



The Cathedral Connection



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE WAY

The excitement of the disciples' when they entered Jerusalem would have been so shattered during the last supper with news that Jesus was 'leaving' them; that one of their own was to betray their master; and that their leader was to deny Jesus three times. It would not be difficult to imagine that they felt lost and in despair when they heard all that bad news. Nowadays, it is so easy to feel lost and desperate – what with all the chaos and confusion that is happening the world over.

To the disciples, back then, and so much so to us nowadays, the words of our Lord in today's gospel offers solace and guidance. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.' (John 14:1) Our Lord is reminding us that no matter how difficult times may be, trust in Him, do not worry, and all will be well. 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.' (Proverbs 3:5-6) Our Lord goes on to assure us that he is preparing a place for all of us in the Kingdom of God; and that we know the way, and the way to God is through him. Yet, at times, we try to "have a go at it" and make it on our own. Why? To paraphrase a popular song in the Philippines, we forget that our Lord won't give us what we can't bear.

Instead, the Lord gives us all that we need to be with him in God's Kingdom. On the cross, he gave us his holy mother. By our holy mother, we are led to our Lord; and through our Lord we are led to God the Father. On Pentecost, he gave us the Holy Spirit. By the Holy Spirit we are led and empowered to spread his gospel of love and salvation for all. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' (John 14:6) We can never be lost with our Lord.



Randy Reyes
Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Readings for the Week

Sunday 7th – Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12
Monday 8th – Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tuesday 9th – Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31
Wednesday 10th – Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday 11th – Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Friday 12th – Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday 13th – Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sunday 14th – Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

"Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly."

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace." **Pope Francis**



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 6pm-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-9pm. 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.

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.

WELCOME TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

This Sunday at our 10.30am Mass we welcome the children listed below along with their parents/ caregivers, families and friends. These children will be presented for blessing as they start their preparation to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

This is a very important journey for them as candidates and for us all who are called to support them as part of our parish.

Allegra Swanepoel

Antonio Penalosa-Schmidt

Henry Dowling

Jackson Hoera

Jaylen Anthony

Jaynelle Anthony

Lucas Dowling

Lyla Schmidt-Siitia

Milford Penalosa-Schmidt

Raphael Santos

Ryan Joseph

Tala Nafanua

Thomas Meachen

Violet Buck

Juanita Davis

Lana Vaughan

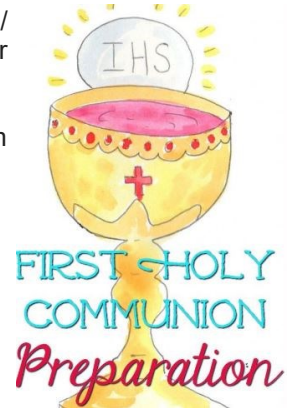
Dana Samson

Xavier Suhada

Archie White

Allysa Santos

Lino Lafaele



Please keep them all in prayer.

NAMING OF NAMES

NAME TAGS FOR MINISTERS AT WEEKEND MASSES

Our names carry deep personal, familial, cultural and historical connections. We believe that our Lord God has called us by our name - "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." (Isaiah 43:1). God calls us by our name because He wants us to have that deep, personal relationship with Him. Our parish community can be even stronger if we are able to call each other by name.

From this weekend we are introducing the practice where all Ministers involved in our weekend liturgies wear a name tag. Name tags create a warm, inviting environment. Bearing our names and the insignia of the parish, conveys a message of welcome and the sense of the readiness to assist, both parishioners and guests alike. It conveys the message that we are happy to welcome all to our community. It facilitates an opportunity as a conversation starter, an ice breaker for those who don't find it easy to introduce themselves. We hope that this support and enhance our welcoming community spirit.

CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT

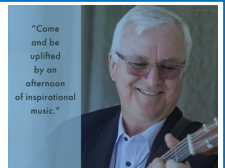


A Cathedral Fundraising Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM

Sunday 11 June, 2pm-4pm, 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.



ALSO COMING UP



- **Next Bake Sale: 20-21 May after Weekend Masses.**
- **E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off Day: Sunday 21 May at Cardinal McKeefry School, 66 Albermarle Road, Wilton from 12 noon to 4pm.**



WORKING & MINISTERING TOGETHER



PAINTERS WANTED

As we start to ramp up towards the reopening of our Cathedral building there is much to be done in the coming months. One of the tasks is for some surface preparation and painting in the Cathedral courtyard area. If you and or someone you know is an experienced painter and can volunteer some time on a weekend, then please contact Mick McKenna on ph. 027 236 7817 for more information. All expressions of interest are welcome.

PARISH MINISTRIES — HELP WANTED

The Finance Committee needs new members. Serving on this 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.

