



The Cathedral Connection



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY

It is February already! Where did January go? School and work routines have returned, and the year lies ahead of us. What will it bring? I suspect that the only thing we can rely on is that change will continue to be part of our lives both personally and as a part of the Cathedral community.

It may be the beginning of the secular year but from a liturgical point of view, the year is well underway and Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season is only a couple of weeks away. While the Lenten season may not have yet started and this weekend is only 'Ordinary Time', we are left with no room for complacency with respect to our faith and how that should influence our actions and view of justice. This weekend's readings confront us with how the Word of the Gospel should translate into action in our lives. The first reading is from Isaiah 58: 7-10 and with unescapable clarity we are told what God wants from his people. 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked...' There is no doubt that mercy and care of all peoples is expected of the true follower of Jesus. The 2nd reading and the Gospel from Matthew continue the idea by extolling a life of mercy and justice, comparing our actions with 'light rising in the darkness'.

Having watched the unfolding flooding disaster in Northland, Auckland and Coromandel and the anguish of those affected, we see that the need is huge. But we don't need to look that far from home to find examples of those who are desperate for our help - our local food banks and the Downtown Community Ministry are experiencing extraordinary demands for food, clothing and accommodation. Listening to this weekend's readings with an open heart invites us to consider how we approach the giving of our time or donations of money or goods.

May our community be a light to the world, a living example of the Gospel through its actions.

Jane Kelly
Chair, Liturgy Committee



Readings For the Week

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

Monday 6th – Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday 7th – Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday 8th – Genesis 2:4-9,15-17; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday 9th – Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30
Friday 10th – Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37
Saturday 11th – Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday 12th – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

"Light and salt are for others, not for themselves. Light does not illuminate itself, salt does not flavour itself."
Pope Francis, [Morning Meditation 7 June 2016](#)



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)

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday 6:00pm-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 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 1st and 3rd 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

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 Term One 2023 - FIRST RECONCILIATION

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 or the parish office at cathedral.parish@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.

Parish Masses will be in Connolly Hall Chapel at 8.00am and 12.10pm

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

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

We need a further two people (to form a team 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 or Ph. 496-1700 as soon as possible. Many thanks to Maria Smart and Ita Delahunty for offering to join the counters roster.

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 and please mention it to your friends too.





**Congregational Leaders'
Conference Aotearoa
New Zealand**

NZ Catholic Bishop's Conference

The bishops and congregational
leader's of the Catholic Church in

Aotearoa New Zealand have issued a statement of commitments
adopted in response to the continuing work of the Royal Commission on
Abuse in Care. This can be found at:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/jan10-letter/>

POPE FRANCIS AND THE LITURGY AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

In July 2022 Pope Francis wrote a landmark
letter on the liturgy. This interactive
workshop by Fr John O'Connor and
Catherine Gibbs from the National Liturgy
Office will present Francis' letter *Desiderio
Desideravi* and summarize it within the
context of today's reality in Aotearoa New
Zealand.

DATE: 25TH FEBRUARY 2023

TIME: 10:00AM TO 3:00PM

PLACE: SS PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH
KNIGHTS RD, LOWER HUTT



PLEASE REGISTER BY 16TH FEBRUARY

CONTACT: C.WALKERDINE@WN.CATHOLIC.ORG.NZ / 04 496 1706

**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

JOSHUA WELLINGTON MASS

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to
both men and women to come to a MASS
followed by a light supper **on Thursday 16th
February 2023 at 7:30pm** at 'Loaves and
Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul,
corner Hill and Molesworth Streets.

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. 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/>

Archdiocese of Wellington - Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass 2023

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese of Wellington Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass for 2023. We celebrate
Eucharist and whanaungatanga, and all who serve within each of our Catholic School and College communities are
commissioned and blessed in their ministries. 5.30pm Wednesday 15th February, St Mary's of the Angels, 17 Boulcott
Street, Wellington Central.

FLOOD RELIEF SUPPORT REQUEST FROM BISHOP STEVE LOWE

"Like you, I was shocked to see the destruction the floods brought in such a short time. Like
you, I want to help those whose lives have been thrown into disarray. Please join me in
providing support to those in need.

My Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to
so many. You can make an **online donation** today so that assistance can get to families
quickly."

<https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> Bishop Steve Lowe, Bishop of Auckland.



Parish Pastoral Leadership Team Travels

We welcome back Fr Alliston from his holiday back home to India. Fr Ron is on holiday for February and Debbie is going to
Australia for a couple of weeks from 9 February. Whilst in Australia Debbie will be joined by Fr Ron and Randy Reyes
(Pastoral Council Chair) who are attending a conference presented by Divine Renovation Australasia. On leading a parish
from maintenance to mission.

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

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

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=201>

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Mass offered for

Mons. John Carde
RIP 30 Jan

Catherine Ryan
RIP 30 Jan

ANNIVERSARIES

27 Feb - George Hunt

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



CHILDREN'S CORNER

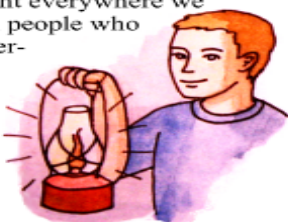


You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

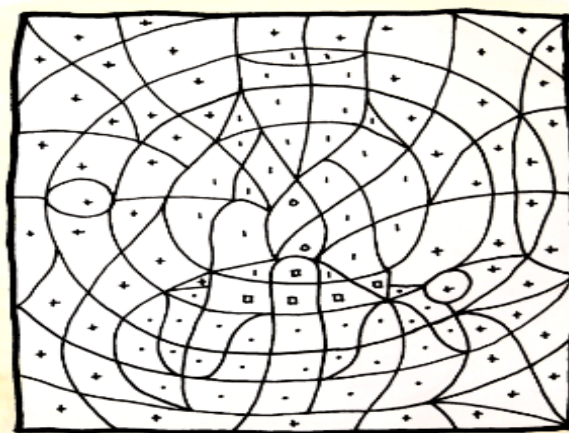
Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.



The Kids' Bulletin

Sunday February 5th, 2023
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matt 5:13-16

What did Jesus tell us we should be like?
Colour in the spaces according to the code to find out!

- + blue
- white
- orange
- brown
- red

Answers to Crossword Puzzle:
Across: 4 must 6 earth 8 you 9 deeds 13 mountain 14 all 16 light 18 so 19 house 20 taste 21 to
Down: 1 city 2 Jesus 3 are 5 said 7 hidden 10 world 11 salt 12 basket 15 loses 17 good 18 set

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