



# The Cathedral Connection



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This weekend is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have celebrated the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Instigated in 2021 by Pope Francis, he wrote at the time that “grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on” that represents the wisdom and knowledge of our elderly. He noted of great importance, the relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren, the tradition of handing knowledge, wisdom and stories down through the generations. Pope Francis also described the voice of the elderly as “precious, because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.”

The timing of this day of prayer is chosen to link closely to the feast of St Joachim and St Ann, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. We are encouraged to take our inspiration from the example of St Joachim and Ann as parents and grandparents to Mary and Jesus.

This weekend I thank God for my grandparents and their love and quiet faith that strongly influenced my own faith story and that of other members of my family. I was fortunate to spend most summer holidays with my maternal grandparents where life was simple. My memories are of long summer days which were always sunny (this was the Hutt Valley so this can't have been true!) Activities revolved around the wider family. We gathered together, playing with cousins, eating and celebrating with my grandparents as central figures. The local Parish, the priests and celebration of the Mass was an integral part of our story. My grandparents passed on their faith quietly with few words but by action and with a message that was strong and clear - be faithful to God and he will be faithful to you even through the hard times.

Today, in particular, but every day we must treasure our elderly and we encourage them in their turn to accept the mercy and love bestowed on them by their family and friends. We pray with gratitude for their lives and we seek the protection of Our Lord on all elderly. Shield them from pain, loneliness and all distress allowing them to live their remaining years in the peace and comfort of our loving Lord.



Jane Kelly  
Chair, Liturgy Committee

### Readings for the Week

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** – 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Exodus 16:1-5,9-15; Matthew 13:1-9  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Matthew 13:10-17  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Exodus 24:3-8; John 11:19-27  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

*‘This field then, involves reconciling, with great trust in God and in his providence, two seemingly contradictory approaches: decision and patience. Decision is that of wanting to be good wheat — we all want this — with all our might, and thus keeping away from the evil one and his seduction. Patience means preferring a Church that acts as leaven in the dough, that is unafraid to sully her hands washing her children’s clothes, rather than a Church of “purists” who presume to judge ahead of time who will be in the Kingdom of God and who will not.’ Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 23 July 2017.*



**OUR MISSION & VISION**  
To joyfully share God’s love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary



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 welcoming 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome.

**HOLY HOUR** You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 25 July** at the **Connolly Hall Chapel** beginning at **7.30pm** 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.



### 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 in the Connolly Hall Chappel). 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 August 13 at St Thomas Moore Church Lounge at 12.00 mid day.**

## PARISH AGM THIS SUNDAY

Our **annual Parish AGM** will be held **This Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 come along. AGM documents were emailed out last Friday. Limited copies will be available at the meeting.

This is a very important annual event and something that every parishioner is highly encouraged to attend, especially now as we move towards the reopening of our beloved Cathedral.

- ✿ The parish is also looking for more members for our *Parish Pastoral Council*. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a great team helping to guide our faith community forward. Please do consider this and contact Fr Joy or Debbie if interested or for more information. Many thanks.





## Bake Sale

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

**22-23 July**

**Purchase yummy goodies after all Masses**

## PRAYER FOR HEALING



A meeting with

### Father John Rea SM

at

### Titahi Bay Church

64 Te Pene Avenue, Titahi Bay

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

at 7:30pm

*"by his wounds you have been healed."*

(1 Peter 2:25)

## Everyone welcome

### Temporary Parish Office Hours

Over the next two weeks 23 July to 5 August the parish office will be operating on reduced hours whilst Frank takes some annual leave. Debbie will be on annual leave between 30 July and 5 August.

The office hours during this time will be: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00-4.00pm, Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00-4.00pm, Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00-1.00pm then the following week parish office will be closed as both Debbie and Frank will be away.

**If you have an urgent matter during this time please contact:**  
Fr Joy, on Mob. 027 312 1869.

*Please note: there will be no parish newsletter on the weekend 5-6 August.*

## It's time for us to be home again!

To assist in making that goal happen. The Cathedral fundraising Team are hosting a fundraising, luncheon, raffle and auction, (with 100% of the profits going to the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Fund), at the Pines, in Houghton Bay.

The painting alongside was commissioned from Lee Russell of Kapiti who is an Elected Artist of the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts. Lee painted a number of pictures that formed part of our fundraising campaign at Our Lady of Kapiti Parish. This painting is Lee's final commission as she has now retired.

Painting dimensions 770mm x 500mm. Medium Acrylic and ink.

Whilst the event of 6th August is a sell-out, you are most welcome to make a bid prior to Auction, or you could register to make a telephone bid at the Auction.



