



The Cathedral Connection



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Pentecost

PENTECOST SUNDAY



The ministry of Jesus begins with the coming of the Spirit at his baptism, and so the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The task of the Church is a continuation of the mission of Jesus, to bring about God's kingdom by bringing healing, love and joy through the message of the Risen Christ.

The Gospel from John is very deliberately set 'in the evening of the first day of the week' – that is Easter Day – and Jesus says to the disciples: 'receive the Holy Spirit'. Luke sets the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – that is 50 days after Passover – much later. That makes us realise that the Easter events are not chronological but a seamless whole, where the Resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Spirit are all part of the same action of God, and that action is always about moving the Good News out from behind closed doors, and into the world.

The scriptures now enter the present time. Where the Church was 2000 years ago is where we are now – people blessed with the Holy Spirit, called to change ourselves and our world.

Each era has its own challenges. The present one is the state of our own planet. This year we celebrate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. It is a magnificent document, written in a simple, personal way by Pope Francis, calling not just Catholics but everyone to look after our common home.

Here is a link and a video about *Laudato Si* week. I hope you enjoy it.

<https://justiceandpeace.org.au/laudato-si-kit/>

Fr Ron
Parish Moderator



Readings for the Week

Sunday 28th – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

Monday 29th – Genesis 3:9-15,20; John 19:25-34

Tuesday 30th – Ecclesiasticus 35:2-15; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday 31st – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56

Thursday 1st – Ecclesiasticus 42:15-26; Mark 10:46-52

Friday 2nd – Ecclesiasticus 44:1,9-13; Mark 11:11-26

Saturday 3rd – Ecclesiasticus 51:17-27; Mark 11:27-33

Sunday 4th – The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

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

"Disregard for the duty to cultivate and maintain a proper relationship with my neighbour, for whose care and custody I am responsible, ruins my relationship with my own self, with others, with God and with the earth. When all these relationships are neglected, when justice no longer dwells in the land, the Bible tells us that life itself is endangered." *Pope Francis Laudato Si'*, paragraph 70, 24 May 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 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.

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 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.



FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

To mark the end the month dedicated to Mary, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday 31 May.

Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk. 1:39-42)

Reflect, today, upon the witness of joy that these two holy women give us. Know that you are called to share in the same joy as you humbly turn your attention to the ways in which God has blessed you.

If you find that you lack joy in life, then consider where you allow your mind to wander throughout the day. Do you dwell on the past, on hurts, on problems and the like? If so, these thoughts will undoubtedly lead to depression and possibly even despair.

Try to turn your mind to the action of God in your life. See the many blessings you have been given and savour those divine actions. Doing so will lead you to rejoice with Saint Elizabeth and our Blessed Mother.

My holy infant Jesus, as You dwelt in the sacred womb of Your own dear mother, Your presence caused much rejoicing in her heart and in the hearts of Elizabeth and John. Help me to see Your presence in our world and in my life, so that I, too, will be filled with the joy of You constantly coming to me. Jesus, I trust in You.



INVITATION TO TAIZE SESSION

Inspired by communities in France, Taizé incorporates music and chanting into a restful and reflective practice.

You are invited to join the Sisters of Compassion for a Taizé session on Friday 1 June, 7pm - 8pm, Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

WE ARE WORKING & MINISTERING TOGETHER



CAN YOU HELP?

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS, WELL DONE, AND THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped with and supported both the Bake Sale and the E-Waste Collection. This month the Bake sale raised \$2,265.00 and the E-Waste collection raised \$3,505.50. Congratulations to everyone for their support and the team for their leadership, time, and commitment in running these fundraising and community engagement events.



DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Parenting for Faith seminar

Dr Andrew Mullins from Melbourne will talk about integrating character and faith education within the context of raising children and encourage us with practical ways to ensure that we parents are empowered to pass on the taonga which is our faith.

Sunday 4 June from 2pm-4pm at St Mary of the Angels Church Hall, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central. \$20 per individual or couple. Afternoon tea included.

For more information or to register email Monica Devine at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com

Childminding (with movie and snacks) available, \$10 per family, in the Church Crypt.

Health care retreat and seminar

The NZ Catholic Medical Association provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers and anyone in allied roles.

Next event: Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).

The Pathway to Prepare for Your Sacrament of Marriage

All Catholic marriages require a marriage preparation course to be taken by the couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Marriage Ministries office is open to take your registration for the next course in the Archdiocese of Wellington, to be held on two Sundays 11 and 18 June 2023.

Please check the website www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ for registration and next courses availability, or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Mary in the Scriptures

In this series of 4 evening sessions, Kieran Fenn fms will present Mary the Mother of Jesus as she has been portrayed in the Scriptures from Mark to John.

Mondays, 19/26 June and 3/10 July, 7pm-8.30pm via ZOOM.

Fee: Free. A Donation/Koha would be appreciated.

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

Are you a locally-connected Wellington woman who would like to get to know and be a friend with a woman from a former refugee background? Catholic Social Services and Changemakers Refugee Forum are growing the Women's Friendship Project with the next induction night on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Pairs of women will then be introduced to each other and meet up once a week or fortnight for the next six months to share local experiences such as walks, gardening, and café and market visits. Every two months you are invited to attend a larger group gathering of everyone involved in the project. Often a natural friendship continues beyond the project. If you are interested, please contact Deirdre at d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz or call 021 2213944.



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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**

Secretary:

Frank Doherty

Office Hours:

10.00am - 4.30pm Tues, Thurs, Fri.

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Randy Reyes

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

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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=219>

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 (23 May)

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

PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?



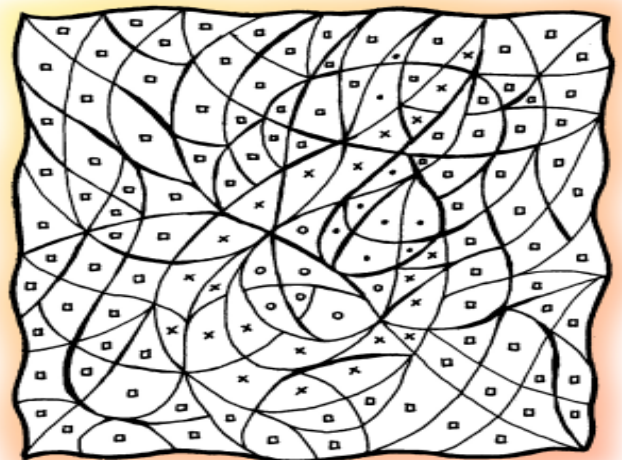
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.

Answers to Unscramble: Puzzle: place, suddenly, wind, house, fire, filled, began, spirit, BIRTHDAY.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday
May 28th, 2023



In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

- o red
- orange
- blue
- x yellow