



The Cathedral Connection



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Being Generous with Our Time & Talents

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We have by God's grace, entered the second half of another eventful year: eventful in various spectrum of our lives. We have had the retirement of Cardinal John, after many years of selfless service in the Church; a new Archbishop for the Archdiocese in Archbishop Paul; then hopefully a new opportunity for our politicians in the country and the long-awaited return of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Community to its place of worship etc. by the end of the year! These events are made possible because many people are willing to share their life, time, talents, and treasures.

We would also hope that the days and years ahead become eventful for ourselves and for our future generation which invariably invite us to have the willingness and readiness to share our time, talents, and treasures. In the first reading for this weekend, we read how a woman of Shunem, and her husband shared their time, talents, and resources with the prophet of God and in turn received a priceless gift from God. And in the Gospel for this Sunday, we hear Jesus telling us that not even a cup of cold water given to someone in His name will be rewarded.

Through the "Time & Talent Survey" undertaken this weekend, the Parish is offering us an opportunity to play our role in making our community one that shapes and enriches the lives of many. Certainly, we are all too engaged and at times overwhelmed with other responsibilities of life. But Jesus reminds us that nothing should really come in our way when it comes to our commitment to Christ and His Church. Choosing life with Christ means that everything else must be understood from a new perspective to make our lives positively eventful.

Speaking to a group of students, the former scientist President of India, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam told them "Not to ask what the country can give me rather than to ask what I can offer my country." St. Paul reminds us that "there is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20: 35). Let each of us ask ourselves: "what can I offer to my parish community?" May all of us be cheerful givers!



God's Blessings!
Fr. Joy Raphael

Readings for the Week

Sunday 2nd July – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42
Monday 3rd – Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29;
Tuesday 4th – Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday 5th – Genesis 21:5,8-20; Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday 6th – Genesis 22:1-19; Matthew 9: 1-8
Friday 7th – Genesis 23:1-4, 19,24:1-8,62-67; Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday 8th – Genesis 27:1-5,15-29; Matthew 9:14-17
Sunday 9th July – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9,11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

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

"Following Christ is not an inward-looking fact: without proclamation, without service, without mission, the relationship with Jesus does not grow."

Pope Francis, [General Audience](#), 15 February 2023



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 from 5:00pm-5.45pm 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 -
There will be no meeting this Monday 3 July.



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.

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 Extraordinary 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 serving please contact the parish office, Fr Joy, Jane Kelly or Debbie.

Parish Office Closed on Tuesday



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 4 July whilst Debbie and Frank attend a retreat in the Wairarapa. For emergencies, Fr. Joy is available by phone on 027 312 1869. The office will reopen as usual on Thursday 6 July.

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.

Cathedral Strengthening update

This week the internal struts that were used to brace the Cathedral while strengthening work was undertaken have been removed. Changes will now be made to the internal scaffolding in readiness for painting to begin next month. Over the next couple of months, the final restoration work to the southern face of the Cathedral will be completed and the external struts and some of that scaffold will also be removed. This is a major milestone for the project. It is now time for us to bring back our furniture and items from long-term storage, to be placed into temporary storage in the old parish offices in the Catholic Centre. This will provide us with easy access to the items for cleaning, repairs, and reinstatement, and save us money on storage fees. To be able to do this we need your help please. If you are able to assist with lifting and transporting on Saturday 22nd July from 9.30am-3.00pm please contact the parish office on 496 1700 or email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz Please indicate for how long you are available to assist, even an hour would be helpful as many hands make light work.

Parish Time and Talent Survey

This weekend at all Masses, there will be an opportunity for all parishioners to indicate in which area of our parish operational and activity life you wish to serve. Your active participation in the service and worship life of the parish is greatly desired and needed. There are a variety of different ministry options for you to choose from. Each ministry assists in building up the body of Christ active in our parish. To update our parish family records, the survey also asks you to confirm your family information. The survey, and an explanation sheet of our various parish ministries has already been emailed to you separately, and is available on the parish website or from the parish office. Please if you are not attending a Mass this weekend, complete the form and return it to the parish office by 9th July at cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

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



XLT at St Anne's, Newtown on Friday 7th July. 7-9.30pm for all youth and young adults.

