HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL

Covid case numbers are on the rise again and general and respiratory illnesses are still affecting many people. Please take seriously the health and wellbeing of our fellow parishioners and choose to stay away from Mass and other parish gatherings if you are not well. We also ask you to be aware of others 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. The health and safety of all members of our community are important. Thank you.

## PARISH BAKE SALE FOR CATHEDRAL RESTORATION

**The December Bake Sale is on next weekend, 3-4 December, at all parish Masses!**

The Cathedral Restoration Fundraising monthly bake sale returns next weekend. Thank you all for your generous support. Please come with cash and get your hands on the scrumptious cupcakes and homemade goodies. Be sure to bring cash and support our fundraising efforts.

**On sale: Handcrafted Paper Boxes made from recycled materials and Japanese washi paper**

Back by popular demand, these handcrafted Japanese boxes made from recycled boxes, wrapping paper and Japanese washi paper are ideal as Christmas gifts. Use them as jewellery boxes, sewing kit or stationery organisers. The best thing about them is they are so beautiful to look at.

Also available for sale are Japanese paper bookmarks and stationery holders, all exquisitely made by Japanese dance instructor Reiko Rapita who is passionate about Japanese arts and crafts. While stocks last.

A Christmas raffle will also be available at \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8 December

As has been the custom for many years now, an Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on our Diocesan Feast day at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral at 7pm. The Archdiocese will again be entrusted to the care of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception at this Mass. Parishes are asked to renew that Consecration on the following Sunday (11 December) at ALL parish Masses.

All are welcome at St Teresa's for the Mass on 8 December at 7pm.

## MASS AND MARCH FOR LIFE

### Mass for Life

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, at 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](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

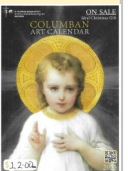
### National March for Life

You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual National March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over New Zealand in a celebration of life that also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. The event will conclude at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in New Zealand's history: [www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)



### 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.



## 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 this 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.



# 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:

10.00am - 4.30pm 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/>

## 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:** see notice on page 2 and by appointment.

**Baptism:** by appointment. Please



The latest edition of our parish school newsletter

is available at:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=196>

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo

Sadie Laurenson



## Mass offered for



Teresa Marie Gittings RIP

### Anniversaries:

Francis Philip Selvaratnam 19 Nov

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

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



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Answer to Fill in the Blanks: Be ready!

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent  
November 27th, 2022

Sort the letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom



In today's second reading Saint Paul tells the Romans to throw off the works of darkness and put on the

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