



The Cathedral Connection



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Sharing the Good News

In today's Gospel, Christ calls us to share His Good News – to speak what we know of Him out in the world, to be a sign of hope, and to not be afraid, for He knows us, 'all the hairs on our head are counted' (Matt 10:30), and He watches over us. As disciples we are all called to do as Jesus did. The Gospel is meant for everyone. All those who are baptised and commissioned into the mission of Christ, are sent out into the world to witness in word and deed.

Are you a 'doer'? Do you have a gift for practical service? For discerning people's needs? For conversation? For hospitality? How can you, and how is God inviting you to use your gifts to share the Good News?

More good news. In a few weeks it will be five years since we moved out of the Cathedral. This week, the strengthening part of the project was completed, hallelujah! The cables that run the length of the building in the side aisles were finally able to be tensioned. Once the report signing off this tensioning has been received the internal strops will then be removed, reinstatement to the areas damaged by the strops undertaken, the aisle ceilings reinstated. Then the interior painting can begin. This is a major milestone for the strengthening and restoration project and moves us closer to the Cathedral's reopening!

As we move closer to the reopening there will be many opportunities where you can offer your time and skills to help prepare the building for our physical return and reopening and to support the reuniting and reinvigoration of our parish community.

Next weekend each family will be asked to complete a 'time and talent' survey. The survey affirms family contact details. Each parishioner is asked to complete a survey indicating in which area they would like to contribute to the worship and active life of the parish. The survey will be emailed out with next week's newsletter and handed out at all Masses. Please return at Mass or email back to the parish office.

In preparation, please take time this week to consider what of your gifts are that you can offer in service for the worship and spiritual life of our parish community, to be a beacon, and to go out together to share Christ's Good News - to 'Go and make Disciples'.



Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader

Readings for the Week

Sunday 25th – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33
Monday 26th – Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday 27th – Genesis 13:2,5-18; Matthew 7:6,12-14
Wednesday 28th – Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Matthew 7:15-20
Thursday 29th – Acts 12:1-11; Matthew 16:13-19
Friday 30th – Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22; Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday 1st July – Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17
Sunday 2nd – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

"Every one of us is called to respond to three fundamental questions: ... do you believe what you proclaim? Do you live what you believe? Do you proclaim what you live? We cannot be satisfied with easy, pre-packaged answers. We are called upon to accept the risk, albeit destabilizing, of the search, trusting fully in the action of the Holy Spirit who works in each one of us, driving us ever further: beyond our boundaries, beyond our barriers, beyond our limits, of any type."
Pope Francis, [General audience](#), 22 March 2023



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.

Anointing Mass: The Mass on every **second Saturday of the month** will be an Anointing Mass. (8.30am at the Connolly Hall). All are welcome to participate and be blessed and healed by the Lord.

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 27 June** at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



Parish Feast Day Celebrations

What a lovely time we all had last Friday evening, as we gathered to celebrate together the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart, starting with Mass. Father Ron talked about Feast Days he remembered as a child as did many of us gathered, at our convent schools, sometimes with a half day given by the Parish Priest, what excitement!

With mulled wine and lovely things to eat, people mixed, mingled and chatted, and had a great time getting to know better people they had seen frequently but not met. "We are all one body" (1 Corinthians) as this gathering showed. It was lovely that two of our new families were able to join in the celebrations. It bodes well for our return to the Cathedral. We are grateful for the gift of Kaye-Maree Corkill, Ann Dale and Rosemary Collins for their organisation and hospitality at our mulled wine and nibbles gathering after the Mass, and Sr Marie for leading us in our songs of praise.

On a rather damp and dark June evening, it was a warm welcoming coming together of our Parish family. It was pleasing to see so many people at ease with each other. It bodes well for our return to the Cathedral.

Ann Dale and Rosemary Collins

Liturgical Ministry Discernment

The Vatican II document on Constitution of the liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* #14 states that "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to full conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations". The General Instruction of the Roman Missal #100 states that lay ministers may be deputed to serve at the altar and assist the priest". Ministerial service in the Mass is therefore one expression of active participation in the Mass. The parish currently has a need for greater participation through service in our weekend Masses, especially for those willing to serve as Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, which has been highlighted during discernment on the resumption of distribution of the 'precious blood of Jesus' at our weekend Masses. We wish to invite expressions of interest in serving in all liturgical ministries. If you would like to know more or express your interest in this form of service please contact the parish office, Fr Joy, Jane Kelly or Debbie.



Our annual Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 23rd July at 2.30pm** in Connolly Hall chapel, followed by afternoon tea in the Cathedral foyer. There are a number of important items that will be raised during this meeting, so please diarise the date. AGM papers will be emailed out two weeks before.

