



The Cathedral Connection



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Palm Sunday

WHERE DO WE SIT?

As we reach the sixth and final Sunday of Lent our own Lenten journey closely follows that of Jesus as he prepares us for the great liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Palm Sunday is a dress rehearsal taking us from the exaltation and excitement of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the donkey, then to the upper room and the marking of the Passover with his friends, from there to Gethsemane and the long trek to Calvary.

We can recognise the enthusiasm and joy from the crowds that line Jesus's journey into Jerusalem. People wave palms and shout their encouragement and excitement that came with the arrival of this prophet. There is hope for the future that they fervently wish to be different from their past. How quickly this excitement and hope disappeared as a few days later the people change their cries of 'Hosanna' to 'Crucify him'.

We may have been part of our own street processions. In our culture such processions are more often for sporting heroes, winners of medals and trophies. Our gathering together and shouts of support reflect our desire to share the joy of their success. But we can be fair weather supporters and losses on the sports field can quickly turn to recriminations and calls for resignations for the same teams when their fortunes change.

Where do we sit during the Holy Week. Are we in the crowd on Palm Sunday enjoying the excitement of the new prophet? And where will we be by the end of the week with Jesus arrested and the authorities taking control. Would we have the courage to stand up for Jesus in the face of Pontius Pilate? The glory of the Resurrection is that through the death of Jesus our weaknesses and frailties, our propensity to be fair weather supporters of Jesus is washed away and we have the opportunity to grow to be stronger people of faith.

May this Easter bring each one of us to a deeper faith in the Risen Christ.

God Bless

Jane Kelly

Liturgy Committee Chair



Readings for the Week

Sunday 2nd – Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26: 14-27:66

Monday 3rd – Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday 4th – Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday 5th – Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday 6th – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Friday 7th – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday 8th – Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday 9th – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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

"When we resort to violence, we show that we no longer know anything about God, or even about others. We lose sight of why we are in the world and even end up committing senseless acts of cruelty. We see this in the folly of war, where Christ is crucified yet another time.... He is crucified in refugees who flee from bombs with children in their arms. He is crucified in the elderly left alone to die; in young people deprived of a future... ." Pope Francis, [Homily 10/04/2022](#)

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 7pm. Everyone is welcome to make a visit during these hours. Many people have expressed gratitude for this haven of peace in their day.



Reconciliation - Rite I Reconciliation is available by appointment and will be available **40 minutes before our weekend Eucharist at St Thomas More Church** this weekend. Rite II Reconciliation will be celebrated as a Pastoral Area **at 4.00pm this Sunday 2nd April at St Thomas More church**. All welcome.

MASS COORDINATOR ROLE

The celebration of Mass is a community celebration. We all participate in our worship celebration, with some involved in specific ministerial roles that aid our worship. Mass Coordinators are assigned to each weekend Mass. The Coordinator arrives 20-30 minutes before the Mass begins. They support the Mass through the coordination of the rostered volunteers, seeking further volunteers if necessary. We are currently seeking expressions of interest for 2-3 new Coordinators to be rostered every 3-4 weeks for the Sunday 10.30am Mass. The role is perfect for getting to know more members of the parish community. Guidelines for the role are provided and full training will be given. **Please contact the parish office or speak with Debbie, Fr Alliston or Fr Joy.**

Congratulations and best wishes to the children from our area who are making their First Reconciliation this Sunday 2 April:

Allegra Swanepoel; Antonio Penalosa-Schmidt; Henry Dowling; Lucas Dowling; Jackson Hoera; Lyla Schmidt-Siitia; Milford Penalosa-Schmidt; Raphael Santos; Ryan Joseph; Thomas Meachen; Violet Buck; Juanita Davis; Archie White; Lana Vaughan; Dana Samson; Xavier Suhada; Allysa Santos; Lino Lafaele.



THE TOMB

'The tomb stands for the darkness and silence brought about by suffering and death, whether in our own life or that of others. Because of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, the tomb is no longer the extinguishing of light and life, no longer a final destination, but a passage, a preparation in hope of greater life. And yet this does not diminish the depth of our experience of sorrow and grief, which is an essential part of our human experience, of spiritual growth.'

From a reflection by Mother Sofia Millican, OCSO, Abbess of Mount Saint Mary's Cistercian Abbey, Massachusetts. The full meditation is at: <https://msmabbey.org/news/waiting-watching-weeping>

HOLY PLACES SPECIAL COLLECTION

Your support for this cause on the weekend of **7-9 April** is greatly appreciated.

