



# The Cathedral Connection



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## Eighty – the magic number

No, I am not talking about my age (although with all the pains and aches I have, I sometimes feel like I am indeed eighty!) but rather this is the number of Parishioners and visitors at the Vigil Mass for the first Sunday of Lent. It has been a long time since we had this number of people at a Saturday Vigil and Randy noted that it must be a sign of people's Lenten commitment. If this is the case, then what a beautiful commitment it is.

I try to get to Mass every Friday during the year, however, every year, without fail, I find that getting to a weekday Mass during Lent, quite challenging. Something always seems to come up at the last minute or I am unable to get out of a work commitment. Well, true to form, on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, I could not make the 8am Mass as I had an overseas call which was cancelled at 8:10am because the person could not make it. I had anyway planned to go to the 12:10pm Mass. At 12pm as I was heading out the office, a colleague stopped to ask me about something which then left me with 5 mins to get to the Chapel. As I was about to cross Molesworth Street, I bumped into a former colleague, we got chatting and before I knew it, it was 12:20pm so I decided it was too late to get to Mass and went back to the office.

All was however not lost, because there was still the 5:15pm Mass at St Mary's. At 4:30pm, my daughter called to let me know she has finished work and would like to get lift home with me. The opportunity to drive home with her does not come along often so I instead opted for this and got to spend some time with her. So it was not a good start to my Lenten commitments and some forces were certainly working against me. I did however manage to make it to Stations of the Cross at 7pm which was led by Sr. Marie. While it was not the same as Mass, I did at least get some time to reflect. During Lent, and in fact throughout the year, our Parish offers many opportunities for prayerful reflection, this includes (full details are on page 2 & 3): *Divine Mercy Devotions (Sundays)*, *Rosary (Mondays)*, *Scripture Reflection (Tuesdays)*, *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Thursdays)*, *Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent followed by an opportunity for Reconciliation)*, *Lectio Divina (Thursdays during Lent)*, *Reconciliation (before the Vigil Mass)*, *Sr Marie's Prayer Group – meets twice a month on a Monday*

In today's Gospel on the Transfiguration, we see how Jesus invited three of his disciples to go up the mountain to pray with him. Although they were afraid, they were also in awe of God through what they experienced. We, too, are invited to take up this invitation to spend time with Jesus, and there is no better time to be doing this than during Lent. So, take up the opportunities in the Parish to do so and not only get time for reflection but also to meet your fellow Parishioners as we look at returning to the Cathedral later this year.

So while 80 may be a magical number, 120 will be awesome even if it is spread across all these opportunities.

*Clint Ramoo - Finance Committee Chair*



## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** - Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

## 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

Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to Jesus. He speaks to us in the Word of God and through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and stories of those who are in need. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no generous effort will be lost." Pope Francis [Twitter](https://twitter.com/francesco), [18/02/23](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/homilies/20130218_homily-01_18-02-2013_en.html)



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-5.40pm 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 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.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



is available every Thursday in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7am until 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to make a visit during these hours.

Many people have expressed gratitude for this haven of peace in their day.

### 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

## 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 **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weekends of Lent**. Rite II Reconciliation will be celebrated as a Pastoral Area **at 4.00pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**. Alternatively, join us every Thursday in Lent from 6.00pm to 6.45pm in the foyer of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. A resource is available at <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: Westpac, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, 03-0518-0211216-00, Please include the following information with your donation: **Particulars:** Your first and last name, **Code:** Lent **Reference:** Your street address or email address.



**Recollection** – **Saturday, April 1st, 9:30am to about 12:30noon at Connolly Hall chapel, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon**. The days from Palm Sunday to the Easter vigil are considered the holiest in the liturgical calendar as they commemorate the last days of our Lord Jesus' life on earth, His passion and death. In order to prepare ourselves to enter to this great mystery of God's love for us the parish is organizing a half day recollection so as to enter into Holy Week in a spirit of prayer and reflection. Do come for a time of praise and worship, reflect on talks, adoration and an opportunity to avail yourself of the sacrament of reconciliation.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have some free time during weekdays? We are looking for two people to join our hospitality ministry as Cathedral Guardians. Currently the role is from 11.00am to 1.30pm weekdays and the vacancy is for every second Thursday. It is not onerous at all, and you get the opportunity to spend time in our Chapel. We need 2 people to start on 23 March or earlier if possible. Full training will be provided. Please contact the parish office [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) or (04) 496-1700 for more information.

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

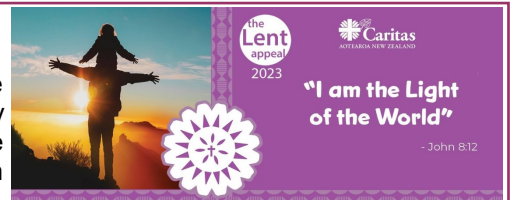
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Check out the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website: [www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz](http://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz) and please mention it to your friends too.



## Caritas Reflections on Sundays of Lent

Lent is a season to renew our spiritual lives and particularly draw nearer to the Lord through Prayer. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange writes: "Besides the Holy Eucharist, the true food of the saints is to be found in the Scriptures." In fact, the first Sunday of Lent challenges us with these words: "Human beings do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."(Mt4:4). An ancient form of prayer is *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading) or listening attentively to God's voice through the Scriptures. Why not join us **every Thursday in Lent from 6pm to 6:45pm** at **the foyer of the Sacred Heart Cathedral** to read, meditate and pray on the Sunday readings for Lent. It will transform your life for as Isaiah states: "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isa55:11).



## Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Coordinator



This volunteer role requires a commitment of up to 8 hours per week.

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, Catholic, other parishes and community groups in the Wellington area 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. It is anticipated that there will be 7-10 intakes across a year. For more information please contact [Wellington Catholic Social Services on 043858642](mailto:Wellington.Catholic.Social.Services@wn.catholic.org.nz) or email [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)



## World Day Of Prayer

### An Ecumenical Global Service

**Place:** St Anne's Anglican Church, 69 Northland Road, Northland

**Date & Time:** Friday 3rd March 7.00pm (Followed by supper and fellowship after the service)

This year the World Day of Prayer (WDP) service has been prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan.

### "I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH"

Come along and join St Anne's Anglican Church (Hosting Parish), Ōtari Parish and St Luke's Anglican Parish Wadestown, for the WDP service in your local area. This is one way we can carry out one of the Synod actions: 'Build up our local ecumenical relationships.' **All are welcome.**

There will be an opportunity to give a donation for WDP projects. Ōtari Parish are providing 7 readers for this service. If you are able to attend and to participate, please contact Estelle Henrys [ph.027 3123200](mailto:ph.027.3123200) or [ev.henrys@gmail.com](mailto:ev.henrys@gmail.com)



## Columban Lenten Resource 2023

Nine Scriptural Reflections : YEAR A 2023  
A Short History of Happiness: Lent to Easter  
Obtain a copy from here:

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/liturgical-resources/>

## 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](http://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.



# 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 Joy Thottankara: **Assistant Priest**
- Fr Alliston Fernandes: **Supply Priest**

## 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:** See Lenten Notices inside and 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=206>

Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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

Marie Byrne

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Patricia Schleicher

For all university students, especially those in Wellington who started this week.



## Mass offered for

Arnold Bondoc Henson  
RIP 25 Feb  
Philippines



## ANNIVERSARIES

8 March - Casey Foo

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

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Jesus Shows His Glory



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun - so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of this moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.



Answer to Word Find: until He had risen.  
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### The Kids' Bulletin

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What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?

Look in the mirror to find out!

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