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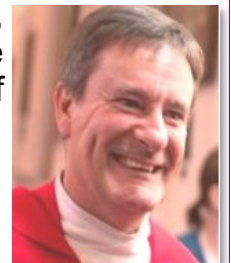
FAMILIAR AND NEW

Recently, when hearing that I was moving to a new parish, a friend commented. “You are so fortunate, patrick, to have a new beginning while remaining in the security of your life.”

I wasn't aware that my friend was having a moment like Job seems to be having in the first reading today, however, even as I did feel ‘the goodbyes’ moving away from Te Awakairangi Parish there has been the joyful feeling of new beginnings just ahead. While also knowing that I am accustomed to the shores and hills of the Sacred Heart Parish, with many of your faces familiar, and with Archbishop Paul and Debbie present – Yes, all will be well!

How exciting to be with you at this time as we look towards the re-dedication of our beautiful parish church of the Sacred Heart. We know for the archdiocese this is the mother church: the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and St Mary, his holy mother. There has been much mahi done to bring the whole strengthening to this stage. And there will be much mahi ahead with the development of the cathedral precinct. How blessed we are therefore, as we see in today's Gospel that Jesus is with us. In our needs, in our healings, in our hustle and bustle, and in the times of calm, Jesus is our constant – possibly you could say our strength and stay!

It may sound a little strange that the title given me is, ‘Administrator’. Yes, the church does have wonderful and good traditions, such as a bishop being the parish priest of a cathedral. I look forward to being with you in your homes, in your school, in your colleges, and with you in the celebrations of the Eucharist, the Sacraments, and in the events of your and this parish's life. Being a pastor in a parish is the greatest of joys for in the midst of the parish family there Jesus is loved and known.



Fr. Patrick Bridgman
Cathedral Administrator

With love and prayers, patrick

Readings for the Week

Sunday 4th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

Monday 5th – 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday 6th – Waitangi Day

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday 7th – 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday 8th – 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

Friday 9th – 1 Kings 11:29-32,12-19; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday 10th – 1 Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday 11th – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

OUR MISSION & VISION

To joyfully share God's love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary

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)

'The only legitimate way to look at a person from the top down is when you stretch out a hand to help them get up. The only one. And this is the mission that Jesus entrusted to the Church. The Son of God manifests his Lordship not "from the top down", not from a distance, but in bending down, stretching out his hand; he manifests his Lordship in closeness, in tenderness, in compassion. Closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God.'



- Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 7 Feb 2021.



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART

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 - Resumes this Wednesday and then on Sundays 6pm-6:30pm in Connolly Hall Chapel. All welcome.

Rosary - Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in Connolly Hall Chapel, all welcome.

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. Resumes this Monday 5 February.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Is available on Thursdays at the Connolly Hall Chapel from 7am until 7pm. Everyone is welcome to make a visit during these hours.



If anyone is interested to commit to an hour of Adoration on Thursdays on either a weekly or fortnightly basis please contact **Sr Marie Ph 022 639 0240** or mariegore023@gmail.com

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

February
Tuesday

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Next Tuesday is **Waitangi Day** and the annual Waitangi Day Mass will be held at **St Mary of the Angels** on Tuesday **6 February** beginning at **9.00am** with a blessing of ponamu gifted by Ta Mark Soloman. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea afterwards if you can. As it is also a public holiday the **Parish Office will be closed** and there will be **no Masses in Connolly Hall Chapel**.

There will be an **anointing Mass** on Saturday **10 February** at **8.30am** at the Connolly Hall chapel.

February
Saturday

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LENTEN REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES

The 40 days of the Lenten season commemorates Jesus' time spent fasting in the desert and enduring the temptations. It is set aside as a period of preparation for us as we journey towards the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During the Lenten season we are encouraged to spend extra time with the Lord in prayer, by reading Sacred Scripture, serving through the giving of alms and doing something extra to assist others in need; and practice self-control through fasting.

