



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



October: The month of the Rosary

We are at the threshold of the month of the Rosary. The origins of the Rosary seem to date back to when a popular equivalent to the prayers said throughout the day in monasteries (the Liturgy of the Hours) – especially the complete 150 Psalms – was being sought. Less than ten percent of the community could read and write back then so the prayer had to be able to be memorised. The initial prayer was the ‘Our Father’

and then the ‘Holy Mary’ was added. Eventually a set of 150 Hail Marys, with the Our Father, and the Doxology (‘Glory Be’) became standard.

It was around then that a tradition arose that St Dominic was granted a vision of Mary directing him to instruct sinners to pray to her: ‘pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.’ The name of the Rosary comes from the common form of a ‘garland’ of prayers – a ‘rosarium’ (Rose Garden). Prayer beads have been around for millennia, and in all sorts of forms for all kinds of religions, and rosary beads are now familiar. Originally rosary beads were called ‘Pater Noster’ beads – the Latin name for the ‘Our Father’ prayer.

In 2002 Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries to the traditional Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. Last month Pope Francis said the Holy Rosary should be prayed regularly, as it is compendium of the entire history of our salvation, it is a powerful weapon against evil, and it is an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts.

The Rosary is described as a compendium of the life of Jesus and Mary and a summary of the liturgical year. During the recitation of the Rosary, we meditate on the saving mysteries of our Lord’s life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother.

The famous proponent of the Rosary, Fr. Peyton, challenges us: “Set apart ten minutes for Rosary at home, you will make your home a haven of peace.” Let us make great efforts to pray the Rosary in our homes and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother convert them to a haven of peace.

Michael Howley and Fr Joy



Readings for the Week

Sunday 24th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16

Monday 25th - Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday 26th - Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday 27th - St Vincent de Paul Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday 28th - Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

Friday 29th - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 1:47-51

Saturday 30th - St Jerome, Priest, Doctor Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15; Luke 9:43-45

Sunday 1st - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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

‘The Church needs to be like God: always going out; and when the Church does not go out, she becomes sick with the many evils we have in the Church. And why are these illnesses in the Church? Because she does not go out. It is true that when someone goes out there is the danger of getting into an accident. But better a Church that gets into accidents because she goes out to proclaim the Gospel, than a Church that is sick because she stays in.’



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 20 September 2020

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, 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 1st and 3rd 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.

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 September at the Connolly Hall Chapel, beginning at 7.30pm, 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 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

This Feast is celebrated on Saturday 7th October. There will be a rosary in our Connolly Hall Chapel on that day followed by the 8.30am Mass. In addition, there is a rosary every week on Monday in Connolly Hall at 11.30 am. All are welcome



Children's Sacramental Programme

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 Parents Session is on 10 October starting 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



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)



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5:24

Saturday 30 September: “Together – Gathering of the People of God”

An ecumenical prayer vigil organised by Taizé will take place in Rome in the presence of Pope Francis and representatives of different Churches, to unite in praise and silence, in listening to the Word. More information at <https://together2023.net/>

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

Not so long to go now to 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 lunch to share. Everybody welcome. Refer to poster on the noticeboard for more details.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email: currentofgracewellington@gmail.com

Miha: Meri Hōhepa & Season of Creation

Everyone is invited to celebrate the end of the Season of Creation and the Day of Celebration for Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert at a special Miha hosted by Compassion and the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission.

When: 11am, 1 October 2023

Where: Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay.

Join us before or afterwards for:

- ☛ 9:30am Hīkoi to the Reservoir |
- ☛ 12pm Afternoon tea
- ☛ 12:30pm The Letter film screening



Vinnies Book Fair Saturday, 30 September 2023, 9am -3pm. South Wellington Intermediate School, 143 Rintoul St, Newtown.



Support Life Sunday 2023 – A Consistent Ethic of Life

Support Life Sunday is on 7-8 October.

The Bishops' chosen focus is **The Consistent Ethic of Life**. The bishops are revising their 1997 statement *Te Kahu o Te Ora – the 'Garment of Life'*. This statement explores the application of what is a uniquely Catholic ethical framework to contemporary moral issues. www.catholic.org.nz/resources/sls2023/

CLOSING SOON - CHURCH LIFE SURVEY EVERYONE PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY

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/
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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.

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 local and 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.

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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:

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Parish Pastoral Council Chair:

Ajith Nissangaratchie

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=238>

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



Phil Hickey

Gabrielle McLeavey



Raquel Panganiban

June Swain

Willijono Tanudjojo

Christine and Ian Paterson send thanks for the prayers which have assisted their recovery.

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

A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

WOW! HE PAID US A FULL DAY'S WAGE!



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

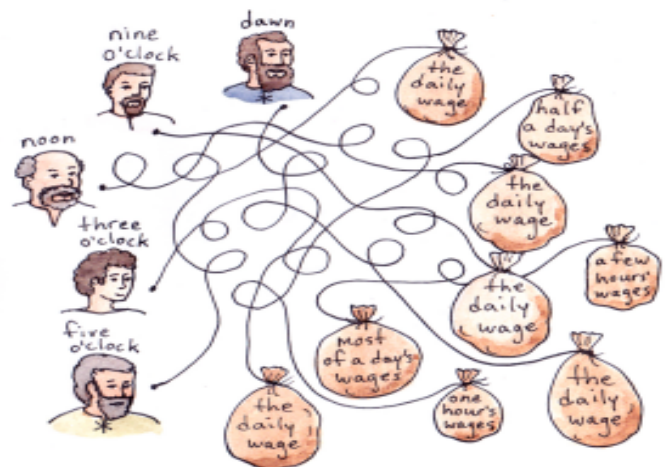


Answers: front page - all received the full day's wage. Inside page - Christ.

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The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24th, 2023



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day. At the end of the day, how much did each man get paid? Follow the wiggly lines to see!