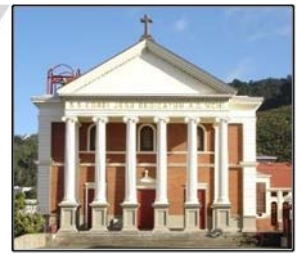




# The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Synodality - Looking after the Vineyard



Vineyards were important in Israel, both at the time of the scriptures were written and even today. It would be disastrous to plant and cultivate a vineyard and then have it destroyed. The rebuilding task would be immense. A modern example would be Cyclone Gabrielle in February, which devastated much of vineyard lined Esk Valley. In both cases, a long recovery period of renewal and patience is required.

The Isaiah reading prophesies about God's plan for his vineyard – that is, the people of Israel. Isaiah says that even with all of the Lord's care and cultivation, his people have failed to grow. But there is Good News – God will "start over," again.

A key word for understanding the Gospel parable is 'tenants' – the people who run the vineyard do not own it – it is not their vineyard; they have been entrusted with it, but as tenants. The vineyard belongs to God.

Which bring me to the Synod in Rome. If we can see the Vineyard as the Church, then the Synod is about growing in holiness as a Church community. We know that the Church is Holy because Jesus is there, it is his church. We also know the Church is sinful because we are there, and we are sinners!

The Synod is a unique opportunity to look at ourselves as Church, a 'stock take' of sorts. As we 'walk together' as church, what can the Holy Spirit teach and guide us on our pilgrim journey? How can the vineyard be more productive? Who is missing out? Why do we 'leak' members? How can we be a better, holier, more inclusive church?

These are all questions to be prayerfully discerned, guided by the Holy Spirit. The vineyard (Church) is not ours. It is God's. We pray to discern how we can be better tenants of the Church community that has been entrusted to us.

Fr Ron Bennett



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Saint John Leonardi, Priest** Jonah 1:1-2:1,11; Luke 10:25-37  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** - Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Saint John XXIII, Pope** Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Malachi 3:13-20; Luke 11:5-13  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** - Joel 1:13-15,2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Joel 4:12-21;  
Luke 11:27-28  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

## 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

'In any age, those who have authority, any authority, also in the Church, in the People of God, may be tempted to work in their own interests instead of those of God. And Jesus says that true authority is when one performs service; it is in serving, not exploiting others. The vineyard is the Lord's, not ours. Authority is a service, and as such should be exercised for the good of all and for the dissemination of the Gospel. It is awful to see when people who have authority in the Church seek their own interests.'



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 4 October 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 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.

## The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

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



### Children's Sacramental Programme

Next weekend at the 10.30am Mass Candidates from our Children's Sacramental Programme who are preparing for their Confirmation will be presented for a special blessing. Please do keep them, their parents/caregivers and families in your prayers as the children journey towards this wonderful Sacrament and their special encounter with God's Holy Spirit.



Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral, the spiritual home for many Catholics in New Zealand, has been closed for earthquake strengthening and restoration for over five years.

The restoration budget was approximately \$14 million to complete the project. We have a shortfall of approximately \$1.8 million.

There are a number of fundraising initiatives in place and we ask for your support at a level that suits you. Here's one:

## The Sacred Heart Cathedral RESTORATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

### PRIZES:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each **\$1,000 New World Gift Card**  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> each **\$500 New World Gift Card**

**Ticket Price:** \$5 per ticket | 3 for \$10 | a book of 8 for \$20

### TO BUY TICKETS:

email [bobhouston@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bobhouston@xtra.co.nz)

Tell us your requirements, we will forward you the pay-in account details and send your tickets to you.

To make a donation online: [www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz](http://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz)

*Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee*

### Tickets for The Christmas Raffle are Now Available

The Fundraising Team launched the Christmas Raffle on Sunday October 1 2023.

Tickets will be available after each Mass every Sunday until mid-December.

The draw date is 17 December 2023.

We will be promoting raffle sales at schools as well as parishes outside of the Cathedral parish. It has been agreed that a percentage of raffle ticket income at each, respective school taking part and the parishes outside of the Cathedral parish, will receive that income for projects in their school or parish.

The Raffle Prizes are:

Three New World Gift Vouchers for \$1000  
Four New World Gift Vouchers for \$500

Tickets are \$5 for one  
\$10 for three tickets  
\$20 for a book of eight tickets.

Contact: Noeline Matthews  
[noelinematt@gmail.com](mailto:noelinematt@gmail.com) 0274 380 473 or

Bob Houston [bobhouston@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bobhouston@xtra.co.nz)  
0274 898 017

**Debbie Away.** Debbie is away on annual leave until 28 October. Fr Ron (Ph. 021 065 8997) and Fr Joy (Ph. 027 312 1869) are available for urgent calls, otherwise please contact the parish office Ph. 496-1700 or email: [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) Please keep Debbie in your prayers as she takes some well deserved time off.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Support Life Sunday 2023 – A Consistent Ethic of Life

This Sunday is Support Life Sunday.

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/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/sls2023/)

### Liturgy Workshop: Advent – *History... Sounds and images... Relevance to today's world...*

This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved in organising your parish's celebration of Advent and anyone just wanting to learn more about this important season of the Church.

Where: St Bernardette's Hall, 190 Naenae Rd, Naenae

When: Saturday 28th October, 10am to 12pm, Tea and Coffee from 9.30am

Register: Contact Chris Walkerdine by Wednesday 25th October.

Email: [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz) Phone: (04) 496 1706

### 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](mailto:currentofgracewellington@gmail.com)



### Titipounamu Study & Joy

**The Corinthians - who were they?** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

**Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video.**

Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### QUIET DAYS, WITH SISTER SUE COSGROVE



Join us for Quiet Day - with a focus on contemplation and reflection. Sister Sue guides participants through meditative activities and guided discussions. This year's theme is **kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga, and exploring the seeds of compassion that Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert scattered.**

Quiet Day is at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, **Thursday 12 October**, from **10:30 am - 2:30 pm.**

To register, please email to: [sr.sue@compassion.org.nz](mailto:sr.sue@compassion.org.nz)

Refreshments are provided. There is no fee however a koha is greatly appreciated.

## COMBINED ALL SOULS DAY SERVICE

### All Souls Remembrance Service

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 5.30pm at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Hill Street.**



You, your family and friends are invited to a special All Souls joint service between Sacred Heart Cathedral and Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. The Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul will be leading the sung worship, which will include well-known hymns.

During the service we will remember in prayer those who have died in the last year. Cards will be available for you to fill out the name of a loved one you would like to be read out during our prayers of remembrance. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of your loved one.

The service will last around 75 minutes, providing time and space for reflection, and seeks to bring comfort in offering God's peace and the reassurance of our Christian faith and hope. We do hope you will be able to attend and look forward to welcoming you. **This service is in addition to our regular Masses which will be at 8.00am and 12.10pm in Connolly Hall Chapel on that day.**

**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>



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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, Thorndon

**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

Wilijono Tanudjojo

Barbara Gore (Sister of  
Sr Marie)



## Remembering the Dead

### Recently Deceased:

Tonina Pasquale - 22  
September in Italy. Sister of  
Bianca Cassino

Kevin Whooley - 28 September,  
brother of John Whooley.

Sara Parker - 28 September,  
Wife of Tony Parker

Graham Dee - 4 October

### October Anniversaries:

Paul (Budgie) Jacobsen (4 Oct)

Joseph Claude Fernando (4 Oct)

Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM (24 Oct)

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



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him. In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!



Answer to Word-Find: They killed His Son.

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

### The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8th, 2023



What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?  
Use the code below to find out.