Another ministry which needs people is that of Mass Co-Ordinator for the 10:30am Sunday Mass. For each weekend Mass, a Coordinator arrives 20-30 minutes before the Mass begins, to support the Mass through the coordination of the volunteers rostered for the Mass, seeking further volunteers if necessary. Guidelines for the role are provided and full training will be given.

If you are interested in either of these ministries, or others within the parish, please get in touch with the parish office, or with Debbie, one of the committee chairs (Clint Ramoo, Randy Reyes or Jane Kelly) or, for the Mass Co-Ordinator role, Fr Joy, Fr Alliston, Debbie or the parish office.



DO YOU HAVE A BACKGROUND IN HEALTH & SAFETY?

The parish is looking for a person who has suitable training, expertise, and experience to provide Health & Safety advice and guidance to the Parish Pastoral leadership Team. If you think you can help please do contact the parish office.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Can you transport an old dishwasher from the Cathedral to Wellington Scrap Metals on Ngauranga Gorge? Please contact the parish office if you can help.

MARY'S MONTH

May is a Month especially dedicated to Mary the Mother of God and Our Mother. Devotion to Mary is one important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother, she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

Praying the Rosary

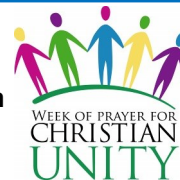
The most well-known prayer for Mary is the Hail Mary. The Rosary is a series of prayers that Mary gave St. Dominic. Praying the Rosary means we contemplate the life of Jesus and ask Mary to intercede on our behalf. Praying the rosary is a beautiful devotion and commitment. Ask Mary for her prayers and intercession by including the Hail Mary or another Marian prayer into your daily prayer time.

A basic guide to praying the rosary can be found here: <https://www.newadvent.org/images/rosary.pdf>



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY COMBINED SERVICE

We are all invited to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ for a Combined Service at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral to celebrate and prepare for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will start at **5.30pm on Thursday 19 May at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral** and refreshments will follow the conclusion of the service. All are very welcome.

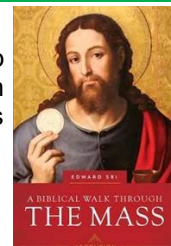


A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Thank you to Otari parish who have invited Cathedral parishioners to participate in a five week workshop entitled 'A Biblical Walk through the Mass'. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who would like to gain further knowledge and understanding of various parts of the Mass and where our communal responses originate from. All are welcome for any or all of the series. Registration is not required.

When: From Wednesday 10 May, 6.30pm-8.30pm (5 weeks)

Where: St Teresa's Church, Karori



PENTECOST SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

Please note that we will be having a combined Mass at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral in Karori on Sunday 28 May at 10.00am with Archbishop Paul as celebrant. All are welcome. *There will be no 10.30am Mass at St Thomas More on that day.*

FR ALLISTON

Fr Alliston will not be at the parish from the end of May for the next couple of months as he will be ministering at Our Lady of Kāpiti Parish, Paraparaumu while Fr Raymond Soriano, the parish priest there is away. Please keep him in your prayers.

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**

Secretary:

Frank Doherty

Office Hours:

10.00am - 4.30pm Tues, Thurs, Fri.

Parish Council Chair:

Randy Reyes

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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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=215>

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



Brian Dunn

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

Erina Harding

Gabrielle McLeavey



Dan Phelon

Judith Shroff

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo

Mass offered for

Anniversaries this month:

Eileen Romanos (22 May)

Robert Thomson, Paul Guerin (23 May)

Eduardo Pangilinan (26 May)



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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Good Shepherd



The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.

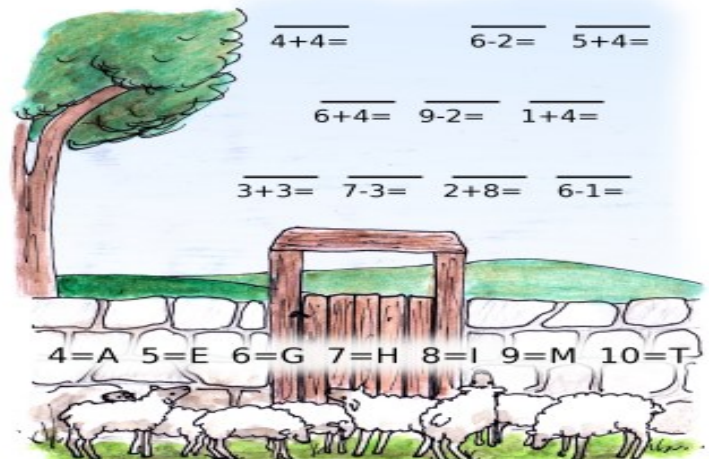


Answer to puzzle on front page:
I am the gate.
Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:
know his voice.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30th, 2023



What did Jesus say about the sheepfold? Figure out the math questions and then fill in the blanks with the letters the numbers represent.