



# The Cathedral Connection



27 August 2023  
Vol. 12 Issue 30

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

This week's Gospel is all about Peter. Jesus conferred upon Peter the primacy of the church. We know that Peter is the rock, the head, the foundation stone on whom Jesus built the church. Yet throughout the gospel stories we hear Peter waver and deny Jesus.

Peter was human, he had his strengths and weaknesses. In today's gospel when Jesus asked Peter "but who do you say I am?" he was unwavering as he made his profession of faith "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". He witnesses to us peace in God's mercy, love, and forgiveness. His story helps us to understand ourselves.

Each of us is called to answer the perennial question posed by Jesus: "who do you say that I am?".

We are called to live out our faith, to witness to our profession of faith, the profession of faith which we recite together every Sunday, the Creed. This we also do as we undertake acts of service and share the gospel and as we develop a closer relationship with Jesus. Who do you say that YOU are?

Next weekend is the beginning of Social Justice week which runs from 3rd - 9<sup>th</sup> September, entitled "Peace begins with you!" Personal peace is the focus of this year's social justice week.

Catholic social teaching sees peace as an essential component of social justice, which is based on the principles of respect for human dignity, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of human rights. It calls for a transformation of social structures and systems that perpetuate violence, inequality, and injustice. It calls for the promotion of a culture of peace that values dialogue, reconciliation, and nonviolent conflict resolution. What do YOU call for?

Peter's story also tells us how to develop a close relationship with Jesus. Personal peace with ourselves and with God is the first step on the path to building peace in our communities and in the world.

As you walk through this week with Jesus, what steps will you take that will bring you closer to peace and offer witness of your profession of faith?

*"Lord, grant that the faith we have professed with our lips,  
we may believe with our hearts and practise with our lives".  
Amen.*



**Debbie Matheson**

Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8-10; Matthew 23:13-22

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> - The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> - 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51**

**Friday 01<sup>st</sup> September - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13**

**Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> September - Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> September - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

## 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 indispensable and praiseworthy that the pastoral care of our communities be open to the many forms of poverty and plights that are everywhere... it is necessary that works of solidarity, the works of charity that we carry out, not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus. Christian charity is not simple philanthropy but, on the one hand, it is looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus and, on the other hand, it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor. This is the true path of Christian charity, with Jesus at the centre, always.'* Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 23/08/2020



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 3-9 SEPTEMBER

*Social Justice Week in 2023 is the beginning of something new! For the next three years, the focus of Social Justice Week will be on peace and responding to conflict. The overarching tagline is: 'Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa'.*

*Each year there will be a unique focus, and for 2023 it is: 'Peace begins with you!'*

***Ka tīmata tonu te Rangimārie i roto i ā koe!***

*For more information:*

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand have produced a booklet that can be used to guide you or your study group through a seven-session reflection on peace, conflict, and the different ways we can build personal peace.

Each session begins with the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, forming a common link which reminds us of the peace of Christ being fundamental to all other aspects of peace. After this, each session starts with a reflection question to open discussion and contemplation as a group.

Sessions will typically include an exploration of the key theme, a case study or example of that theme playing out in the world, and a discussion of how we can put this into practice through our actions. Further questions for individual or group reflection are found throughout each section.

The booklet can be downloaded here:

[https://www.caritas.org.nz/s/SJW2023-Reflection-WEB\\_16062023.pdf](https://www.caritas.org.nz/s/SJW2023-Reflection-WEB_16062023.pdf)

For those parishioners with registered email addresses the daily sessions will be emailed out during Social Justice Week. Why not do this as a family or get a group together.

## 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	3:00pm	St Mary of the Angels
Confirmation Day	19 Nov, Sun	5:00pm	St Mary of the Angels

## Bake Sale

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



Once again, we have our Fundraising Bake Sale on the weekend of **9 - 10 September**. Please do purchase some of the delicious items after the Parish Masses. Baked items for sale will be gratefully received. A huge thanks to all those who work so hard to make these events happen.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

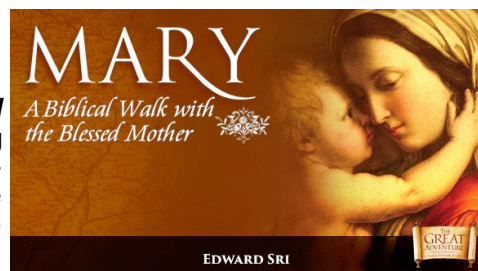
Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing 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](mailto: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.



## SEASON OF CREATION

“**Let Justice and Peace Flow**” is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24). This is the start of the message of the Holy Father Francis for the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (1 September 2023).

Please read his full message: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2023/05/25/230525a.html>

Throughout September, Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the Season of Creation as a moment for “ecological conversion”. So, let us accept his invitation, and find ways to lift up the season's theme in our personal and communal prayers.

More information is available: [https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw\\_community/season-of-creation-2023/](https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/season-of-creation-2023/)



Inspired by communities in France, Taizé incorporates music and chanting into a restful and reflective practise. Join our Sisters for a Taizé session in our chapel.

### Next Friday

1 September, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion

2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington



## Kaitiaki at Ōtari

**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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)



## TH502 What is Theology?

Friday - 1<sup>st</sup> September 5:30-8:30pm  
Saturday - 2<sup>nd</sup> September 9am - 4pm  
At Mercy Centre Wellington

Register: [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply)

Call: **Melania Luka-Lui (04) 819 8380**

Email: [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz)

TE KUPENGA  
CATHOLIC  
THEOLOGICAL  
COLLEGE

## St Patrick's Church - Makara

This little church on the main road of Makara is celebrating 150 years since Bishop Moran from Dunedin said the first Mass there. Although deconsecrated in 1982 the church has some historic spiritual value for the Catholic community as it served as a place of worship for over 100 years. For more information see <https://makarahallandchurch.co.nz/>



## REUNION

Please register your interest in a proposed reunion of those who attended St Dominic's College Dunedin.

Phone (03) 454 3191 or e-mail [stunpaul@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stunpaul@xtra.co.nz)

**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

Credit Card Donations can be made here: <https://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz/donation-form>



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140,  
Ph: (04) 496 1700

[cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

[www.mcshwellington.org](http://www.mcshwellington.org)

[www.facebook.com/MCSHWWellington/](https://www.facebook.com/MCSHWWellington/)

## 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:

Ajith Nissnagaratchie

## 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=234>

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



Erina Harding

Gabrielle McLeavey



June Swain

Wiliyono 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.

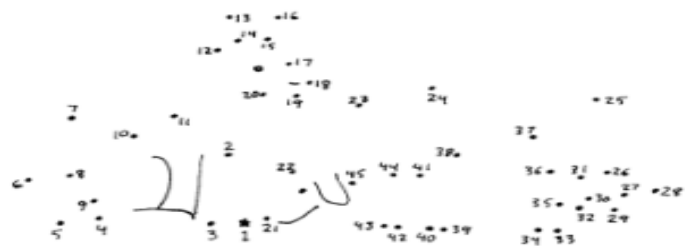


ALL PEOPLES. Fill-in-the-blanks, prayer, story, house, Do to do: dogs, REVIEWS, keep, Sabbath, mountains, prayer, story, house.

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

## 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!