



The Cathedral Connection



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Third Sunday of Lent

Evangelisation

This weekend we hear proclaimed the familiar gospel of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. Just like a well this scripture is deep and nourishing. I know this scripture well, having spent many hours reflecting on it. However, after spending time reflecting on mission at the Australasian Divine Renovation conference a few weeks ago it was the evangelisation in and from this encounter that struck a chord in me.

It was Jesus' simplicity and ease in entering conversation with the Samaritan woman, an outcast in her village, and the content of their conversation that resonated. Jesus chose not to preach to her, He didn't tell her that her sins are forgiven, make any judgement, or offer her some other kind of pastoral help. Instead, he opened their conversation by asking her for help, for a drink. He connected with her on their common ground of physical need. He treated her as an equal, with love and respect, and in so doing allowed her innate human dignity to shine.

Moved by her encounter, and new belief in Jesus, she went back to her village and shared with the community her story of encounter with Jesus. Attracted by her testimony and witness the villagers too sought out Jesus... and her whole village were evangelised.

As Christians evangelisation is our mission. Our faith, our relationship with Jesus, invites us daily to share the Good News of salvation. The dismissal at the end of Mass sends us to do just this. Is this something we intentionally choose to do? Our testimony and witness are very powerful and attractive. Have we a particular evangelisation story that we can share with others, and with whom will we choose to do this? How do our interactions with others witness to the Good News of salvation?

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader



Readings for the Week

Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 13th – 2 Kings 5:1-15, Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday 14th – Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday 15th – Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday 16th – Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday 17th – Jeremiah 1:4-9; Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Saturday 18th – Hosea 5:15-6:6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday 19th – 4th Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13; John 9:1-41

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing."
Pope Francis, [Lenten Message 2014](#)



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)

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

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

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 or (04) 496-1700 for more information.

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 at 7.00pm in Connolly Hall chapel. If you would like to help lead 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 **4th and 5th weekend 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, join us every Thursday in Lent from 6.00pm to 6.45pm in the foyer of the Sacred Heart Cathedral for the Caritas Lenten reflection programme. Or use this resource at: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/s/LRP-2023.pdf> And gather your own group or family together.



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.



EUCHARIST - FORMATION NIGHT THIS WEDNESDAY

We go to Mass every Sunday, and some of us, daily. Yet, do we as Catholics truly understand what the Eucharist is and why the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church - Paragraph 1324)?

Learn more about THE EUCHARIST in our next FORMATION NIGHT this Wednesday, 15 March 2023, from 7pm to 8pm at Connolly Hall Chapel. For more information, please get in touch with cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

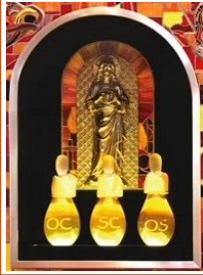


Caritas Lenten Appeal - During Lent, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops invite us to monetarily support the work of Caritas as they reach out to the most poor and vulnerable members of our local and global communities. Lenten appeal donation envelopes are available at the back of our churches or donations can be made via internet banking: Westpac, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, **03-0518-0211216-03**, Please include the following information with your donation:

Particulars: Your first and last name, **Code:** Lent **Reference:** Your street address or email address.



This weekend we welcome Archbishop Paul Martin SM as celebrant for our Saturday 5.30pm Vigil and our Sunday 7.00pm Masses. We thank Archbishop Paul for this opportunity to celebrate Mass with him. Do take the opportunity to say hello to him. Fr Alliston is away until Thursday and Fr Joy will be back in the parish from 24th March. Please keep them all in your prayers.



CHRISM MASS

Monday 3rd April 7.00pm at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Karori.

Archbishop Paul Martin SM will be presiding.

This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. All are welcome.



The next 'Bake Sale' next weekend, **March 18 and 19.**

Your support this regular fundraising activity for the Sacred Heart Cathedral strengthening and restoration project is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the generous bakers who supply these delicious goodies. New bakers are always welcome. Please contact Geraldine Irinco or the parish office.

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm



Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady

of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. ALL are welcome.

A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Thursday 9 March, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Venue: Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Day of contemplation and reflection with Sister of Compassion Sr Sue. There is no fee, however, a koha is greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED –

email sr.sue@compassion.org.nz or ph. (04) 383-7769



EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets for our Easter Hamper Raffle are available for purchase after our Vigil and Sunday Masses.

As illustrated in the poster, there are three hampers to be won, so be in - \$2 for 1 ticket, or \$5 for 3 tickets!

All proceeds are for the Cathedral Restoration Fund, and the raffle will be drawn Palm Sunday weekend.

Tickets are available at
\$2 for 1 ticket
\$5 for 3 tickets
Draw date : 2 April 2023
All proceeds will go to the
Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Project



Last Days! **Joshua Wellington** invites men to come for fellowship at the '**Loaves and Fishes**' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming **Thursday 16th March at 7:30pm** followed by supper.

Speaker: **Geoff Mettrick, Joshua leader 2003**
- 2008 on "Return to God - Listen to His voice"

Want to know more?

Ring **David Monastra 027-447-7280** or

email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

OFFICE MANAGER WANTED FOR NZCBC AND CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference and the Catholic Enquiry Centre are looking for an experienced Office Manager to help make our Wellington office in Thorndon Quay run smoothly. The CEC helps to make the Church more alive and Christ more known by informing and inspiring faith inquirers. The NZCBC is an agency for the national work of the Catholic bishops of Aotearoa NZ. The two agencies work closely together, side-by-side on L5, 204 Thorndon Quay.

Details and to apply: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbbc-cec/>

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Online Sessions (Evening):
Genesis – In the Beginning...
(Repeat on Special Request)
The Creation Stories (incl. study material)
with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 20 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/in-the-beginning/>

YouTube Recording

The Notion of 'Church' with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/02/muffin-talk-with-prof-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



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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 also available by appointment.

Baptism: by appointment. Please contact the Parish office.



The latest edition of our parish school newsletter is available at

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=207>



Brian Dunn

Gabrielle McLeavey

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

June Swain



Wilijono Tanudjojo

Patricia Schleicher

Mass offered for

Marie Byrne RIP 8 Mar
Former Cathedral Volunteer

Gwen Griffin RIP 9 Mar
Aunt of Jane Kelly



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

Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.



When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!

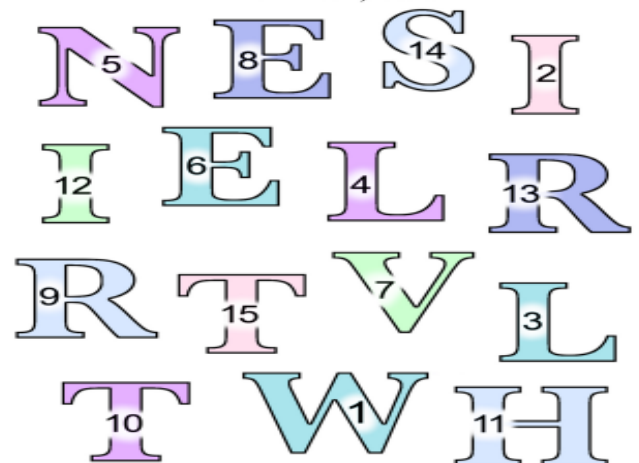


Answer to puzzle on front: will never thirst
difficultly, might, courage, God, "Christ died"

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The Kids' Bulletin

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Jesus says that if we drink
His living water, we

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