For those of you with 'giving envelopes' there is a brown coloured envelope in your envelope pack you can use with the details of the Special Collection on it. Please ensure you put your giving number on the envelope. If you give by cash in the plate, please place your cash in an envelope and write '**Holy Places**' on the outside.

If you give by automatic payment to the parish planned giving programme, you can still give electronically by using the same bank account you currently use, but you do need to change the transaction details for this one-off transaction to show the following:

Particulars = Your Initial and Surname

Code = Your Planned Giving Number (please contact the parish office if you are unsure of your number), and

Reference = "Holy Places" (this is to ensure that your donation goes to the specific cause).

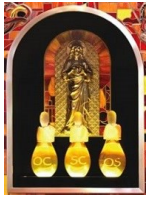
"May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." Ruth 2:12



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.

HOLY WEEK



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.

Cathedral Parish Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum Masses / Liturgies

- Sunday 2 April: 10:00am Palm Sunday Mass in St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Karori
(no 10.30am Mass; Saturday Vigil and Sunday 7:00 pm Masses as usual)
- Thursday 6 April: 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in St Teresa's Pro Cathedral (No 8:00am or 12:10pm Masses)
- Friday 7 April: 10:00am Stations of the Cross in Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon
3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion in St Teresa's Pro Cathedral
- Saturday 8 April: 7:00pm Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection in St Teresa's Pro Cathedral
(No 8:30am or 5:30pm Masses)
- Sunday 9 April: 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection in St Thomas More Church, Wilton (No 7:00pm Mass)

Thank you to everyone who contributed baking to, and bought from, the Cathedral Restoration Fundraising Bake Sale two weekends ago. The sum of \$1100.00 was raised. Keep an eye out for the next one!



Employment Opportunities:

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is seeking an experienced Executive Assistant and Office Manager. Please see <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us> for details or contact Amanda Gregan, Resource Manager on 027 9399 575.

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/nzcbc-cec/>



compassion te pūaroa

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Mass/Morning Prayer

Wednesday—Thursday 8:30 am

Miha—Maori Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 am—12:00 pm

Taize

7 April, 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

Join us in a reflective time with simple songs and scripture that bring us to stillness and silence.

Venue: Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769



Each new year brings hope and new beginnings for people arriving to live in Aotearoa New Zealand. For many refugee families, being able to stay together provides them with the strength they

need to overcome their past difficulties and face the uncertainty and challenge of moving to a new country.

Giving hope and reaching out to families seeking compassionate care is one of the missions of the Sisters of Compassion. With your support, we can continue to help refugees who arrive seeking a new life. Together we can provide accommodation and support to people who need it, giving them a helping hand and hope.

Please, donate now <https://compassion.org.nz/appeal/>

Divine Mercy Feast celebration will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Petone on Sunday 16 April at 2pm.

All welcome.

You can bring : Holy objects to be blessed and Holy books you wish to donate or exchange



No Divine Mercy Devotion on the following dates at 6pm in Connolly Hall Chapel:

Easter Sunday 9 April

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 16 April

Hosted by The Street Church in conjunction with the Council of Wellington Churches
Email:

city@thestreet.org.nz

Phone : 04 385 7315



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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**

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=210>

Cardinal John Dew - Who is recovering from back surgery



Brian Dunn

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



Gabrielle McLeavey

Dan Phelon

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo

Mass offered for

- **Vicente Wagan Guerra** RIP 27 March (Philippines) Father and Father-in-law of Rea and Roger Fernandez
- **Patrick (Pat) Williams** RIP 19 Mar. Husband of Ann
- **Patricia Schleicher** RIP 22 Mar Friend of Sadie Laurenson

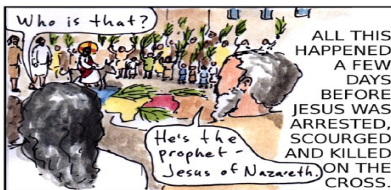
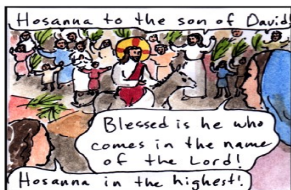


Anniversaries this month:

- Bruce Popplewell (6 April)
- David Romanos (13 April)
- Rosaline Coyle (24 April)

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.