



The Cathedral Connection



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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE

All my life I have been blessed to be surrounded by strong, caring and understanding women. Growing up with four sisters and a mum, I got to experience first-hand what sacrificial love was all about. My mum and sisters supported and loved me despite my failings and general stubbornness. Some may say I was spoiled; I like to believe that I was blessed. As an adult man, with a wife and two daughters I continue to experience a similar kind of love that helps ground me but is also very supportive and caring.

Our first reading today from the Book of Proverbs beautifully describes the role and talents of women and how they use it to benefit others. Other than confirming that women have always been able to multi-task, these are just a few of the talents that a woman has and which she uses in the service of others.

There are many such women in our Parish who share their talents not only for the good of fellow Parishioners but ultimately in praise of God. There is Debbie who has and continues to provide leadership to our Parish during these difficult times, Sr Marie, who works tirelessly in helping us grow in our faith be it through prayer or music, Sadie who has embraced her role as our Liturgy Group Chairperson, Geraldine and her group of volunteers who put on a bake sale every month, Noeline and Trish who work in the background on all the other fundraising and community functions, and Jane who just keeps giving of her professional skills, sharing her liturgical experiences and anything else she is called upon to do. These are but a few of the women in our Parish who use their talents to do the work of God.

Our Gospel reading invites us to reflect on how we use our talents do we use it wisely to grow or do we hide it from the world? Like the servants in the Gospel, each one of us will be called upon to account for what we have done with our gifts. We can choose to hold on to our talents or instead see these talents as something given to us to share with others and in so doing allow others to grow as well as ourselves.

My mum never completed her schooling, nor did she have paid job for all of her married life. So, some may say that she had no talents to share with the world. As a young boy who spent five months in hospital, she visited me every day without fail, using public transport or any means possible. Her talent was simply empathy and sacrificial love. There is no greater talent.

So today, we thank God for the women in our lives, especially the one who gave us life and who played such an important role in making us who we are today.

Clint Ramoo



Readings for the Week

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

Monday 20th – 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday 21st – 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday 22nd – 2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday 23rd – 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Friday 24th – 1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday 25th – 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sunday 26th – Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

‘Today is the World Day of the Poor, in which the Church tells us Christians: “Stretch forth your hand to the poor. Hold out your hand to the poor. You are not alone in life: there are people who need you. Do not be selfish; hold out a hand to the poor”. We have all received from God a “patrimony” as human beings, a human richness, whatever it may be. And as disciples of Christ we have also received the faith, the Gospel, the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and so many other things. These gifts should be used to do good, to do good in this life, in service to God and to our brothers and sisters.’ - [Pope Francis, Angelus, 15 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.

Parishioner update Saturday 26th November

Please join with the parish leadership teams at 2.00pm in Connolly Hall Chapel for an update, and opportunity to ask questions and offer your feedback on several important issues currently needing parish discernment. Issues such as the future of natural disaster insurance considerations, the potential redevelopment of Archdiocesan and parish land, the Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration project, and the Cathedral reopening and parish office relocation. This will be followed by fellowship and light refreshments in the Cathedral foyer afterwards.



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. Please continue to place the names of your deceased loved ones in the box near the entrance before Mass. The box sits before the Altar during Masses where the names are offered up as part of our Masses.

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>



LIVING AND SERVING

World Day of the Poor 2023: Join Us in Making a Difference



This Sunday is the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing issue, globally and here in New Zealand, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tobit 4:7). Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. You can find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand at <https://www.caritas.org.nz>



The humanitarian crisis in Gaza shows no sign of letting up. 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. Please continue to pray for a ceasefire and steps toward peace and justice for all. Caritas is also receiving donations through its website: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>



The Wellington City Mission is running its annual Christmas appeal. Every family deserves a fun-filled Christmas and you have the power to make that happen. Here's how:

Register your business for our goods collection and rally your employees together to donate groceries, or other much needed items, to our Big Christmas Mission. At the end of the month, our team will come and collect your donations right from your doorstep and deliver them to the Wellington City Mission.

Donate to our Givealittle Page as an individual or as a business. Big or small, every donation counts! 100% of the money received through donations will be used by our team to shop for items on the Wellington City Mission's wish list.

Spread the word. Can you forward this email to at least 1 small business you know? Imagine how many families we could reach.



Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation - 4 (God is Rich in Mercy)

The Sacrament of Penance (also commonly called the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession) is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church, in which the faithful are absolved from sins committed after baptism and reconciled with God and the Christian community.



Necessity and Frequency: Often people say that they do not need to go to confession and that they can confess directly to God and that he will forgive them and that is enough. They are partly right in this assertion. But it is Christ himself who gave to his Church the mandate and ministry to forgive sins, and through the ages the Church has established and developed a ritual action, the Rite of Penance. When we say that we can seek forgiveness on our own, it is an attempt to establish our own terms for forgiveness and place ourselves outside the sacramental life and the biblical mandate of the ecclesial community.

