



The Cathedral Connection



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THE STARS ARE ALIGNED

When asked to write this week's insert for the newsletter, the brief was that I reference to **Matariki**. I thought this was a big ask and was not sure how I could do this. So, you can imagine my joy when I looked up the readings for this Sunday and found that the association between the Matariki constellation and the readings were closely aligned. It reminded me of the recent sharing at the Alpha course on how to read the Bible and how so many people were able to randomly open the Bible and find some inspiration.

This weekend's readings are all about growing our relationship with God. The Matariki stars all hold dominion over aspect of our environment. Like **Tupuānuku**, the star associated with everything that grows from the soil to be harvested or gathered for food we are called to be that fertile soil and allow the word of God to bear fruit through us, by our actions deeds and words.

The Matariki constellation has three stars that is associated with water. There is the **Waitī**, which refers to flowing freshwater and the **Waitā** which is associated with the ocean. The third star is **Waipuna-ā-rangi** which is connected to rain and other atmospheric conditions. In the first reading, the word of God is compared to "rain and snow" which brings nourishment and produce fruitful results. We get our spiritual nourishment by engaging with God's word on a regular basis, through personal reflection (body of freshwater) and then by taking this out into the big world by sharing and making it part of the wider world (the ocean). Like most freshwater on earth that flows into the see, we are called to proudly share and spread the word of God with others. For anything to grow in the fields, it requires pollination, either through insects or the wind. The **Ururangi** star is linked to wind in the same way that the Holy Spirit is our wind that assists and guides us in spreading the word of God.

Hiwi-i-te-rangi the next star in the constellation is associated with the granting of wishes and helping realise our aspirations. The parable of the sower has a lot to do with realising our aspirations. If the word of God is planted in fertile soil (our hearts), watered (done regularly) and nourished (reflected upon) it will bear fruit and have a positive impact on those around us and help in our growth and fruitfulness.

Finally, the **Pohutukawa** star in the constellation is associated with those who have died. While there is not specific reference to this in the readings today, it does have a personal message for me as over the next week, we will remember the birthdays of my two sisters, who both passed away too early, but I know they will always shine as stars in the night and stay in our memories. So while my ability to star gaze, starts and stops with sighting the moon, the link of the Matariki constellation to our readings this week and spiritual life in general, has brought new meaning to what Matariki is all about and I hope it has done the same for you.



Clint Ramoo
Chair - Parish Finance Committee

Readings for the Week

Sunday 16th July - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23
Monday 17th – Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday 18th – Exodus 2:1-15; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday 19th – Exodus 3:1-6,9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday 20th – Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday 21st – Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday 22nd – Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-2,11-18
Sunday 23rd July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

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

"Today's Gospel presents two ways of acting and of experiencing history: on the one hand, the vision of the master who sees far; on the other, the perspective of the servants who see the problem. The servants care about a field without weeds; the master cares about good wheat. The Lord invites us to adopt his vision, one that is focused on good wheat, that knows how to protect it even amid the weeds. It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history." Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 19 July 2020



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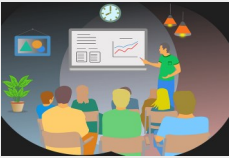
YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

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 - - We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome.



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. Papers are available now electronically from the parish office if you would like a copy



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.



Fundraising Raffle for The Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Appeal

Tickets will be available at all Masses, please bring cash. If you are able to help sell raffle tickets to your friends and work colleagues, please contact the parish office.

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.



The president of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania says the 10 non-bishop members from the region chosen for the upcoming Synod of Bishops will help amplify the voice of the Catholic population.

Two non-bishop representatives from Aotearoa New Zealand are included -- **Manuel Beazley** (Vicar for Māori Auckland Diocese, in photo above, middle) and **Fr Dennis Nacorda** (Parish Priest, St Joseph Hāto Hōhepa Parish Levin, above, right). They will attend the October Synod with Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM (left).

Earlier this year, Pope Francis invited each of the seven regions of the world to nominate 20 people who have been involved in local initiatives for the Synod of Bishops for a Synodal Church as possible additions to the Synod's membership.



Reintroduction of the Precious Blood at Mass

Recently we asked for your views on whether or not we should return to distributing the precious blood at communion. We thank everyone for their feedback.

