



The Cathedral Connection



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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

I believe that God listens to us and answers our prayers in his time. However, every time I read today's Gospel, I am surprised by the words "But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her" and when he does answer her, he says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." which implies that he was sent to only save the Jewish people. It does leave me feeling abandoned but then there is a happy end to this encounter.

Jesus's infinite wisdom is displayed through his silence. In Proverbs 18:2 we read that "A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart." By remaining silent, Jesus did two things, he wanted to understand the woman's plight and allow her to practically show what it means to have faith not only as a lesson to those present but to us as well. Here we have a Gentile woman pleading to a Jewish man, whom she acknowledges as the Son of David, to heal her daughter. She had total trust in Jesus.

If you are reading this newsletter, it means that you have some connection with God. You probably attend Mass and pray on a regular basis. Very often you will find that God does not answer your prayers and probably feel that God is silent. This silence is God's way of drawing us closer to him and in so doing strengthen our faith and relationship with him. Pope Francis reminds us that the best medicine for a weary soul is prayer, and the actions of the Canaanite woman are a great example of how we can pray.

She does four things in her interaction with Jesus -

She acknowledges who Jesus is – "the Son of David"?

She keeps it simple – "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

She perseveres – Despite Jesus remaining silent and then implying that helping her would be depriving the people he was sent to help; she persevered and showed her unwavering faith.

She was humble – even in the face of what sounds like an insult – she acts with humility before Jesus and is rewarded with her daughter being healed.

So while you could be left feeling disillusioned by Jesus' actions in today's Gospel, there is hope as we are reminded in Paul's letter to the Romans 12:12 "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer."



God bless and have a wonderful week ahead.

Clint Ramoo - Finance Chair

Readings for the Week

Sunday 20th August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 21st - Saint Pius X, Pope

Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday 22nd - Our Lady, Mother and Queen

Judges 6:11-24; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday 23rd - Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday 24th - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

Apocalypse 21:9-14; John 1:45-51

Friday 25th - Saint Louis or Saint Joseph of Calasanz, Priest

Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday 26th - Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday 27th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

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)

'It is important to nurture our faith every day, listening attentively to the Word of God, with the celebration of the Sacraments, with personal prayer as a "cry" to Him —"Lord, help me!" — and with concrete attitudes of charity to our neighbour.'
Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 20/08/2017



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.



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.

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

HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 August at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm 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.

The Parish Office will closed this Tuesday 22 August for special project work. Back to normal on Thursday.



Volunteers afternoon tea

Do you serve on one of our parish committees? Do you serve in a ministry during our Masses? Do you help with cleaning or hospitality? Do you help with administration or rosters? Do you help with music or maintenance? Do you help with fundraising or cleaning? Then you and 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 next Saturday 26 August.

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ."
(1 Cor 12:12)

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.

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 or the parish office at cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

Cathedral restoration fundraising luncheon and cash raffle

On 6 August, a total of \$19,897.57 was raised towards the Cathedral restoration from a luncheon and auction held at The Pines in Houghton Bay. The day has been described as 'a fun and entertaining day', where people from across the Archdiocese gathered to listen to Archbishop Paul and raise funds for the Cathedral strengthening and restoration. The atmosphere was filled with enjoyment and chatter, and The Pines food was varied and delicious. We were entertained by raconteur Jim Hopkins, and Bob Houston from Our Lady of Kapiti parish and were able to bid on a variety of live and silent auction items or purchase tickets for the large cash raffle that the team have been selling. We are very appreciative of the following people who donated items for the auction and raffle: Alan McFetridge, Arobake, Aspera Events (Event decorations), Coughlan-English Family, Fr James Lyons, Geraldine Irinco, Heather Wilson (artist), Joy Cowley ONZ, Kristine & Ryan Brillo, Lee Russell (artist), Malcolm Foo (photographer), New World Thorndon, Noble Estate Olive Oil, Our Lady of Kapiti parish, Pak 'N' Save Kilbirnie, Ron Cook (craftsman), Sisters of Compassion Island Bay and Paekākāriki, The Pines, Trish McAloon.



