



The Cathedral Connection



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Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

'Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.'

Easter Sunday is **THE** moment when everything makes sense, the moment of faith.

Certainly, in all 4 gospel accounts, there are regular statements by Jesus as to his resurrection, but they are not understood.

What brings about the change? John's Gospel describes in detail the condition of the grave clothes and their distribution, but that is all they see, and yet it is enough. It is as if the very fact of the Resurrection makes faith now accessible to Peter and John and subsequently to Mary and the other disciples. We are told of the beloved disciple that *'he saw, and he believed'*. He did not see the Lord with his physical eyes, but with the eyes of faith, the faith that now can be accessed by those who know the Lord as a gift, the fruit of the Resurrection.

That is true of ourselves today. We do not even see a few scraps of linen cloth, but who can *'understand the teaching of the scripture'* through the gift of faith that comes as a gift to those who, like Peter and John racing to the tomb, seek the crucified Lord and find that he is indeed risen.

We who gather for the Easter Liturgies are like the first disciples, granted the gift of faith that comes from being loved by the Lord and seeking him.



Today let us thank God for the gift of faith. Just be thankful for what we have.

Fr Ron
Parish Moderator

Readings for the Week

Sunday 9th – Easter Sunday

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

Monday 10th – Acts 2:14,22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday 11th – Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wednesday 12th – Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday 13th – Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Friday 14th – Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Saturday 15th – Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday 16th – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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

"We proclaim the Resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our life and we can share that with others: when we know how to smile with those who smile and weep with those who weep; when we walk beside those who are sad and in danger of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith with those who are searching for meaning and for happiness. With our attitude, with our witness, with our life, we say: Jesus is risen! Let us say it with all our soul." Pope Francis, [Angelus 06/04/2015](#)



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

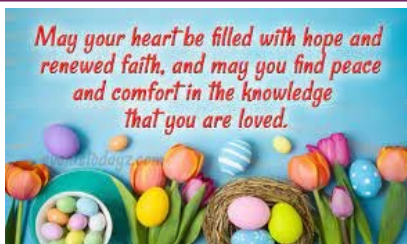
is available every Thursday in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7am until 7pm. Everyone is welcome to make a visit during these hours. Many people have expressed gratitude for this haven of peace in their day. **Please note that on 13 April Adoration will finish at 6:00pm.**

Parish Office and Easter Week

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 11 April and normal office hours will resume on Thursday 13 April. Debbie will be away until Thursday 19 April and Fr Ron will be away until Tuesday 18 April and Fr Alliston will be away until 13 May.

EASTER BLESSINGS

Easter is very much a time of Thanksgiving, for all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus.



On a much lesser level, I would like to thank everyone in our parish community, not just for the Easter ceremonies, but for all your work and dedication throughout the year in making this such a vibrant and welcoming parish.

Have a happy and holy Easter.

Fr Ron

(On behalf of the Parish Team)



Easter House Blessing

It is an age-old Catholic tradition to bless our homes during Easter season to invoke God's blessing and protection on the family. It is also an opportunity for the parish leadership to get to know more about the family and the community. The parish is offering you a chance to have your home visited and blessed by your priest during this Easter season. Those families that are interested in such blessing can either contact the parish office or note down on the sheets available at the church foyers.

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.



HOLY PLACES SPECIAL COLLECTION

Your support for this cause on this Easter 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 – As we journey through Holy Week and into Easter, we reflect on and are so grateful for the work that you have enabled us to do through your prayer, fasting and donations. You are helping us to provide an encounter with Christ's love and light through our work. It is not too late to donate. Please visit

EASTER SERVICES

Cathedral Parish Easter Triduum Masses / Liturgies

- 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)
- Monday 10 April: 8:30am Mass, Connolly Hall Chapel
- Tuesday 11 April: Normal weekday Mass schedule resumes—8:00am and 12:10pm, both Connolly Hall Chapel.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?... with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material) <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>



YouTube Recording Kieran Fenn fms reflects on Passion Sunday and Good Friday in the liturgical year of Matthew: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/02/passion-sunday-good-friday/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Employment Opportunities:

[Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand](http://www.caritas.org.nz) 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/>

THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

Pope Francis has made a point of inviting everyone to join him in prayer around a particular theme each month. This month of April he asks us to 'pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms'. Pope Francis says:

Living, speaking, and acting without violence is not surrendering, losing or giving up anything, but aspiring to everything. As Saint John XXIII said 60 years ago in his Encyclical Pacem in Terris, war is madness. It's beyond reason.

Any war, any armed confrontation, always ends in defeat for all.

Let us develop a culture of peace.

Let us remember that, even in cases of self-defence, peace is the ultimate goal, and that a lasting peace can exist only without weapons.

Let us make non-violence a guide for our actions, both in daily life and in international relations.

And let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms.

For each month's prayer theme, see <https://www.popesprayer.va/>. The website includes 'the Pope video', a short clip with the reflection for each month.

Joshua Wellington invites men to join other men on Thursday 20th April at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. **Testimonies from the recent Current of Grace conference in Waikanae** Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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 9 or 16 April at 6pm in Connolly Hall Chapel.

NEXT BAKE SALE

Just an advanced notice that the next Bake Sale Fundraiser is on the weekend of 22-23 April.



Congratulations to our Easter Hamper raffle winners.

1. Maree Stevens
2. Sr Marie
3. Joyce O'Shea



Thank you to everyone who organised and supported this fundraiser. We raised over \$620.00 for our Cathedral Project. Well done everyone.

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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**

Secretary:

Frank Doherty

Office Hours:

10.00am - 4.30pm Tues, Thurs, Fri.

Parish Council Chair:

Randy Reyes

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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=212>

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

Wiliyono Tanudjojo

Please pray for Isabelle Carbonatto's Son who is getting Married on 13 April.



Mass offered for

- Vicente Wagan Guerra**
RIP 27 March (Philippines)
Father and Father-in-law of Rea and Roger Fernandez



Anniversaries this month:

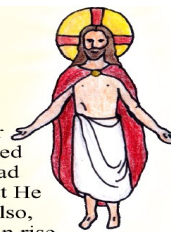
- Bruce Popplewell (6 April)
- Leon Melchor Bobis (8 April)
- David Romanos (13 April)
- Rosaline Coyle (24 April)

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Alleluia!

Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!



Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Easter: True or False?

*How well do you know the Easter Story?
See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.*

- After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
- The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
- Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
- At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
- When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
- With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
- The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

