



The Cathedral Connection



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

In just about a fortnight, we will conclude Eastertide with the great feast of Pentecost or the Descent of the Holy Spirit. The intervening Sunday readings prepare us for that celebration. In the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit or the Paraclete when He says: "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever" (Jn 14:16).

Scripture scholar, Raymond Brown writes that the Paraclete is a *witness* in defense of Jesus and a *spokesman* for him in the context of his trial by his enemies; the Paraclete is a *consoler* of the disciples for he takes Jesus' place among them; the Paraclete is a teacher and guide of the disciples and thus their *helper*. Thus, we find the varied roles taken on by the Holy Spirit. The Paraclete coming from *Parakletos* is one called to be alongside, just as we have a lawyer pleading our case or someone consoling us while we are in distress.

The Holy Spirit who was present since the beginning of time would take on a more prominent role once Jesus would leave the company of his disciples. The Holy Spirit's mission would not be to add something new rather His task would be a rekindling in the hearts of the disciples, God's love by reminding them all that Jesus taught.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis stressed the important role of the Holy Spirit when he stated that: "As Church, we can have well-defined times and spaces, well-organized communities, institutes and movements, but without the Spirit, everything remains soulless."

Having been baptised and also had our Confirmation (an early account found in today's First Reading) may we strive to have an even greater openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance in our lives and so fulfill our respective vocation. *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God* (Rom8:14). As we prepare for Pentecost, I propose that we say this widely used prayer attributed to Cardinal Mercier:

*O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.
Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.
I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me
and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.
Let me only know Your Will.
Amen*



Fr Alliston

Readings for the Week

Sunday 14th – Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21
Monday 15th – Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
Tuesday 16th – Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday 17th – Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday 18th – Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Friday 19th – Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Saturday 20th – Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
Sunday 21th – The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

"In our daily mission as baptised Christians, may the love of Christ push us toward the peripheries of our societies to meet our brothers and sisters who have been cast aside and abandoned, to show them the Lord's tenderness." *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.

Mothering Sunday

This Sunday, instead of referring to it as Mother's Day, we are calling it *Mothering Sunday*. This is because we feel it is important to honour in addition to all biological mothers, those who although may not be biological mothers, they have been or are in significant mothering roles. We give thanks for all these people, past, present and future. Recognising their contributions to our families, communities and our church. May God bless you all.



PENTECOST SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

Please note that we will have a combined Mass at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral in Karori on Sunday 28 May at 10am with Archbishop Paul as celebrant. All are welcome. As is traditional, the *Neophytes* (those recently baptised or received into the church) are especially invited to this celebration. Let's come and celebrate the birthday of the Church together. *There will be no 10.30am Mass at St Thomas More on that day.*



HAVE YOUR SAY

Feedback Sought on the resumption of the distribution of the Precious Blood of Jesus during Holy Communion.

It has been a long time now since the parish offered the Precious Blood of Jesus for consumption during Holy Communion. This has been necessary for both health and practical reasons.

Recently however there have been some requests for us to resume this. As there are many practical and pastoral considerations, we are only considering the reintroduction and no firm decisions have been made.

As part of the decision-making process, we invite your feedback. Therefore, as you depart from all Masses next weekend you will be invited to pick up a small card to place in a box to indicate your preference. If there is a strong desire for reintroduction, then the logistics for reintroduction will be considered before a final decision is made. One of the practicalities includes asking all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion if they would be willing to distribute and consume the precious blood.

We encourage you all to participate in this process. If you will not be at one of these Masses, then please feel free to email your preference to the parish office.



CATHEDRAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

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 at right.

Our last concert with Fr Chris was a great success and greatly enjoyed by all. This is yet again another wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy some beautiful music from Fr Chris.



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 noon to 4pm. Volunteers to help on the day are still needed. Please contact the parish office if you can help.



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

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?

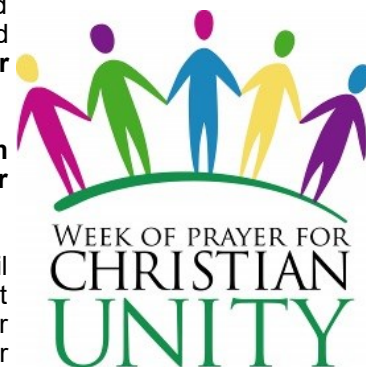
The parish is looking for a person who has suitable training, expertise, and experience to provide Health & Safety advice and guidance to the Parish Pastoral leadership Team. If you think you can help please do contact the parish office.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Pope Francis in his opening homily to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, celebrated in the northern hemisphere in February, stated "Christian unity is a fruit of God's grace, and we must dispose ourselves to accept it with generous and open hearts". **The Week of Prayer for Christian unity in New Zealand begins on Thursday 18 May.**

To mark this there will be a joint Cathedrals' ecumenical service celebrated at 5.30pm in St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, followed by light refreshments and a chance for dialogue with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

To assist your prayers for Christian unity, throughout the week those on the parish email database will receive a daily email offering a biblical reflection and prayer for each of the eight days, prepared by the Holy See Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and adapted for Aotearoa New Zealand by the National Dialogue for Christian Unity. These will be in your inbox at 7am each day.

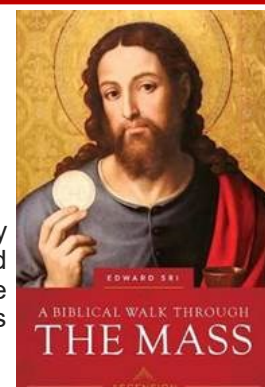


A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

THE MEANING OF THE MASS IN SCRIPTURES

Have you ever wondered if the Bible says anything about going to Mass?
Are we reliving Jesus's sacrifice at every Mass?
Why do we ring bells at consecration?
Why do we genuflect when we enter church?

The Mass is nothing short of amazing! Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear Him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive Him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. Otari parish is running "A Biblical walk through the Mass - scripture study"



St Teresa's Church, Karori. 5 weeks, from Wednesday 10 May, 6.30pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Living Liturgically – Bringing the Liturgical Year to life in the rhythm of the parish. This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved or interested in Liturgy. Venue: **St Francis of Assisi Parish Church, Johnsonville. Saturday 20 May, 10.00am-12 midday.** Tea and coffee available from 9.30am. To register please email Christine at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to come to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this Thursday 18 May at 7:30pm followed by supper.

Speaker: Fr Kevin Connors on "For He has worked wonders".

Want to know more? Call David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



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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

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Randy Reyes

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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=216>

Brian Dunn

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

Erina Harding

Gabrielle McLeavey

Dan Phelon



Judith Shroff

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Mass offered for

Gerard J Banisch RIP 16 Apr
Friend of Penny Dravitzki

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

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:



- Baptism
- Confession
- Confirmation
- Holy Communion
- Marriage
- Holy Orders
- Sacrament of the Sick



Answer to Word-Find-Holy Spirit

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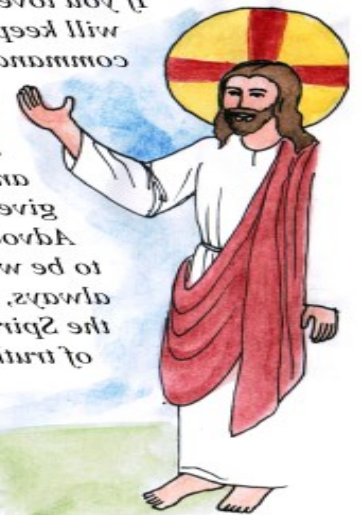
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If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.



What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure? Look at this page in the mirror to find out!