On Sunday 13 August the cash fundraising raffle was drawn. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. The total raised from this initiative was \$8,220. Congratulations to the winners, 1st prize \$1,000 Rosaleen Taylor, 2nd prize \$500 Ryan Brillo, 3rd prize Abro Zacheria.

On behalf of the parish community special thanks to our parish community engagement and fundraising team who have put in a lot of energy and time organising both of these events. Our parish is blessed and indebted to them for their generosity and commitment. If you would like to join their team, even if only to assist with one event, or have any fundraising or community engagement event suggestions please contact the parish office or a team member.



The next event the team have planned is another of their widely and eagerly awaited bake sales. This is being held over the weekend 9/10 September. Thank you too to all our supporters.

Thank You

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother 6th September - 25th October, Wednesday (8 Wednesday sessions)

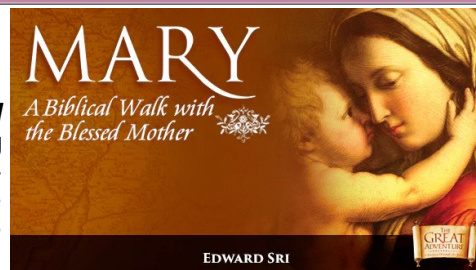
Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** at St Teresa's, Karori
6th September at 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm and continuing every Wednesday.

For more information or to register for the study, call the Otari Parish office on **04 476 6131** or email office@otariparish.co.nz

Each session will follow a 30 minute video followed by a short tea break and end with a rich group discussion format.

Registration is a must for admin purposes. Please bring a Bible if you can.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Kaitiaki at Ōtari

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023
Sunday 10th September 2.00pm

A short easy reflective prayer walk in the outdoors.
Afterwards, for the more energetic, explore the Kaiwharawhara Stream to the picnic area and to the slip area beyond, which is being restored.

Start – Ōtari/Wilton Bush Cockayne Lawn Entrance next to Ōtari School Wilton Rd.
Finish – Bring kai for afternoon tea on the Ponga Lawn next to the Alpine Rock Garden behind the Main Entrance Carpark on Wilton Road.

*if it is wet, this event will be held in the Information Centre.

This Ecumenical event has been prepared by members of the Catholic Parish of Ōtari, St Anne's Anglican Church Northland and St Luke's Anglican Parish Wadestown (Adapted from the Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service). Special thanks to the musicians.

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm; Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers.
ALL are welcome.

Mass/Morning Prayer

Wednesday-Thursday 8:30 am
Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769
or events@compassion.org.nz



TH502 What is Theology?

Friday - 1st September 5:30-8:30pm
Saturday - 2nd September 9am - 4pm
At Mercy Centre Wellington
Register: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply
Call: Melania Luka-Lui (04) 819 8380
Email: office@ctc.ac.nz



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



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



Celebrating Jacquie Sturm Friday 25 August, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Venue: Ryan Room, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Join us as we pay tribute to the iconic Jacquie Sturm. Poet, short story writer and librarian, Sturm was a pioneer who was one of the first Māori women to graduate with an undergraduate degree. We will remember her profound work with some of the Sisters of Compassion and some guest poets reading both Sturm's poetry and their own work in the same vein.

Join us as we celebrate some Sturm's poems and writings that profoundly impacted Aotearoa's literary landscape.

RSVP: events@compassion.org.nz

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration Campaign can be made to this bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025**

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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.

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Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Guildford Tce, Thorndon

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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

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

Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



Dot to dot: dogs. Fill-in-the-blanks: prayer, revealed, Lord, ALL PEOPLES. Sabbath, Sabbath, mountain, prayer, their house.

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The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the _____ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"

What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!