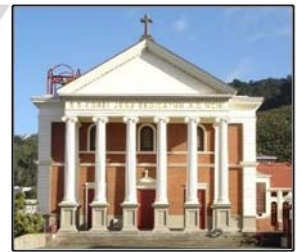




The Cathedral Connection



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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you prepared?

I have recently returned from a holiday where the activities we undertook each day needed forethought and planning. This is an activity that my husband and I both threw ourselves into with gusto, excitement, and intent. We wanted to make the most out of our time and resources that we'd committed to the holiday.

As we travelled, we witnessed unity following destruction, and communities looking after each other. We marvelled at the commitment of communities to rebuilding so they could worship God, in a country that had seen such devastation. All that we experienced was the result of the intentionality of people, preparing for the future.

Sunday's readings talk of wisdom, watchfulness, and preparedness. As disciples of God, we are invited to breathe in the life of God; to pause and recognise Him in the people and creation around us; and to share of ourselves, responding as Jesus would to all we encounter.

Like the bridesmaids who prepared for their time of waiting for the bridegroom in the Gospel reading, we too are invited to prepare ourselves so that when the Lord comes, we can enter His kingdom.

To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word. We prepare ourselves by continually adding small drops of oil to our lamps. Our oil is sourced from the activities of our daily life where we touch, serve, and love Jesus.

Things like a smile, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a card, an embrace or kind word, a helping hand, a gesture of support, a financial contribution, or a visit. These simple intentional gestures and acts of service and love, along with a life of prayer, and worship are the drops of love that keep our religious life burning like a lively flame.

This is how we are recognised as disciples of Christ. When the bridegroom comes will we be ready?

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader/Parish Leader



Readings for the Week

Sunday 12th – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Monday 13th – Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday 14th – Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday 15th – Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday 16th – Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Friday 17th – Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday 18th – Wisdom 18:14-16,19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday 19th – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 31:10-13,19:20,30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

'With this parable, Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works. As the Apostle Paul says, the faith that truly unites us to Jesus is, "faith working through love" (Gal 5:6).'

- Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 8 November 2020.



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)

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.

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 is 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 this 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.

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>



JOB VACANCY

The Archdiocese is seeking a Marriage Ministry Coordinator in the Church Mission team. This paid role (26 hours per week) involves coordinating pre-marriage programmes, providing formation for volunteer marriage educators and developing opportunities for marriage enrichment in the Archdiocese. Apply today with your resume and cover letter to Chris Duthie-Jung (email c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz). Applications close on Monday 20 November 2023.



Catholic Social Services is running its KOTAHITANGA ANNUAL APPEAL during the month of November.

Catholic Social Services is the social services agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington. Our work includes social work, prison chaplaincy, hospital chaplaincy, support for refugee resettlement, community advocacy, men's wellness programmes and Seasons for Growth workshops. Our services are open to everyone, but consistent funding is needed. Please consider a donation to support this important work. For information on how to donate, visit <https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate>. For more about CSS, go to <https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/?src=nav>.



As the war in Gaza continues, well over 10,000 people have died; human rights are being violated on all sides; people are displaced – tens of thousands of Israelis and over 1.5 million in Gaza. The destruction in Gaza is immense, and basic necessities are in short supply. Pope Francis said in his Angelus address last Sunday: 'In God's name, I beg you to stop: cease using weapons! I hope that avenues will be pursued so that an escalation of the conflict might be absolutely avoided, so that the wounded can be rescued and help might get to the population of Gaza where the humanitarian situation is extremely serious'. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has called for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers have been published on the Caritas Facebook page and website. Caritas is also receiving donations through its website: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>



Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation - 3 (God is Rich in Mercy)

Q. What are the differences between the terms Confession, Penance, and Reconciliation?

These terms are often used interchangeably to refer to the sacrament, but they have meanings on their own.

- **Confession:** The word confession comes from the Latin word **confessio**, which means “to acknowledge or admit.” Using this word to name the sacrament places the emphasis on the act of confessing one’s sins, an action that is an integral part of the rite. In the history of the sacrament the act of confessing has always been a required act by the penitent. “To go to confession” meant to engage in the full ritual act of confessing, expressing contrition, receiving a penance and absolution. The place where this ritual action took place came to be called a confessional.
- **Penance:** This term refers to one of the components of the ritual act, namely the action that the confessor proposes to penitents in order for them to make amends for their sins. This penance is not to be understood as a penalty imposed on the penitent for the confessed sins but as a meaningful part of the conversion that the sacrament calls for on the part of the penitent. The penance presumes that the penitent intends to amend his or her life, and it can be seen as the next step in metanoia, the change of heart that flows from the grace of the sacrament.
- **Reconciliation:** It can be understood as the larger experience of living in harmony with the teaching of Christ and with our brothers and sisters. To be reconciled is to be at peace, to live in communion with others and with the Lord. It is what happens when we are sorry for transgressions that have ruptured our relationship with the Lord and with others and includes making a firm commitment to make better choices and to live gracefully.