Please remember our young people who are travelling to the **World Youth Day** (1 to 6 August) in Portugal and keep them in your prayers.



TAIZÉ

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

Join our Sisters for a Taizé session in our chapel.

Next Friday 7 July, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington



Peter's Pence Special Collection

Your support for this cause this weekend 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



Mary in the Scriptures

with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 03 and 10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.

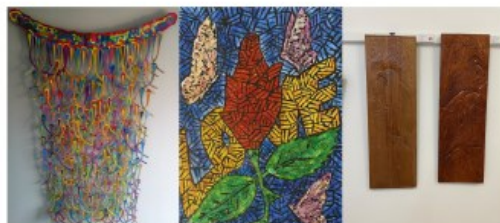
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>



dcm Together we can end homelessness

Art Exhibition

Come and enjoy the creativity of Jason, Hapi & Fraser



Wednesday 5th July
12:00 - 5:00pm
Wesley Methodist Church
(New Hall), 75 Taranaki St

You can read some of the stories of these amazing artists at www.dcm.org.nz/whanau



Ulu Tonu Mai Pacific 2023

Nau mai, haere mai! Turou Oro Mai! Mauri! Afio Mai Mālō e lava mai! Fakaue oue tulou! Ni sa bula!

Ulu tonu mai Pacific
Open day for Pacific families and communities

Date: Wednesday 5 July 2023
Time: 1-4pm
Venue: Whitireia Campus
3 Wi Neera Drive, Elsdon, Porirua
Learning Street, Wikitoria Katene Building

- Workshops: Career Choices, Enrolling, Scholarships and Study Support
- Student skills demonstrations
- Games and spot prizes

Sausage sizzle will be sizzling, we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information email us on:
✉ pacificstudentsupport@wandw.ac.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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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.

Parish Council Chair:

Randy Reyes

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Ph: (04) 472 4047

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=224>

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

Erina Harding

Gabrielle McLeavey

Dan Phelon

Judith Shroff

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Mass offered for

Brian Dunn (RIP 25 June)
Wife of the late Moira Dunn

Sr. Rose SMSM (RIP 26 June)
Aunty of Trish McAloon

Anniversaries this month:

Jane Jeevamalar (4 July)

Teodoro Helbano (5 Jul)

Moira Dunn (12 Jul)

Anne Kelly (19 Jul)

Michael McLeavey (30 Jul)

Sr Mary Winefride Blake RSM (30 Jul)

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love **GOOD MORNING, JESUS!** anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

AFTER MASS WE CAN VISIT GRANDMA.



I'D LIKE TO PLAY BUT I HAVE TO LOOK AFTER MY BABY BROTHER.



The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

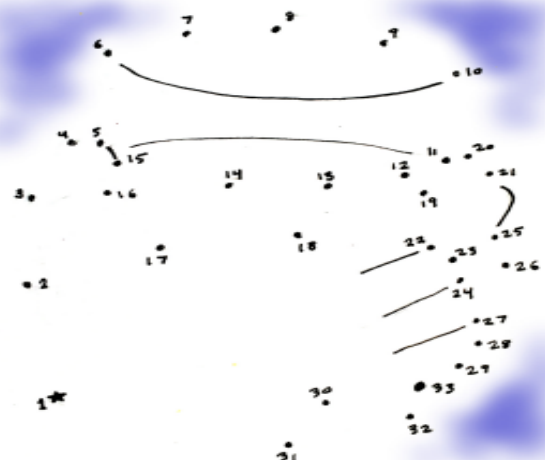
What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 4 little, 5 peepster, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 any, 13 cross, 14 and, 16 never, 17 neither, 18 OWN, 19

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The Kids' Bulletin

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2nd, 2023



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!