



# The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

## LOVE IS THE ANSWER

***“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 24).***

Matthew’s Gospel is the one which most addresses community issues – how the Church as the community of faith should present the gospel by the way it lives, rather than simply by the words it utters.

Matthew is the only evangelist to use the word ‘Church’ – meaning the assembly of those called out by God. There are three parts to today’s teaching:

1. (like the Ezekiel reading), the community is charged to exercise discipline amongst its members,
2. it is given authority to determine how the community should behave, and
3. it is given the assurance that the Lord will be present in those decisions.

Paul says the same in a more ‘broad brush’ approach: *‘love is the one thing that ... is the answer to every one of the commandments’*.

That sense of who we are, and what we are about, seem appropriate as we come to the end of the Caritas Social Justice Week and continue (until 4 October) the Season of Creation.

Social Justice Week has been about peace. We cannot do anything about war, injustice, inequality, starvation, racism, unless we ourselves are living those opposites – that we are people of peace, equality, justice – otherwise we will have nothing to give.

The Season of Creation takes a stark look at our world and asks what we are going to do about the ecological mess we have gotten ourselves into. Prophet Amos cries out: *“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 24).*



Fr Ron

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> -** Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> -** Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor** Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Sorrows** 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14; John 19:25-27

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

## 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)

‘Jesus asks us to be present to those in need of help, regardless of whether or not they belong to our social group... the Good Samaritan became a neighbour to the wounded Judean. By approaching and making himself present, he crossed all cultural and historical barriers. Jesus says: ‘Go and do likewise’... he challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked. I should no longer say that I have neighbours to help, but that I must myself be a neighbour to others.’ *Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 84*



## 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 5pm-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.



Our Fundraising Bake Sale is this weekend, 9- 10 September. Please do purchase some of the delicious items after our 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. *Happy eating to all purchasers.*

### 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 parents' sessions begin on 21 September 2023. 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)

## SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

"**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).

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.

Follow this link to see resources and details of all the events happening around the Archdiocese:

[Season of Creation 2023 | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](https://www.catholic.org.nz/season-of-creation-2023)



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## TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI 11-17 HEPETEMA

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) happens from 11-17 Hepetema (September) 2023.

The theme of Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger - will continue this year, picking up from where it left off in 2022.

The campaign is an essential piece of the puzzle to achieving the goal of one million speakers of te reo Māori in 2040.

You are encouraged to give te reo Māori a go this week! More information is available here:

<https://www.reomaori.co.nz/te-wiki-o-te-reo-maori-2023>



**KIA KAHA  
TE REO MĀORI**



### [A Prayer from Pope Francis \(Fratelli Tutti\) - So Appropriate for Social Justice Week](#)

Inoi whakakapinga: Te Reta a Pāpā Werahiko, mai i Fratelli Tutti

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice, and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence, and war. May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth.

May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams.

Amen.

**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>



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Current of Grace Wellington

Everybody is welcome at the Current of Grace Wellington event "I am moving over the nations, will you follow me?" on Saturday 7 October 2023 at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, between 10am and 3:30pm.

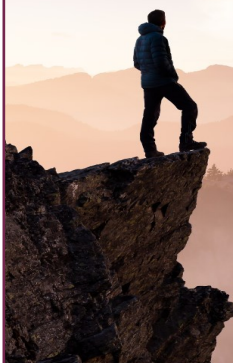
Speaker: Josie Olsen.

Healing service led by Fr John Rea SM.

Bring your own lunch.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email: [currentofgracewellington@gmail.com](mailto:currentofgracewellington@gmail.com)

## COME AND SEE...



"WHAT YOU ARE IS  
GOD'S GIFT TO YOU,  
WHAT YOU BECOME IS  
YOUR GIFT TO GOD."

*Hans Urs von Balthasar*

**PRIESTHOOD VOCATIONS MORNING**

**SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

**@ 9AM - 12PM**

**ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH,  
ISLAND BAY**

### Saint Patrick's Church, Makara

This little church in 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 info see <https://makarahallandchurch.co.nz/>

A Mass to commemorate this event will be celebrated this Sunday, 10 September at 10am. The celebrant for the occasion is Father Kevin Conroy SM. Afterwards refreshments will be served in the hall nearby.



### Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join them on Thursday 21 September at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, 2 Hill St, followed by supper. Speaker: Fr Peter Ewart SM on "Make Unity Our Target".

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 4477 280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



### Meet the Candidates - Wellington Central

A panel meeting for Wellington Central electoral candidates will take place at 6pm, Monday 18 September, at Wellington Cathedral of Saint Paul (2 Hill Street).

This is part of their community engagement programme in the run-up to the elections. All are welcome.

## CHURCH LIFE SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY

### What is the Church Life Survey?

It is a nationwide survey of church attenders, run every 5 years in line with NZ Census years. Every church is invited to take part. This 2023 survey will have higher participation than the 2018 survey. This is the first time the Wellington Archdiocese has taken part. The Auckland Diocese have been using this survey for many years and Archbishop Paul believes the resulting information will be of great benefit to our parishes and the Archdiocese at large.

The 2023 survey is administered by the Christian Research Association of NZ, in partnership with Wilberforce Foundation and Auckland Church Network. These organisations want to strengthen & support the NZ Church by equipping leaders with quality research & data. The survey questions were compiled by experienced church researchers & leaders from a range of denominations & movements. All information provided is anonymous and no individual names are collected.

### Why participate in the Church Life Survey?

- ◆ Our church and parish has significantly changed since the COVID pandemic.
- ◆ The survey provides an opportunity for our leaders to find out who is part of our church and their demographic profile.
- ◆ As our leaders want to listen to your opinions. The survey provides a great method for hearing all the voices in our parish.
- ◆ As our leaders want to be informed in their decision making. The survey provides a robust evidence base for making decisions.
- ◆ The health of our people is important. - The survey provides a snapshot of the spiritual health of our church and parish.
- ◆ You are contributing to a national picture of church life in NZ.

**How to complete the survey?** *Please note each parish has it's own code so only use the code for your home parish.*

Anyone aged 15 or over is asked to respond. There are three ways to access the survey. *Thank you for your participation.*

#### 1. Cathedral Parishioners Only.

Please scan this QR Code and follow the instructions provided on the linked website.



2. Cathedral Parishioners Only. Please click on the link below which will take you to the survey website and then follow the instructions.

[https://clsnz.org/  
chis96Be2rldawic/01GZFP04YARH/  
SJCPJ6HCCEM4V8/en-rc](https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01GZFP04YARH/SJCPJ6HCCEM4V8/en-rc)

3. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the parish office for other options.



# 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:

Ajith Nissangaratchie

## 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=236>

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

Gabrielle McLeavey

Raquel Panganiban



Ian & Christine Paterson

June Swain

Wiliyono Tanudjojo



## Remembering the Dead

### Recently Deceased:

Yosan Legaspi, RIP 27 August



### Anniversaries:

#### September

Terry Coles (7 Sep)

Fernanda Carmana (12 Sep)

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

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

*What should I do when somebody else sins?*

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us, we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing, we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

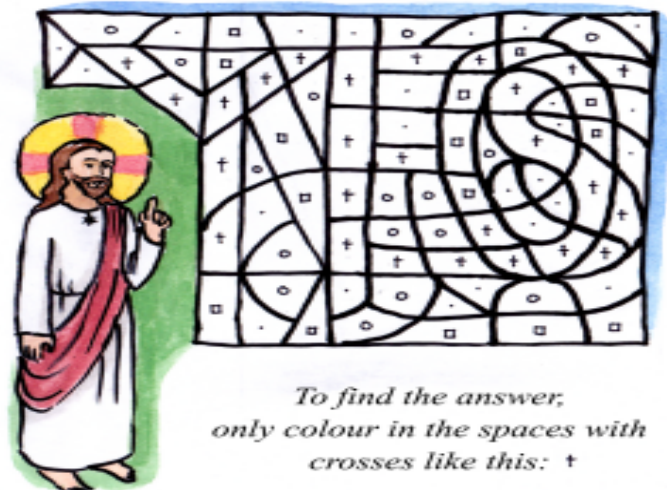
Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



## The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 10th, 2023

Sometimes we see other people doing things that we know are wrong. When we see other people doing sins, does Jesus want us to talk to them about it?



To find the answer, only colour in the spaces with crosses like this: †