



The Cathedral Connection



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Corpus Christi



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THE EUCHARISTIC WONDER!

On this Sunday, the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The Body and Blood of Jesus is a very precious gift to humanity. It celebrates the coming together of heaven and earth. It gives humanity the chance to share in the food of the angels.

We have twenty of our children who are going to partake of this food for the first time in their lives today. I have had the opportunity to ask a couple of them as to how excited they were to receive Jesus under the sacramental signs for the first time. One said that she was excited and the other said that she has got ready her dress and is looking forward to this day. We congratulate them all and pray that they may have an awesome experience of welcoming Jesus into their hearts. We also thank their parents for offering their children with this invaluable gift and the sacramental program team for their hard work.

The Eucharist derived from the Greek *eucharistia* for “thanksgiving” is the central act of Catholic worship. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, he spoke of his Body about to be given for us and of his Blood to be shed for the forgiveness of sins, that is, he was anticipating in a way the offering he would make of himself on the cross the next day.

The death of Jesus on the cross was the culminating point of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the most perfect sacrifice that was ever offered. Through it, Jesus established the New Covenant which the prophets had announced, signing it in his blood. The body of Jesus was really broken, and the blood of Jesus was really shed for the world. Thus, completing what he had foretold the previous night. Every Mass, every Eucharistic celebration, therefore, is about the Body and Blood of Christ.

Let us consider ourselves fortunate when together with the priest presiding over the Eucharist, we can present to the Father in heaven with the sacrifice of his own Son and also we are privileged to share in the food of the angels. May every Eucharistic celebration as St. Teresa of Calcutta says help us to realise how much Jesus loves each of us now!

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and thanksgiving, be every moment Thine. Amen.

Fr. Joy



Readings for the Week

Sunday 11th – Corpus Christi

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

Monday 12th – 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday 13th – 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday 14th – 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday 15th – 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1,3-6; Matthew 5:20-26

Friday 16th – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday 17th – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51

Sunday 18th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

“In the Eucharist Jesus... draws alongside us, pilgrims in history, to nourish the faith, hope and charity within us; to comfort us in trials; to sustain us in the commitment to justice and peace. [His] supportive presence... is everywhere: in cities and the countryside, in the North and South of the world, in countries with a Christian tradition and in those newly evangelized. In the Eucharist he offers himself as spiritual strength so as to help us put into practice his commandment - to love one another as he loved us - building communities that are welcoming and open to the needs of all.” *Pope Francis, Angelus, 18 June 2017*

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

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. We look forward to getting to know you.

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.

Anointing Mass: We are happy to inform you that we will be resuming the Anointing Mass in our cathedral parish. The Mass on every **second Saturday of the month** (starting June 10, 2023) will be an Anointing Mass. (8.30am at the Connolly Hall). All are welcome to participate and be blessed and healed by the Lord.

CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT



A Cathedral Fundraising Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM DOOR SALES WILL BE AVAILABLE

This 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.



PARISH FEAST DAY MASS AND SOCIAL GATHERING

An evening Mass to celebrate our parish feast day will be held in Connolly Hall Chapel at **5.30pm on Friday 16th June**, followed by a time of fellowship in the Cathedral foyer. This is an opportunity to gather together to celebrate our patronal feast, the gift of each other and the gift of our church. Mulled wine and juice will be available. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

THE SISTERS OF COMPASSION

At the six yearly gathering of the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion, commonly known as the Sisters of Compassion, an historic decision was made to re-elect their current leadership team: Sister Margaret Anne Mills, Sister Sue Cosgrove, Sister 'Alisi Tu'ipulotu, Sister Lusiana Raratini. The Sisters, now older and fewer in number, will continue to discern and explore the way forward. In the next period of time, mindful of their current reality and honouring the vision and the commitment of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, they will explore new pathways, e.g. Congregational Governance Structure. The Sisters appreciate your prayer, and are very grateful for the ongoing support of the Compassion Whānau.

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay; ALL are welcome.

Mass/Morning Prayer

Wednesday-Thursday 8:30 am

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz. ALL are welcome.

Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join us for our weekly craft gathering. For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

Miha – Māori Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

St Thomas More Society, Wellington - Mass and dinner, Friday 23 June, 2023

The St Thomas More Society's annual Mass and dinner is an opportunity for members of the Wellington legal community (including non-lawyers) and law students to gather and celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of lawyers. This year, Mass will take place at 5.30pm in the temporary Connolly Hall Chapel (entrance and parking from Guildford Terrace). Drinks and dinner will follow at the Wellington Club for those who wish to book this. Our guest speaker this year is Brendan Malone, a Christchurch based media consultant and bioethics educator. If you are interested in attending and would like more information please email thomasmoresoc@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

At the 10.30am Mass this Sunday, we welcome these children who are part of our Parish Sacramental Programme as they receive their First Holy Communion.

Allegra Petra Swanepoel, Allysa Mae Viola Santos, Antonio Peregrino Augustine Peñalosa-Schmidt, Archie William Joseph White, Dana Sabelle Samson, Francesco Xavier Suhada, Henry Dowling, Jackson Mikaere Hoera, Jaylen Anthony, Jaynelle Anthony, Juanita Maria Davis, Lana Vaughan, Lino Michael Lafaele, Lucas Dowling, Lyla Schmidt-Siitia, Milford Jericko Peñalosa-Schmidt, Raphael John Santos, Ryan Joseph, Thomas Jacob Seamer Meachen, Violet Frances Buck.



Please keep them, their families and those who support them in your prayers as they continue deepening their relationship with Jesus through the reception of the sacraments.

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.

Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Believers for a very long time have had devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially during the month of June, as it is a month dedicated to the honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Besides, our Cathedral Parish is also dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will be celebrating the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on 16th June 2023. To help us better for this feast, we have compiled a Novena Prayer that starts on 7th June for nine days. The prayers for each day will be emailed to you and hard copies of the same are available at the church foyers this weekend.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

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 with Kieran Fenn fms 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

Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum with Laetitia Puthenpadath

Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



18th June: Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants 2023 : "Building a Future for All"

Every year, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand provides materials to mark the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants (Sunday, 18 June 2023). This year we are encouraging communities to reflect on the theme of Building a Future for All and reignite discussion and action to help the thousands of Rohingya that have been forced from their homes into temporary shelters and vulnerable conditions, facing the future with little hope. This is a time to pray for those who may have been forgotten, and for a future that includes every one of us.

Resources can be found at: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/day-prayer-refugees-and-migrants>

JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington invites men to the FOYER of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon this coming Thursday 15th June between 7:00 and 7:30pm. Supper afterwards.

Speaker: Michael Powell on theme "Be light shining out of darkness"

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

The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open. Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces. Cloister Café: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday / Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday.

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**

Secretary:

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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=222>

Brian Dunn

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

Erina Harding

Gabrielle McLeavey

Dan Phelon

Judith Shroff

June Swain

Willijono Tanudjojo



Mass offered for

Anniversaries this month:

Anthony Wilson (4 Jun)

Gerardine Mollo (13 Jun)

Mick Robbers (14 Jun)

Martin Murray (25 Jun)



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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the feast day of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. At the Last Supper, Jesus knew that He was going to leave His friends. So He turned the bread into His Body and the wine into His Blood - even though they still looked like bread and wine - and told the Apostles to do the same.

Jesus gave the Apostles, who were the first priests, the power to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood in the Mass. Now at every Mass Jesus comes to us on the altar, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity!

Of course we can't see any change happen when the priest consecrates the bread and wine, but we know that God can do things without us understanding them. He loves us so much that He wants to come to us hidden in Holy Communion. Now it is up to us to love Him back with our whole hearts!



Answers to puzzle on front: Living Bread. A-2, B-6, C-7, D-4, E-1, F-5, G-3.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 11th, 2023



What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading? Put the letters in order to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

6 G

3 V

5 N

11 D

1 L

7 B

10 A

4 I

9 E

2 T

8 R

"I am the _____ which came down from Heaven."