



The Cathedral Connection



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

STORMS

In the first seven weeks of 2023 there have been three disastrous storms, all of which have caused great damage in the upper and central North Island. The most recent, Cyclone Gabrielle, has had the most widespread consequences. Thousands of people have been displaced; many more have suffered damage to homes and goods; many roads and bridges have been washed out; farming and horticultural land has been affected. Lives have been lost. At the time of writing, Wellington has been largely untroubled (although Wednesday evening's earthquake was unwelcome).

How do we respond to such a disaster? Many of us will have been checking on family and friends in the affected areas. We will want to give material and moral support to our brothers and sisters. Steve Lowe, Catholic Bishop of Auckland, had already appealed to us after the last floods.

Events like this inspire the virtues of solidarity and compassion. We saw that also for many months during the Covid pandemic. But eventually, and understandably, there was an increasing desire to get back to 'normal', the way it was 'before' the pandemic. Similarly, community advocates observed after the 2011 Christchurch earthquake that poorer parts of the city were left behind. Some of the most deprived parts of Aotearoa have been badly affected by the current storms.

A disaster such as Cyclone Gabrielle requires us to think beyond immediate responses. Climate scientists have rightly noted that human-induced climate change makes such storms more severe. The storms have also revealed evidence of environmental irresponsibility in some areas.

Lent is a time for conversion – changing hearts. Pope Francis writes about ecological conversion in *Laudato Si'*: 'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience' (para 217). But, the pope reminds us, it is not only about individual self-improvement, not only about personal holiness. 'Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds' (para 219).

As we approach Lent, may we remember that compassion and solidarity – and the other principles of Catholic social teaching, among them stewardship of creation, the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, and the common good - are both urgent and needed for the long haul. A good summary of these principles is at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/catholic-social-teaching>.



Jim McAloon

Readings for the Week

Sunday 19th	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
Monday 20th	Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday 21st	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday 22nd	Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday 23rd	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday 24th	Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday 25th	Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sunday 26th	First Sunday of Lent Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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)

"Today let us choose love, whatever the cost, even if it means going against the tide. ... Then we will be true Christians and our world will be more human."

Pope Francis, [Homily, Visit to Bari, 23/02/2020](#)



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-5.40pm 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.



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

ASH WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Collecting Old Palms

In preparation for Ash Wednesday we are now collecting your old palms from last year so they can be burnt and used for distribution during our Ash Wednesday Services. Please leave them in basket in the Church foyer area or at the back of the Connolly Hall Chapel. Thank you.



Receiving Ashes

We have three opportunities for parishioners and visitors to receive the ashes this year. Ashes will be distributed at both the 8am and 12.10pm Masses in our Connolly Hall Chapel also 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 at St Paul's.

PARISH LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

The liturgical season of Lent invites us to take time to search our hearts and our practices, to consider what we cherish, to recognise and find the treasures in our lives, and prune the rest. The following opportunities are available in our parish that may encourage and assist you this Lenten season.

Stations of the Cross – Each Friday during Lent Randy Reyes, Clint Ramoo and Sr Marie Gore will lead Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in Connolly Hall chapel. We are looking for leaders to lead the stations. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Sr Marie, Clint, or Randy. All are welcome.

Reconciliation – Rite I Reconciliation is available by appointment and will be available 40 minutes before our weekend Eucharist at St Thomas More church on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th weekends of Lent. Rite II Reconciliation will be celebrated as a Pastoral Area at 4.00pm on Sunday 2nd April at St Thomas More church.

Lectio Divina – The ancient practice of Lectio Divina involves scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer. Each week there is an opportunity to gather and reflect communally on the coming weekend's gospel. You can join on-line on Tuesday's 5.00-5.40pm (see notice above). Alternatively, you could consider practicing Lectio Divina as a family during Lent. A resource is available <https://catholic-link.org/pray-lectio-divina-steps/>

Caritas Lenten Appeal – During Lent, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops invite us to monetarily support the work of Caritas as they reach out to the most poor and vulnerable members of our local and global communities. Lenten appeal donation envelopes are available at the back of our churches or donations can be made via internet banking:

THE PARISH NEEDS YOU

THE PARISH NEEDS YOU. 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.

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.



BAKE SALE

MCSH Earthquake Strengthening Fundraiser

February 18 - 19
March 18 - 19
April 22 - 23
May 20 - 21
June 17 - 18



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/>

Liturgy Workshop based on *Desiderio Desideravi*

The National Liturgy Office are running a workshop based on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*. The venue is Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Lower Hutt. Sat. 25th Feb.2023. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Attendees: Anyone involved in liturgies or interested in learning about key liturgy components.

For more info and to register please contact Christine on 496-1706 or email c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

“Receive Holy Spirit Power.” Through the Holy Spirit you come to know God and experience His Love; enabling love of God, yourself and others. Current of Grace Conference 2023 at El Rancho. 24-26th March.

Register here: www.currentofgraceconference.info

Anointing Mass

The sacrament of Anointing the Sick is administered to bring spiritual and physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death.

“The special grace of the sacrament has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life” (CCC 1532).

If you or someone you know would like to avail themselves of this Sacrament, it will be celebrated during the **8.30am Saturday morning Mass on 25th February**.

Greenstone Aunties Needed

Greenstone Doors is urgently looking for volunteers to become part of a rostered team to help at a residence in Mt Victoria where two mothers will require support.

The volunteer will need to have experience with the care of newborn babies. The role is to help parents build skills and confidence as first-time mothers in a supportive environment.

Hours are 9am-5pm and/or overnight. Commitment is for at least one day or night a fortnight. For more information contact Wendy 0272549222 or email manager@greenstonedoors.co.nz

If you would like more information about Greenstone Doors, please visit <https://www.greenstonedoors.co.nz/>



people helping people āwhina tātou

Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Coordinator

Catholic Social Services (CSS) are looking for someone who is passionate about enabling former Refugees to get a great start in their new

life in Aotearoa NZ.

CSS collaborates with Red Cross, other Catholic parishes and community groups in the Wellington area in providing household goods to assist in the resettlement of people arriving into NZ via refugee pathways.

The coordinator role is to ensure the smooth running of the resettlement project. This volunteer role requires a commitment of approximately 8 hours per week. It is anticipated that there will be 7 -10 intakes across a year.

For more information please contact Wellington Catholic Social Services on 043858642 or email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz

Engaged Encounter

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

For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/>



DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT

Turkey - Syria Earthquake

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people.

Keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your prayers as they face widespread devastation and loss of life. We're in contact with our partners on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs at this time.

If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link: www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online (Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake) Or donate via the Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)



Auckland Area Floods “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.

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver: “Mission Fair” Come and support the Sisters of St. Peter Claver raise funds for Catholic missionary work around the world. The Mission Fair 2023 has something for everyone with a variety of stalls, raffles, food and a heart way for the community to come together. At 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Convent Grounds. 10 am to 1pm on Saturday the 25th of February.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

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<https://www.facebook.com/MCSHWWellington/>

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=204>

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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



Marie Byrne

June Swain

Willijono Tanudjojo



Mass offered for

Josefa Trivino RIP 14 Feb
Philippines




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

Ash Wednesday

 This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices - out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answers to puzzle on front: Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.
3 true 4 false 5 false 6 true 7 true

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The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19th, 2023

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What did Jesus tell the people
in today's Gospel reading?
Use the code to find out!