



# The Cathedral Connection



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Love is the Answer

Our Lord Jesus' response to the question raised by the Sadducees is not unfamiliar to us: 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you must love your neighbour as yourself'. It's easy to say that we do. But in these times, it seems we find more reason not to love our neighbour, let alone love God above all else. With all the violence around us, war, crime, misinformation, hate to name a few; to love our neighbour may seem to be a daunting task, a complex ideology. When people find themselves, or the ones they love, victims of senseless violence or having a terminal illness, or experiencing life altering misfortune, loving God seems to be the last thing that comes to mind, the last thing to ponder in their hearts. How, then, do we heed our Lord's call to love.

In his first letter, St. John affirms that 'God is Love' (1 John 4:7-21). We should 'love one another, because love comes from God.' St. John reminds us that 'God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him. This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven'. Despite our sinfulness, God loves us unconditionally. And so that we may love and live our lives in union with God, he gave us his Spirit.

The lyrics of the song 'Love is the Answer' (England Dan and John Ford Coley) tells us to 'love one another' – when we're afraid, when we're lost, alone, far from home, down and out, hopeless, needing a friend, and near the end. Our fears, our worries, and our anxieties are all driven by fear. In love, there is no fear. God's love sets us free – free from sin, free from fear. With this freedom, we are able to love God above all, and love our brothers and sisters as our selves.

Finally, St. Paul tells us 'I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains – but if I have no love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 13:2).

Blessed Sunday to you all.



Randy Reyes

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** - Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** - Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints - Solemnity** Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14; Matthew 5:1-12a

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls** Wisdom 3:1-9; Matthew 11:25-30

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saint Martin de Porres, Religious** Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop** Romans 11:1-2,11-12,25-29;

Luke 14:1,7-11

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13; Matthew 23:1-12

## 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

*"Love for God is expressed above all in prayer, particularly in adoration. Adoring God is precisely the heart of prayer. And love for neighbour, which is also called fraternal charity, consists in closeness, listening, sharing, caring for others. And so often we neglect to listen to others because it is boring or because it takes up our time, or [we neglect] to accompany them, to support them in their suffering, in their trials...."*



Pope Francis, Angelus, 25 Oct 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.

## PRESENTATION OF PALLIUM

Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of November at St Mary of the Angels 5.00pm Mass, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa will invest Archbishop Paul with the Pallium. All are welcome.

The Pallium is a white woolen band with pendants in front and back worn over the chasuble by the Pope or a Metropolitan Archbishop. It symbolizes the close relationship between the Bishop of Rome and the local Church. The Pallia for all newly appointed Metropolitan Archbishops were blessed by Pope Francis in Rome on 29 June 2023, the feast of Ss Peter and Paul. The bishops of New Zealand will be present as the bishops' conference starts in Wellington the following day.



## NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November we especially remember our family members and friends who are now with God. From the beginning of the month a box will be provided in the entrance where you can place the names of your deceased loved ones. The box will be placed before the Altar during the entrance procession where the names are offered up as part of our Masses.

**Parish Memorial Mass:** Each year during November, the month of the Holy Souls, the Parish celebrates a Mass in memory of those who were called home to God in the previous 12 months and have a connection with the Cathedral.

This year we will celebrate this memorial as part of the **5.30pm Mass on Saturday 11 November**.

Everyone is very welcome as we remember those who have died and prayerfully support those who grieve their passing. All are very welcome to join us for this special commemoration. At the beginning of Mass, we will invite a representative from those families to light a candle of remembrance that will shine in memory of their loved one throughout the Mass.

### All Souls Remembrance Service

**This Thursday, 2 November 6.00pm**

We write to invite you and your family and friends to a special All Souls joint service between Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.

The Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul will be leading our sung worship, which will feature MIHA, a new setting of the Requiem Mass in Latin and Te Reo Māori by Auckland-based composer Takarei Komene.

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 in our Connolly Hall Chapel which will be at 8.00am and 12.10pm on that day.**



### TAIZÉ

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 **3 November, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**, Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington

## Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation - 1 (God is Rich in Mercy)

Dear Parishioners,

We will very soon be entering into the season of Advent which invites us to focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer, and the renewal of our lives. The best possible preparation that we could make for welcoming Jesus at Christmas is to examine our lives, repent, and to confess our sins to begin a new life.

The pastoral team in this context thought it helpful to reflect on the richness of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to experience the mercy of God for us. So, in the coming weeks, we shall try to endear ourselves with this beautiful sacrament of God's love and mercy.

On Easter night, the Risen Jesus appeared to his apostles and said: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20: 21 – 23). Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of the Church. It is a sacrament whereby the sins whether mortal or venial, which have been committed after baptism are forgiven and the sinner is reunited to the Church and to the life of grace. This sacrament gives strength to the soul to be a better Christian.

"The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation" (CCC 1421). The Code of Canon Law states that; "In the sacrament of penance, the faithful who confess their sins to a legitimate minister, are sorry for them, and intend to reform themselves, obtain from God through the absolution imparted by the same minister forgiveness for the sins they have committed after baptism and, at the same, time are reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by sinning". (Can. 959).

Fr Joy



*To be continued...*

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

# BAKE SALE

MCSH Earthquake Strengthening Fundraiser

Our next Fundraising Bake Sale will be next weekend of 4 - 5 November. Donations of baking for sale will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**The Gospel of Mark** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

### YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

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



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

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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=241>

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne  
(Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)  
Ron Fowler  
Phil Hickey



Gabrielle McLeavey  
Raquel Panganiban  
June Swain  
Wiliyono Tanudjojo  
Barbara Gore (Sister of Sr Marie)  
Melinda Somera

## 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  
Betty Lai - 10 October  
Fr Roderick C. Salazar, SVD - 16 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

### The Greatest Commandment



I WILL DO EVERYTHING TODAY FOR YOU, LORD!

What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.



The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?

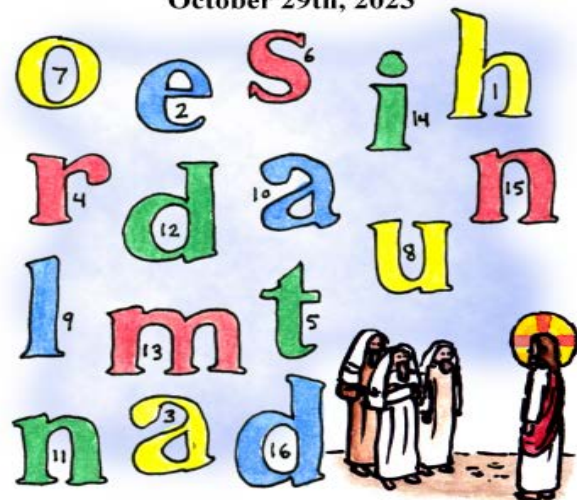


GOD WOULD WANT US TO BE KIND TO HER...  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: heart, soul and mind. mind, first, love, yourself, whole, TO LOVE GOD.

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### The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 29th, 2023



How did Jesus say we should love God?  
Put the letters in order by their numbers to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our \_\_\_\_\_  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
10 11 12 13 14 15 16