



# The Cathedral Connection



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Frameworks for life and re-opening

Welcome to the first Cathedral Connection for 2023, which marks the end of the summer holiday season, the beginning of the new calendar year, and the resumption of activity in our normal cycle of parish life.

This weekend, the Beatitudes in the Gospel presents the framework for the whole of Jesus' ministry, where the core expectations for all his disciples is laid out. The Beatitudes guide us to a life of justice, love, and compassion in our relationship with God, humanity, and creation. They are our identity and call to action.

As a parish we begin 2023 with great expectation and excitement of our expected returning home to our blessed Cathedral. Already this year work has begun on preparing a framework of physical events required to be undertaken to enable our physical re-entry and return to the Cathedral building. This framework, along with an increase in focussed fundraising, will provide us with a timeframe of when this will be possible. This will be communicated with great rejoicing as soon as it is known.

Over the next few months teams of people and coordinators will be sought to plan and implement our liturgical and social reopening festivities; coordinate working bees (to spruce up communal areas in the complex, move furniture around, and unpack and clean items that have been in storage etc); and reengaging with parishioners and communities displaced during the closure.

Along with the excitement of the expected reopening of the Cathedral, regular and new pastoral initiatives and activities also resume from this weekend. Your participation, as you are able, in these faith and liturgical formations, and parish life enrich and bless not only us, but our entire parish and wider communities.

As we listen to the Gospel proclaimed, is there a particular Beatitudes that sounds like an invitation, an area God might be calling you to grow?

Debbie Matheson  
*Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader*



## Readings For the Week

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

**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)

'God's nearness is not inconsequential, his presence does not leave things as they are, it does not advocate a quiet life. On the contrary, his Word shakes us, disturbs us, incites us to change, to conversion.' - Pope Francis, homily, Word of God Sunday, 22 January 2023.



## YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

**Divine Mercy Devotions** - Sunday 6:00pm-6:30pm in Connolly Hall Chapel. All welcome. **Resumes for 2023 on 5 February.**

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

**Scripture Reflection** - Every Tuesday evening from 5:00pm-5.45pm 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-9:00pm. All are welcome. **Resumes for 2023 on 13 February.**



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday

Every Thursday from 7am until 7pm at Connolly Hall. If you would like to participate on a regular basis and commit to one hour, or just pop in for a few minutes, please contact Sr Marie Gore [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

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

**Children's Sacramental Programme 2023** - Registration is now open for the 2023 programme which begins with **FIRST RECONCILIATION** in Term 1 and **HOLY COMMUNION** in Term 2.

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 Thursday 16 February 2023 at St Thomas More Church in Wilton.

For registration and/or further enquiries, please contact Geraldine [mcsh.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com) or the parish office at [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE RETURNS

The first Bake Sale for 2023 is on this weekend, 28-29 January, at all parish Masses: 5:30pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday at St Thomas More, 7:00pm Sunday at Connolly Hall Chapel, and also at St Theresa's Karori on Sunday at 10:00am. Contributions welcome - and please come with cash and get your hands on the scrumptious cupcakes and homemade goodies.



## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER



Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends for 2023 are 18 & 19 March, 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington.

Registrations close 2 weeks before. For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. Mobile 027 486 0700 or email [simonolsen@gmail.com](mailto:simonolsen@gmail.com)

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

We need four people (two teams of two) to help with counting and preparing our Parish Mass Collections. The commitment would be 1-2 hours on a Tuesday during the day once every 3 - 4 Months. It's not very demanding, and full training will be given. If you can help, or would like further information, please contact the parish office [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) or Ph. 496-1700 as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## COVID AND STAYING WELL

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 in 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.

**Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration Campaign** can be made to this bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025**

**Particulars:** Your surname & initials . **Code:** Your phone number. **Reference:** REOPEN.

Check out the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website: [www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz](http://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz) and please mention it to your friends too.



## WAITANGI DAY MASS

Nau mai, haere mai! The customary Waitangi Day Mass to pray for this land and all who dwell here under the guardianship of the Treaty will be celebrated on Monday, 6 February, 9:00am at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St, Wellington. This Mass combines the choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngākau Tapu parish for Māori in Porirua. Prayers will primarily be in Māori, English and Latin along with various other languages. Celebrant: Cardinal John Dew. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. Enquiries to [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz); (04) 473 8074. All welcome.



### Sovereignty

In 2004, the Anglican and Catholic bishops of these islands issued a joint statement on the Treaty of Waitangi. It read in part:

“we have to disagree with those who say the Treaty offers no blueprint for modern New Zealand, creates no partnership, defines no principles or constitutional relationship and serves to fuel separatism. Our experience contradicts those claims.

We acknowledge that issues of sovereignty were begged by the differences in translation between the two versions of the Treaty. Maori never intended or imagined they were giving away their rangatiratanga under Article 2. Working out those issues, especially as they apply to land and seashore, is an ongoing task.