After considering your responses, our ability to provide sufficient Eucharistic ministers to distribute the precious blood and how covid infections are spreading in the community we have decided to wait till the winter flu season has passed before we make this change. Our numbers of Eucharistic ministers are low and waiting a bit longer will give us time to build up our numbers without asking too much of our small, dedicated team.

Always at the forefront has been the requirement to keep the most vulnerable in our community safe. We trust that you will understand this decision.

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Sadly, no one has offered yet to **help move items** from our storage unit to the Catholic Centre on **Saturday 22nd July, 9.30am to 3.00pm**.

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 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.

Bake Sale

100% of proceeds will help with the SH Cathedral Restoration Project

Next Weekend
22-23 July
After All Masses

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

LAMB OF GOD CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

WHEN:

Saturday, 12 August (9:30am - 4:30pm) *lunch provided
Sunday, 13 August (1:30pm - 4:30pm)

WHERE:

St John's Anglican Church
18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/hAUzpwLbKTWCxdq5>

CONTACT EMAIL:

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Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa Katorika o Aotearoa

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Applications are invited for the position of **Prison Chaplaincy Director for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC)**. This national role gives pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in the country's prisons. It is also a critical role, leading an important national ministry of the Church.

If you or someone you know has experience as a prison chaplain (or in other pastoral or chaplaincy roles) and team leadership experience combined with theology and pastoral qualifications, please visit: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2024: ONLY 20 SPACES LEFT!

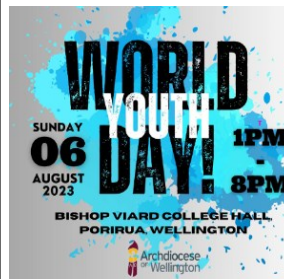


Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand.

Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/23!

Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.



Join us in Wellington on **6 August 2**, for an unforgettable World Youth Day experience filled with faith, community, and fun! Young people aged 13-25 years old and their youth leaders are invited to join us at **Bishop Viard College**. We will meet at 1pm for Worship, Mass from 1.45pm followed by events,

speakers, workshops, performances and a Youth rally. Are you available to volunteer for Wellington's World Youth Day event?

Please sign up if you can help. [Sign up to Volunteer for the World Youth Day Wellington event!](#)

Te Rōpū Tautoko

The group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission

www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz



Kia ora

Welcome to the July update from Te Rōpū Tautoko, the group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care.

In this update we look at the upcoming release of the Brothers of St John of God (Marylands/Hebron) case study report, the updated Inquiry Terms of Reference, and the Assessment of the Implementation of Safeguarding Culture Standards of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Brothers of St John of God (Marylands/Hebron) case study report

The Inquiry has stated that they will finalise its case study report and provide to the Governor General in late July. It is expected that the report will be tabled in Parliament and made public sometime shortly after this.



Help is just a phone call away. If you spot someone sleeping rough on the street, in the bush or in a car, call **Wellington City Council** on **04 499 4444** and they will notify us.

"For people experiencing homelessness, the value our team brings is showing them that someone in the community cares.

For the wider city, our team is about recognising that the people we see rough sleeping are *people*. Yes, they might have some issues, and they come with a history, but they're so much more than that. Our team brings that insight and Knowledge to the wider public."

You can also help by telling all your friends and whānau about DCM and our important work in Wellington with those who need us most.

Together – with your help – we truly can end homelessness in our city.

Photo by
Juan Zarama Perini.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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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 / Public Holiday

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=229>

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

Erina Harding



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Gabrielle
McLeavey

Dan Phelon

Judith Shroff

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Remembering the Dead

Merito Torino RIP 9 June.
Father of Glomer Torino

Mary Augustenupillai RIP 19 June.
Aunt of Manjula Nicholapillai.

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 Jeevamaralar (4 July)

Teodoro Helbano (5 Jul)

Moira Dunn (12 Jul)

Anne Kelly (19 Jul)

John Fowler (20 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

God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of

God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?



Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, fruit, month, word, soil.



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The Kids' Bulletin


15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16th, 2023


Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!



A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,

some of the  fell on on the , and

 came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the  rose it was

scorched, and it withered for lack of .

Some  fell among , and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on

rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or

sixty, or thirty-fold.