Any enquiries to: [bobhouston@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bobhouston@xtra.co.nz) or Ph. 0274 898 017



### Royal Commission of Inquiry - Update

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care continues its work. The Inquiry will soon publish a case study report into abuse in the care of the Brothers of St John of God, an order within the Catholic Church.

The case study focusses on two institutions in Christchurch the brothers ran for periods of time – Marylands School (1950s-1980s) and Hebron Trust (1980s-early 1990s). The report will detail significant abuse that occurred in these institutions and examine the response of the brothers, the

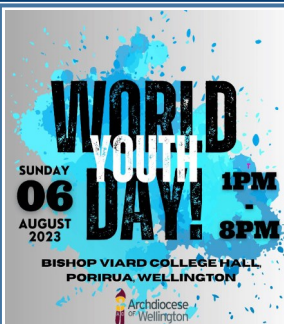
local Catholic bishop, and the State. The events relating to Marylands, and the early days of the Hebron Trust, have been the subject of many court cases and subsequent settlements and resulted in much media coverage during the 1990s and 2000s.

The evidence provided to the Inquiry will also inform the Commission's investigation and whether there are any systemic, structural, or other factors in the wider church which contributed to abuse occurring and inadequacy of response by the Catholic Church.

The case study report will be released in late July 2023. More information will be available at the time of the release of the Report.

In the meantime, we continue to implement the safeguarding process for Catholic communities and, whenever we need to, continue to improve these. The Safeguarding Culture Standards of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand continue to guide faith communities in ensuring safe environments for all people.

See more about the standards here: [www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz](http://www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz)



The **ADW Tuakana team (college youth ministers)** are hosting a **World Youth Day** event and we would love for you to join us!

In celebration of **World Youth Day on Sunday 6th of August**, we are gathering youth from our Catholic schools, parishes, youth ministries and chaplaincies. This is an important opportunity for the youth in our Archdiocese to come together, express their faith and find their place as young Catholics. A global World Youth Day event happens every three years – this year in Lisbon, Portugal – and we want to give our young people to chance to experience this fantastic event locally in Wellington. We have a day packed full of activities, talks, worship, Mass and music at **Bishop Viard College, Porirua from 1-8pm** and we want you to be part of it! It's easy to sign up! You can register individually or with a whole group, all you need to do is follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-youth-day-wellington-2023-tickets-663353356747>

**And if you're an adult we would love you to join us too!** We need some fantastic adults to help us make the day a success. Here are a few ways you can support this event:

- ◆ **Sign up to volunteer on the day** – help us set up our spaces, serve food and provide support to our Tuakana
- ◆ **Bring some kai** – we will have a lot of hungry young people, so bringing food is a super great way to get involved
- ◆ **Sponsor our event** – consider financially supporting this event so we can make it the best possible day for our young people and allow them to attend for free.

For more info and to volunteer follow this link ;[https://adwmission.infoodle.com/form\\_process?q=0af40a42-28c7-463b-8b66-4a343e6b8ff7](https://adwmission.infoodle.com/form_process?q=0af40a42-28c7-463b-8b66-4a343e6b8ff7)

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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:

Frank Doherty

## Office Hours:

10.00am - 4.30pm Tues, Thurs, Fri.

## Parish Pastoral Council Chair:

Position Vacant

## 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 / 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=228>

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



Erina Harding



Gabrielle McLeavey

Dan Phelon

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo

## Remembering the Dead



### Anniversaries this month:

Jane Jeevamalar (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

## Weeds Among the Wheat



Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.

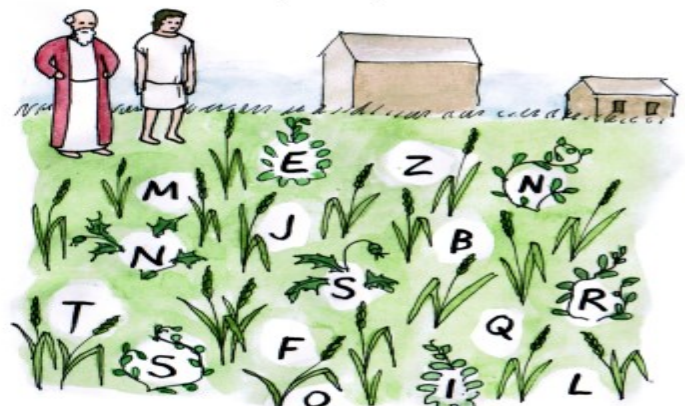


Answers for sort-out-the-pictures: top:3,6 middle:5,2 bottom:1,4 OR top:5,6 middle:4,2 bottom:1,3

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## The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23rd, 2023



What did the weeds in today's parable represent? Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.



The weeds are any plant that doesn't look like this.

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