



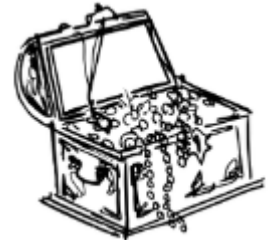
The Cathedral Connection



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus distinguishes what he says to the crowds and what he says to his disciples – notably he gives some explanations only to the disciples.



The words Jesus addresses to his disciples are part of his instruction to them, preparing them to be the community of faith that continues Jesus' work; the parables given to the crowds are often challenging to the authorities (like the parable of the tenants of the vineyard), or offered without explanation to fulfil the words of Isaiah 'you will listen and listen again but not understand', as we heard in the Gospel two weeks ago.

Matthew paints a picture of an inner circle who are allowed to share in his understanding. It is to them especially that the first two parables today are given – they themselves are like the person who finds the hidden treasure, or the pearl of great value. The focus of these two stories is not what the person does with what he finds, but the joy of discovering it and the renunciation of everything to acquire it – such is the reality of becoming disciples – it is marked by joy and renunciation.

The Lectionary pairs this Gospel with the story of the granting of wisdom to Solomon; the king recognises that what might be thought of as the priorities of kingship – long life, riches, or military success – are not important compared to true wisdom. Such wisdom is the understanding with which Jesus instructs his disciples and such are the things that the disciple of the kingdom brings out from their storeroom.

Relating this to ourselves, the treasure found hidden in the field, or the pearl of great value – are really what it means to know Jesus – everything else is worthless in comparison. We are part of that 'inner circle' that Jesus has shared his message with. We are privileged and grateful indeed. But there is also a sense of obligation – to whom much is given, much is expected.



Finally, there is the need to make wise decisions with this treasure we have received.

Fr Ron Parish Moderator

Readings for the Week

Sunday 30th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Monday 31st – Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 ; Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday 1st – Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5B-9, 28 ; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday 2nd – Exodus 34:29-35 ; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday 3rd – Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday 4th – Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34B-37 ; Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday 5th – Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Saturday 6th – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ; 2 Peter 1:16-19 ; Matthew 17:1-9

'The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things that the world offers; it is the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons. Indeed, those who have found this treasure have a creative and inquisitive heart, which does not repeat but rather invents, tracing and setting out on new paths which lead us to love God, to love others, and to truly love ourselves.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 26 July 2020.



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

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



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.

Time and Talent parishioner responses

Thank you to everyone who generously completed the recent parish time and talent form. We are still working our way through the responses and to date have been able to make contact with people wishing to be involved in the liturgical side of parish worship. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to make contact with those who have indicated their desire to be involved in other ministry groups. If you have not yet completed the time and talent form, please contact the parish office and we can send one to you to complete.



Volunteers afternoon tea

Saturday 26 August

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms (1 Peter 4:10).

All parishioners who volunteer in the parish in any capacity are invited to join with our Parish Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Council in the **Cathedral Foyer at 2.30pm on Saturday 26 August**. Over afternoon tea, there will be an opportunity for us to say thank you for sharing your time and talent in service and leadership in our parish. Without you we would not be able to function as we do. Anyone wishing to know more about opportunities for volunteering are also welcome.

Temporary Parish Office Hours

Next week **31 July to 5 August** the parish office will be closed. Fr Joy will be around and can be contacted on 027 312 1869 or email j.thottankara@wn.catholic.org.nz

The office will reopen again on Tuesday 8th August.

Please note: there will be no parish newsletter next weekend 5-6 August.



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.

We 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 in our parish please contact the parish office, Fr Joy or Debbie.



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.

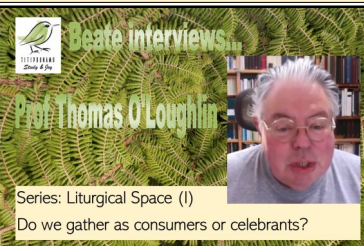
1ST PRIZE: \$1000 New World Vouchers

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.



Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

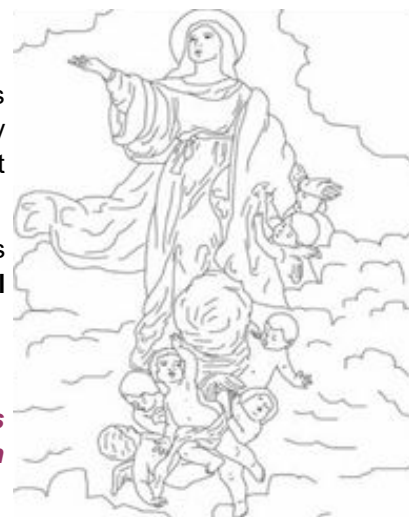
NOTICES

Feast of the Assumption Tuesday 15 August

In New Zealand, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as Assumption Day, is a holy day of obligation. The feast marks the day God assumed Mary into heaven following her death. Mary's assumption into heaven is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in New Zealand.

Masses will be celebrated at 8.00am and 12.10pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel as usual. The parish is also offering an opportunity to gather at **5.30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel** to pray the rosary led by Michael Howley and Father Joy.

Lord God, with love you look at the humble and the poor and You reveal to them, as you revealed to Mary, the presence of your Son. By your Spirit, allow us to see in them the sacrament of your visit, through Jesus Our Lord. Amen.



Bishops urge all Catholics to study Synod's working document : Instrumentum laboris

All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe says "It is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world. As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod's work over the next 18 months."

More information including links to Instrumentum laboris: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

Link to a PDF of Instrumentum laboris: https://mcshwellington.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ENG_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS.pdf

Link to PDF FAQ and Synthesis with information about Instrumentum laboris:

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 or Ph. 0274 898 017



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 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=230>

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

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is

hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!

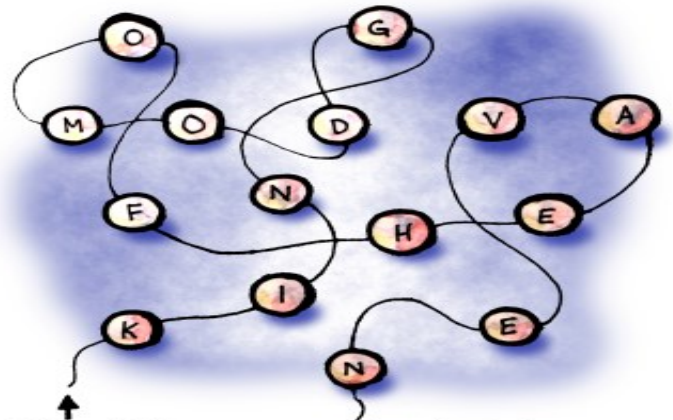


Answer to front page: Kingdom of Heaven
Answers to Cross-words:
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down: 1.how 3.understanding 4.able 5.to
18.servant 22.numbered 24.king
10.mercy 12.wrong 15.God 17.heart
18.serve 19.said 20.Lord 21.ask 23.me
8.man 9.people 11.right 14.govern 16.give

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The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30th, 2023



What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure or a pearl of great price?

Use the letters on the string of pearls to fill in the blanks and find out!

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