The Church teaches that every baptised person after having reached the age of discretion, is obliged to confess serious sins at least once a year and at any time prior to receiving Communion. The obligation to participate in the sacrament cannot be reduced to a few times but should be based on one's desire to be reconciled with God and to enjoy the mercy of God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always a means of grace and a great help to grow in holiness.

What to Confess: For the valid celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, the penitents must confess all mortal sins that they become aware of after a careful examination of conscience. They may also confess venial sins. If the penitent knowingly conceals any mortal sin, then the confession is invalid, and the penitent incurs another sin called "**sacrilege**." (It is the violation or injurious treatment of a sacred object, site, or person. In other words, it means irreverence to sacred persons, places, and things. When the sacrilegious offence is verbal, it is known as **Blasphemy** and when the offence is physical, it is called "**Desecration**").

Sacramental Seal: There has always been this doubt in the minds of the faithful whether the priest will tell anybody else what I confess. It is important to know that the '**Seal of Confession**' is rooted in the tradition of the Church and enshrined in the 'Code of Canon Law.' In the Catholic Church, the seal of Confession is the absolute duty of priests or anyone who happens to hear a confession (e.g. Someone who accidentally hears what is shared or one who under certain circumstances acts as an interpreter), not to disclose anything that they learn from penitents during the Sacrament of Penance. A priest who violates this seal is automatically excommunicated, with pardon reserved to the Holy See.

How to Prepare for a Good Confession:

- ✦ Pray for the grace to make a good confession.
- ✦ Carefully examine our conscience in the light of God's commandments.
- ✦ Take time and make a good act of contrition.
- ✦ Resolve to renounce our sins and begin a new life.
- ✦ Carry out the penance prescribed by the priest.

Fr Joy

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. The best preparation that we could ever make is to prepare our hearts for Jesus. There will be opportunity for individual Reconciliation on **2nd, 9th, and 16th of December 2023 (Saturdays) after the 8.30am Mass at the Connolly Hall.** There will also be an Advent Reconciliation Service (Rite II) on **Sunday 17th December 2023 at 4.00pm in St. Thomas More Church, Wilton.**

CONFIRMATION

The following people will be confirmed at the 5.00pm Mass at St Mary of the Angels this Sunday:

Freddy Curtin - Sophia Dahiroc - Alayah Elizabeth de Roo - Maria Toavalu Grace de Roo - Opetaia Alexander de Roo - Shenaya Sasadhi Fernando - Clare Gn - Lino Michael Augustine Lafaele - Anya Olivia Pareja - Dana Sabelle Samson - Mary Allysa Mae Santos - Dominic Tana - Aelessar Shaun Ticman - Lana Vaughan - Sophia Mary Grace Wheddon - Xavier Lee Falaniko Chan Foung - Xaviera Fa'atea Kaysha Chan Foung - Venus Ophalia Jesudas - Roulet Kessiya Jesudas - Kundiso Makova - Ethel Makova - David McGregor.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

At last Saturday's Parish Vigil Mass we remembered past parishioners and parish family members who had died in the past year.

The following parishioners were remembered:

Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM, Marie Byrne & (Ted Byrnes Anniversary), Patrick Williams, Sr Susanna Kraus RSM, Brian Dunn, Sr Rose McAloon SMSM, Tony Commissaris, Sr Marcia Wilson RSM, Kevin Whooley, June Coelho, Mary Clotilde Kemble, Ron Fowler, Simon France, Frances Gray, Paul Jacobsen, Stan George, Sara Parker.

The evening was made all the more special because of the many family members and friends of these dear ones that were able to join with us for this remembrance celebration.



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- Fr Joy Thottankara: **Assistant Priest**

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Frank Doherty

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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=244>

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne
(Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)
Barbara Gore
Phil Hickey



Gabrielle McLeavey
Raquel Panganiban
Novatus Rugambwa
Melinda Somera
June Swain
Wilijono Tanudjojo

Remembering the Dead

Ron Fowler (RIP 31 October)

Mary Clotilde Kemble (RIP 9 November) Sister of Sadie Laurenson

Bernard Atkins (RIP 15 November) Brother -In-Law of Roger Swanson

November Anniversaries:

Janice Campbell (13 November)

Francis Philip Selvaratnam (19 November)

Leonardo Damiano (26 November)

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



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.

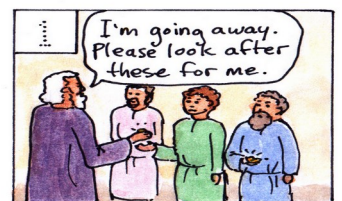
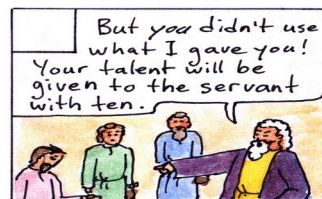


What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?



Using the Master's Talents
- sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel?
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.



Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.
Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

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