MORE GREAT PARISH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Fundraising Raffle for The Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Appeal

Tickets available after each Mass from this weekend. Please bring cash.

1ST PRIZE: \$1000 New World Vouchers

2ND PRIZE: \$300 Pak 'N' Save Vouchers + \$200 Farmers Vouchers

3RD PRIZE: \$250 New World Vouchers

TICKETS: \$5.00ea, 3 for \$10 or 8 for \$20

Draw Date will be drawn August 13 at St Thomas Moore Church Lounge at 12.00 mid day.



An Invitation to a Luncheon, Raffle and Auction with Archbishop Paul Martin SM

August 6 at The Pines, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay

Table of 10 for \$750 or \$75/head. Includes lunch & a glass of wine or juice. A cash bar will be available.

Limited Seats so book now. RSVP date for the luncheon is July 9

For Tickets: Noeline Matthews email noelinematt@gmail.com Mobile: 0274 380 473

If you can help with sponsorship or donations please contact: Bob Houston email: bobhouston@xtra.co.nz Mobile: 0274 898 017.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms
Mondays, 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

THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



The **Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated this year on Sunday 23rd July, just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon. The two celebrations bear a connecting theme from the first chapter of Luke: **"Mary arose and went with haste"** (WYD theme - vs 39) and **"His mercy is from age to age"** (vs 50).

In his message, Pope Francis speaks of the "haste" with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth and invites us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. Young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment.

The verse from Mary's Magnificat also reminds us that God's mercy is manifested in history through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it on to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly are called to carry this mercy, to tell through words and life how God has been faithful to His promises and how He continues to love His people. They are also called to receive God's mercy, and to allow themselves to be comforted by His fatherly love that never abandons them. It would be wonderful if parish communities could find ways to bring the young and old together on the occasion of this Day.

The full message from His Holiness Pope Francis and a prayer for this special occasion can be found here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

Peter's Pence Special Collection Your support for this cause on the weekend of **1-2 July** is greatly appreciated.

For those of you with 'giving envelopes' there is a brown coloured envelope in your envelope pack you can use with the details of the Special Collection on it. Please ensure you put your giving number on the envelope. If you give by cash in the plate, please place your cash in an envelope and write **'Peter's Pence'** on the outside.

If you give by automatic payment to the parish planned giving programme, you can still give electronically by using the same bank account you currently use, but you do need to change the transaction details for this one-off transaction to show the following:

Particulars = Your Initial and Surname

Code = Your Planned Giving Number (please contact the parish office if you are unsure of your number), and

Reference = "Peter's Pence" (this is to ensure that your donation goes to the specific cause).

"May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." Ruth 2:12



St Anthony's Catholic School Centenary

St Anthony's Catholic School, Seatoun, Wellington are gearing up to celebrate 100 years on **13/14 October 2023**. We invite all past and present students, staff, families and supporters to celebrate this amazing occasion.

Please register by completing the registration form [here](#) or you can find it on the [St Anthony's School Centenary Facebook Page](#). If you have any queries please email us at centenary@stants.school.nz or contact Julie O'Brien on 021 377 192. If you are planning on travelling to join us, there is accommodation held aside at Brentwood Hotel on a first in first served basis. [Fill out the accommodation form here](#).

Updates from Te Rōpū Tautoko- The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

- An extension until 28 March 2024 has been granted for the presentation of the final report.
- More information about the Redress Design Group and their terms of reference, Survivor Experiences Service, Research Report into Disability and Abuse & Work on Safeguarding standards can all be found at www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz



Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration Campaign can be made to this bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025**

Particulars: Your surname and initials . **Code:** Your phone number. **Reference:** REOPEN.

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Please keep in your prayers

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Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

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- Fr Ron Bennett: **Parish Moderator**
- Fr Joy Thottankara: **Assistant Priest**

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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=225>

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

Merito Torino RIP 9 June.
Father of Glomer Torino



Mary Augustenupillai RIP 19 June.
Aunt of Manjula Nicholapillai.

Anniversaries this month:

Anthony Wilson (4 Jun)

Kaka Lee (7 Jun)

Loreto Irinco (13 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

Don't Worry! God Cares About You!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, which are just little birds. How much more He cares about us, His people!



I feel all alone...
But God is still with me!



What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you right now! Thank Him for His love and try to share His love and care with those around you!



Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: LIGHT, PROCLAIM, BODILY CARE, FEAR, MARKOV, FINNY, FATHERS, OF, NOT, MORE, EVERYONE, BEFORE, BUT, God cares for you!

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that God sees even little things. What little things did He mention? Connect the dots to find out!