



# The Cathedral Connection



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## *Facing the Storms of Life Together with Jesus*

“It was so windy...It was freezing...There has been frost on the road and on the car...”. These were a few remarks that I heard from many in the past few days. The Royal Commission report released last week has sent another chill through us as Christians and members of the Church. We haven't yet forgotten and fully recovered from the devastating impacts of recent cyclone Gabrielle on our country. There is so much of unrest and confusion all around the world especially in the context of ongoing wars and the storms of anxiety and worries caused by the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic (Covid-19). And we, as individuals, families, nations, and Church are not immune to these things that happen in and around us.

The Gospel for this weekend, speaks about an incident that had a far-reaching impact on the faith of the disciples in Jesus. The boat in which the disciples were travelling was being tossed about by the headwind. The disciples were so overcome with fear that they could not even recognise Jesus who was coming to their rescue. But as Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, he allayed their fears by telling them, “**It is I.**” The presence of Jesus calmed both their fears and the storm.

It is quite likely that we too are tossed about in life by storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms in family relationships. Under these trying circumstances we are called to revive our faith in the loving God. It is important for us to realise that peace flows only from a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative reading of Scripture and active participation in the Holy Mass and reception of the Sacraments when these are available to us. Because Jesus draws closer to each of us through these by saying: “**courage! It is I!**”

Let us remember that if we make Christ as our vision, our point of arrival and the center of our lives – we can survive, and successfully overcome all the storms of life. God is always there to help and rescue us provided we put our faith and trust in Him.

**God's Blessings! Fr. Joy**



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:9,11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr**

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Saint Stephen of Hungary**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Joshua 3:7-11,13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - Saint John Eudes, Priest or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

## 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)

*'How many bright faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love, diving into our daily affairs more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness. The contemplation of God's wonders, the contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others.'* Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 5 March 2023.



# 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.



## 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 Chapel). All are welcome to participate and be blessed and healed by the Lord.



## Fundraising Raffle for The Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Appeal

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 this Sunday at St Thomas Moore Church Lounge at 12.00 mid day.**

## Parish Fundraising and Community Engagement Team News

The fundraising luncheon at the Pines last Sunday was a great success. Sincerest thanks to all involved. There will be an update on the event and the money raised in next weekend's newsletter.

Our next Bake sale will be on the weekend of 9 & 10 September. So please mark this on your calendar.



## 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 serving please contact the parish office, Fr Joy, Sadie Laurenson or Debbie.**

## Titipounamu Study & Joy

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](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



## Volunteers afternoon tea

**Saturday 26 August**

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

All parishioners who volunteer in the parish in any capacity are invited to join with the 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.

## 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 made 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.

## Joshua Men's Fellowship

Sunday 13th August 2023 - "**Forgive your brother from the heart**" (Guest speaker: Fr James Lyons)

Last Days! **Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us this coming Thursday 17th August at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Contact: David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



## 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, Michael Humble and Father Joy. *There won't be an on-line Scripture Reflection on that day.*

*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.*

### 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."

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: [https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FAQ\\_SYNTHESIS\\_IL\\_ENG-v2.pdf](https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FAQ_SYNTHESIS_IL_ENG-v2.pdf)

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023/24

### Children's Sacramental Programme 2023/24

Registration is now open for the 2023/24 programme which begins with **CONFIRMATION** this coming Term 4 followed by **FIRST RECONCILIATION** in Term 1 and **HOLY COMMUNION** in Term 2 of 2024.

For your child to be eligible, he/she must already be baptised and be at least 8 years old. The first part of the parent's session is on 21 September 2023 and the second part is on 10 October, both parts start at 7.00pm and will be held at St Thomas More Church in Wilton.

For registration and/or further enquiries, Please contact: Geraldine

[mcsh.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com)

or the parish office at [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

CONFIRMATION			
Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish			
Term 4 2023			
		Sacred Heart Cathedral	
		Time	Venue
Parents' Session 1	21 Sept, Thurs	7pm at St Thomas More, Wilton	
Blessing and Presentation at Parish Mass	15 Oct, Sun	10:30am	St Thomas More, Wilton
Children's Session 1	15 Oct, Sun	9:00am	Cathedral Chapel, Connolly Hall
Parents' Session 2	10 Oct, Tues	7pm at St Thomas More, Wilton	
Children's Session 2	29 Oct, Sun	9:00am	Cathedral Chapel, Connolly Hall
Children's Session 3	12 Nov, Sun	9:00am	Cathedral Chapel, Connolly Hall
Rehearsal	18 Nov, Sat	TBC	TBC
Confirmation Day	19 Nov, Sun	TBC	TBC

**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.



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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=232>

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



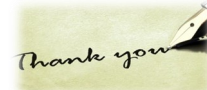
Erina  
Harding

Gabrielle McLeavey

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo

Raquel Panganiban



"Thank you to everyone who has offered prayers for Dan. His surgery was very successful and he has now been signed off by the surgeon. We are very grateful to the Lord and all of you." ~Rita Phelon

## Remembering the Dead

### Anniversaries this month:

David Shroff (12 Aug)

Robin Adair (21 Aug)

Margot Gresham (25 Aug)

Mike Loftus (28 Aug)

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



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answers to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answers to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

### The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 13th, 2023

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.

What was it?

Use the code to find out!

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