Q. What is Sin? Sin is an offence against God, against truth and against right conscience. Man sinned and the consequences of that sin spread to all of us. Once under sin, people can rise against it only with the help of God. God does it by sending his Son Jesus. He came, defeated sin and death, and gave us life. All those who believe in him will live for ever. There are two kinds of sin.

- **Original Sin:** It is the absence of divine grace in every newly born child. It is our inheritance resulting from the sin of our first parents, Adam, and Eve. All have contracted it, except the Blessed Virgin Mary who through the merits of her Divine Son was conceived without the stain of Original Sin.
- **Personal Sin:** A sin is a personal act (CCC 1868). Personal sin is an offense against God. It is, as opposed to Original Sin, is the willful disobedience to God’s will. This disobedience may be an action, a thought, a desire, or an intention. There are two types of personal sins:
 - **Mortal Sin:** A mortal sin is defined as a grave action that is committed in full knowledge of its gravity and with full consent of the sinner’s will. It destroys the supernatural grace within our soul. It is also known as deadly, grave and serious sin.
 - **Venial Sin:** A venial sin is relatively slight or that is committed without full reflection or consent. It weakens our union with God but does not deprive sanctifying grace.

Fr Joy

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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:

1st, 2nd & 3rd each \$1,000 New World Gift Card
4th, 5th, 6th, 7th 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

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

Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee



THANK YOU AND WELL DONE!

The Bake Sales continue to be a great fundraiser for our cathedral restoration, as well as enhancing engagement across our community. Last weekend’s Bake Sale raised around **\$1850.00** (some payments still to be included). The previous one, on 16-17 September, raised **\$1420.00**. A big **THANK YOU** to Geraldine Irinco and her team, to all who contributed goods – and all who purchased things! The final one for this year is the weekend of 2-3 December.



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

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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=243>

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne (Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)
Phil Hickey
Gabrielle McLeavey
Raquel Panganiban
June Swain
Wilijono Tanudjojo
Barbara Gore (Sister of Sr Marie)
Melinda Somera
Novatus Rugambwa




Remembering the Dead

Ron Fowler (RIP 31 October)
Mary Clotilde Kemble (RIP 9 November) Sister of Sadie Laurenson

November Anniversaries:
Janice Campbell (13 November)
Francis Philip Selvaratnam (19 November)

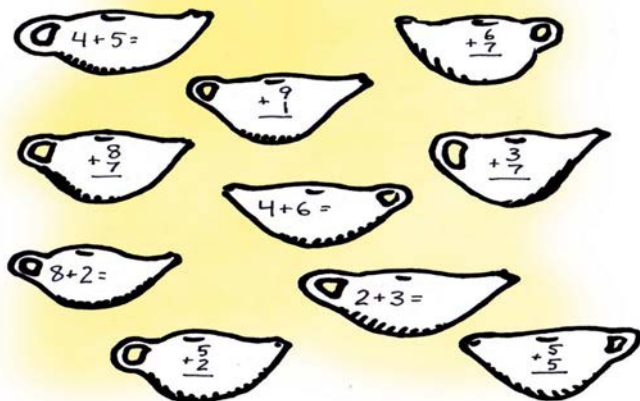
During November we remember all the Holy Souls and especially those from our parish family who have gone home to God in the past 12 months: Paul Jacobsen, Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM, Frances Gray, Stan George, Marie Byrne, Patrick Williams, Sr Susanna Kraus RSM, Simon France, Brian Dunn, Sr Rose McAloon SSM, Tony Commissaris, Sr Marcia Wilson RSM, Kevin Whooley, Sara Parker, June Coelho.

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Kids' Bulletin

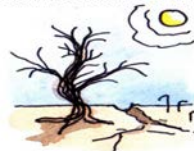
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12th, 2023



In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps. How many of them brought extra oil? Figure out the problems on each lamp. Colour in the ones that equal 10 to find out the answer!

Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



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N A M E I G L O R Y I O
C A L L N O I R S T W U
T G A Z E D V S F O A T
U B L E S S E M O U T H
A L I F E H A N D S E R
R I C H E S G O O D R T
Y H E E K I N D N E S S

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
to see your POWER and your GLORY,
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be
satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

My soul thirsts for Thee.
Answer to Word-Find: 5 had extra oil. Answer to Word-Find: