



The Cathedral Connection



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Third Sunday of Easter

Transformation and Accompaniment

This weekend's Gospel reveals the transforming power of an encounter with the risen Lord. We listen to the story of the two disciples who were journeying to Emmaus, where Jesus appeared after his resurrection. Disappointed, the disciples had left Jerusalem, where their hopes had been destroyed. Jesus, whom they believed had promised a new kingdom, had been crucified, died, and was buried. They believed all their hopes and expectations had been shattered and had come to nothing. As they journeyed, they were joined by a stranger, with whom they shared this disappointment and frustration. As they recounted the events that had taken place, Jesus interpreted for them what had referred to him in the scriptures. Then later in the evening he ate with them and taking the bread said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them, and the disciples were transformed.

The story of Emmaus begins and ends with a journey as does our Sunday Eucharist experience. Walking with family and friends, neighbours, and other parishioners, we are always accompanied by another presence, our risen Lord. To sense our Lord's presence, to be conscious of His walking with us is the beginning of our Eucharistic experience. At our Sunday Eucharist we gather as community to listen to God's Word and are united together in prayer. We gather, united around God's table to be fed, to share our Lord's body. Here we meet the risen Lord who empowers us and from here we are sent out to live and share the Good News, to be transformed and to transform.

In the Emmaus story, Jesus accompanied the disciples, he met them where they were at, in their grief, in their frustration and disillusionment, and journeyed with them and they were transformed. Reflecting on this Gospel we are reminded and challenged to recognise Jesus Christ present within each of us. How often do we recognise Christ within each other? How can we look past the surface and see Jesus alive and working within the goodness of others? How will others see him in us? And how are we called to accompany others as individuals and as a parish community?

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader



Readings for the Week

Sunday 23rd – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-23; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Monday 24th – Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday 25th – Anzac Day

Wisdom 3:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 12:23-28

Wednesday 26th – St Mark -1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20

Thursday 27th – Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday 28th – St Peter Chanel, Patron of Oceania

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Mark 1:14-30

Saturday 29th – Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday 30th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

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

'The road to Emmaus thus becomes a symbol of our journey of faith: the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the indispensable elements for encountering the Lord... the Liturgy of the Word welcomes us: Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope, and in Communion he gives us strength. The Word of God, the Eucharist.' - Pope Francis, Angelus, 30 April 2014.

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.

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.

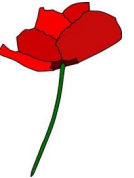


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

is available every Thursday at the 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.

ANZAC Day

St Mary of the Angels Church is holding its annual ANZAC Day Mass that will be celebrated this year by Archbishop Paul Martin, on Tuesday 25 April, 9am at the Church. We will remember all who have died as a consequence of war. We will also remember the Polish victims of the Katyn Massacre. Please note: There will be no Masses or Liturgies at the Connolly Hall Chapel on ANZAC Day and as it is a Public Holiday the Parish Office will be closed.



OUR PARISH FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE

The next Cathedral Restoration Fundraising Bake Sale is **THIS** weekend, **April 22 and 23**.

Your support of 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 the parish office for further information.



Please remember to bring cash!

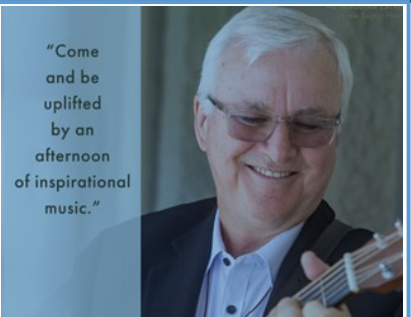
CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT

A Cathedral Fundraising Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM

Sunday 11 June, 2:00-4:00pm, St Peter & Paul's Church, Lower Hutt
Tickets \$30 + booking fee at www.trybooking.co.nz/NZH or the QR code below:



Our last concert with Fr Chris was a great success—be sure you don't miss out on an afternoon of excellent music.



"Come and be uplifted by an afternoon of inspirational music."

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.



A Retreat for Mothers – "In the Potter's hands" As a mother, you always put the needs of your loved ones before your own. Today you are invited to come away, to rest and be blessed by the God who lovingly shaped you. Join us on Saturday 6th May 2023 from 10:00am to 3:30pm Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay. Please register with Lucienne Hensel by Friday 28th April. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

Covid and other respiratory illnesses are still around. As well as the measures which we continue to take as we gather for Mass and other events, please remember: **if you are not well, PLEASE STAY HOME**. And if you should find yourself with a coughing or sneezing fit at Mass, or in a meeting, please step out of the gathering, at least until you're ok. We all want to be as safe as possible. Many thanks.

DIVINE RENOVATION

Five years ago, Fr James Mallon, a priest from Nova Scotia, Canada, talked to a gathering of priests about Parish Renewal, renewing a parish, a diocese, a church. I was impressed, read the book, but then put it in the 'too hard' basket.

I desperately wanted to renew my parish, but felt I just did not have the gifts or talents to do so. It would be a flop, I was sure.

Then I heard that Divine Renovation was running a Zoom course on renewing parishes in Australia and New Zealand. I joined the 6 week 'Kick Start' programme with 6 other priests. Later, I did a second course called 'Traction' and still later on, worked with a personal mentor from Boston, USA.

I have learnt a lot. The first thing I did during this time was getting a Team together of like-minded folk who also wanted to renew their parish. We read James Mallon's book, Divine Renovation, and prayed and discerned how this could happen.

The first step was running Alpha. Over 65 came to our first Alpha and it was a great success. We have met since, and also have had a follow-up St Valentine's Day Mass, and, during Lent, an amazing scripture course 'No Greater Love – walking with Christ through His Passion.'

In February I attended with Debbie and Randy, the Australasian Conference in Sydney. It was an amazing time. There were many learnings. The key is the Holy Spirit and prayerful discernment.

Parish Leadership needs to be a Team. Ephesians 4/11-12 mentions the different gifts members have. Each person may well have a different gift. So the Team becomes reliant on the total group, rather than focusing on one person.

I experienced great teaching, great workshops (I attended Preaching on Purpose, Liturgy, and Critical Conversations), and great friendships. I came away really enthused to live out the great command in Matthew 28/ 18: 'Go, and make disciples of all nations.'

Fr Ron



THANK YOU, FAREWELL, AND HELP WANTED

At the last Finance committee meeting the committee celebrated Victor Tipple's time on the committee, thanking him and Sheebah for their commitment to our parish operational life in the sharing of themselves and their baptismal gifts, and wished them all the best for the future.

Victor and Sheebah became members of our community after being accompanied through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) formation programme into membership of the Catholic Church. It wasn't long after their reception into the Church, and our community, that they started volunteering in various parish ministries and were married. Between them they have been members of the RCIA team, Liturgy committee, Ministry of Proclamation, Prayer of the Faithful writing team, preparation of our ministry rosters, collecting and greeting ministries and the Finance committee.

Victor and Sheebah's departure leaves opportunities and needs within several of our parish functional operating teams. Below is a note from Victor about his time on the Finance committee, which is currently seeking expressions of interest from future team members.

"The Finance committee is currently seeking new members. Clint's term on the committee is coming to an end in a year's time, and I've had to resign as Sheebah, and I are heading to Ireland in May. Membership of the Finance committee is an excellent opportunity (especially for those with an accounting/finance/administration background) to play a pivotal role in stewarding the parish's finances. It's been a privilege to serve the parish in this capacity for four years, despite the many challenges we've faced. I wish the current committee and any future committee members all the very best."

If you are interested in learning more about any of the ministries, needs and roles within the parish, especially membership of the Finance committee, please direct your expression of interest to the parish office or one of our parish leadership team Chairs: Clint Ramoo, Randy Reyes, or Jane Kelly.



The Spirit of ANZAC
REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

ADMISSION FREE

Organist Jeremy Woodside
TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2PM | ST MARY OF THE ANGELS | BOULCOTT STREET

THE ZIMBELSTERN FOUNDATION

The Zimbelstern Foundation, promoting pipe organ music, presents a concert, 'The Spirit of Anzac', with organist Jeremy Woodside. The programme will showcase works by William Byrd, J.S Bach, Vernon Griffiths, and features the joyous Kiwi Fireworks by Paul Spicer. Anzac Day promotes a sense of unity. People whose politics, beliefs and aspirations are widely different can share a genuine sorrow at the loss of so many lives in war, and a real respect for those who have endured warfare on behalf of the country we live in. St Mary of the Angels, 2:00pm, 25 April. Admission free.

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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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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 the Parish office.



The latest edition of our parish school newsletter is available at

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=214>

Cardinal John Dew - *Who is recovering from back surgery*

Brian Dunn

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

Erina Harding



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Gabrielle McLeavey

Dan Phelon

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Mass offered for

Rudolfo Abanes (RIP - this week in The Philippines, brother of Maria Smart).



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

Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.



Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!



Answer to puzzle on front: In the Breaking of the Bread.
Top-4, 1 middle-2, 6 bottom-3, 5.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually? Use the code to find out!

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