The Treaty can't be ignored or made to disappear, enshrined as it is in the law, very clearly since the 1975 Act and in at least 32 subsequent pieces of legislation. Equally important for us, the document forms a spiritual covenant through promises made by our forebears and never forgotten by Maori. To break those long standing promises is to erode the moral foundation of the nation and undermine the ethical basis of Pakeha settlement in New Zealand, along with all sorts of other agreements, covenants and contracts. The Treaty properly honoured provides us all with a cornerstone that is the envy of other nations.

Self determination is the issue, not ethnic privilege.”

The full text can be read here: <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0403/S00005/bishops-call-for-treaty-debate-not-race-debate.htm>

CARDINAL JOHN WELCOMES  
YOU TO A  
CELEBRATION OF LOVE



TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2023

ST VALENTINE'S  
DAY MASS 2023  
6.30PM

St Joseph's Catholic Church  
152 Brougham Street,  
Mt Victoria  
Wellington 6011

For more information please contact:  
Marriage Ministries, Ph: (04) 496 1706,  
email: [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)



### On Ash Wednesday

22 February - there will be a joint Anglican and Lutheran and Catholic ecumenical Lent service at 6.00pm with the distribution of ashes at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral. All are very welcome, and it would be good to see as many Sacred Heart Cathedral parishioners as possible there.

## PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On 2 February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we also celebrate a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This day, instituted by Pope St John Paul II, remembers all those who have consecrated their lives to the Lord, whether in religious Orders or otherwise. Some homilies by Pope Francis on this can be read here:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/consecrated\\_life/index.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/consecrated_life/index.html). Some other thoughts can be found at the New Zealand National Liturgy Office: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-day-for-consecrated-life/>



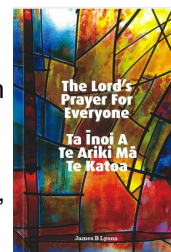
**Peace and Justice in the Holy Land** — Brother Peter Bray FSC, the New Zealand Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University, is touring all our Catholic Dioceses on behalf of the NZ bishops, to talk about the Holy Land, his work with his students, and the lives of other ordinary Palestinians. He will speak at St Thomas More (Wilton) Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7:00pm. Tea and Coffee available from 6.30pm.

Br Peter is also making three videos; the second video which is very powerful, can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R17kia53-GY> For more information about the videos and Br Peter's speaking tour: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/brpeter-video2/>

**THE LORD'S PRAYER FOR EVERYONE** breaks open this traditional prayer to fit our human situations.

Published by Fr James Lyons, to assist the work of the Sisters of Compassion, it is available from the Parish Office or our little shop in Connolly Hall at \$20.00 per copy.

*The Lord's Prayer for Everyone* is within reach of all ages, speaking to the healthy and the sick, students, parents and grandparents, gardeners and pilgrims, backpackers, the anxious and the grateful.





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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

Ph: (04) 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

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

**8.00am Tuesday to Friday**

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### Saturday

**8.30am:** Connolly Hall Chapel

### Saturday

**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.

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



## Mass offered for

Lorraine Murray RIP 5 Dec



## ANNIVERSARIES

8 Jan - Michael Cecil-Gibson

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

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### How to be Happy!

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes. Beatitude means happiness. Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important thing in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins against Him.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!

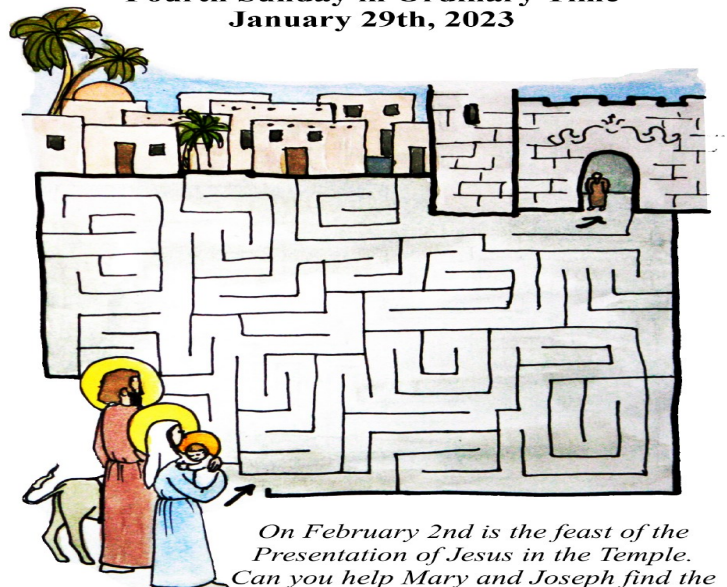


Answer to Beatitudes Word Find: Will be happy

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

## The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29th, 2023



On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

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