Our parish is offering opportunities for you to come together to read, explore and pray with each coming week's Sunday Gospel reading, and to communally pray the Stations of the Cross. The times for these are:



Scripture reflection - 6.00pm in Connolly Hall chapel on the following Wednesdays

21st, 28th February
 6th, 13th, 20th March



Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm in Connolly Hall chapel on the following Fridays

16th, 23rd February
 1st, 8th, 15th March

If you are not able to commit to every session please do join us whenever you are able.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

Children's Sacramental Programme 2024 - Registration is now open for the 2024 programme which begins with **FIRST RECONCILIATION** in Term 1, **HOLY COMMUNION** in Term 2 and **CONFIRMATION** in Term 4

For your child to be eligible, he/she must already be baptised and be at least 8 years old. The **first parent's session is at 7.00pm on Thursday 8 February 2024** 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

FIRST RECONCILIATION Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Term 1 - 2024

Parents' Session 1	Thursday, 8 February 2024	7:00 pm	St Thomas More Church, Wilton
Children's Session 1	Sunday, 11 February 2024	9:00 am	Connolly Hall Chapel
Blessing and Presentation of Candidates at Parish Mass	Sunday, 11 February 2024	10:30 am	St Thomas More Church, Wilton
Parents' Session 2	Tuesday, 20 February 2024	7:00 pm	St Thomas More Church, Wilton
Children's Session 2	Sunday, 25 February 2024	9:00 am	Connolly Hall Chapel
Children's Session 3	Sunday, 10 March 2024	9:00 am	Connolly Hall Chapel
Reconciliation Day	Sunday, 24 March 2024	2:00 pm	St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Term 2 - 2024

Parents' Session 1	Tuesday, 30 April 2024	7:00 pm	St Thomas More Church, Wilton
Children's Session 1	Sunday, 12 May 2024	9:00 am	Connolly Hall Chapel
Blessing and Presentation of Candidates at Parish Mass	Sunday, 12 May 2024	10:30 am	St Thomas More Church, Wilton
Parents' Session 2	Thursday, 16 May 2024	7:00 pm	St Thomas More Church, Wilton
Children's Session 2	Sunday, 26 May 2024	9:00 am	Connolly Hall Chapel
Children's Session 3	Sunday, 16 June 2024	9:00 am	Connolly Hall Chapel
Rehearsal	Saturday, 22 June 2024	3:00 pm	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hills St
First Holy Communion	Sunday, 23 June 2024	10:00 am	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hills St

OUR NEW CATHEDRAL PARISH PRAYER

With the date for the reopening of the Cathedral now announced, **7-9 June 2024**, we have refreshed our communal parish prayer of petition. From this weekend the following prayer replaces the previous Cathedral prayer offered at our weekly Sunday Eucharistic services. Please feel free to include this prayer in your own personal prayer times and those of your families.

Loving God

The time for our return to your Cathedral draws near.

*We give you thanks for the faith, hope, and love
of our generous benefactors and our parish family.*

*Move the hearts of people here in Aotearoa
to complete this work through their gifts
of time, talent, and treasure.*

*May the Cathedral once again
give praise and glory to your Holy Name.*

Amen



Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Co-Coordinator

This volunteer role requires a commitment of up to 8 hours per week. Catholic Social Services (CSS) are looking for someone who is passionate about enabling former Refugees to get a great start in their new life in Aotearoa NZ. CSS collaborates with Red Cross, Catholic, other parishes and community groups in the Wellington area providing household goods to assist in the resettlement of people arriving into NZ via refugee pathways. The coordinator role is to ensure the smooth running of the resettlement project so being organised is essential. It is anticipated that there will be 7-10 intakes across a year.

For more information please contact Wellington Catholic Social Services:
Ph. **04 385 8642** or email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz



Will you open your door to requests for accommodation ?

I'm a Catholic primary school teacher looking for accommodation, to rent an ensuite room or a granny unit with a Catholic household, to live with fellow believers who love Christ and community. Would be lovely to reach out to anyone in the parish who might be looking to rent. My move-in date would be anytime **from 19 February** and I'm looking for a place to stay till year end. My mobile number is: 022 311 0610 and my email is stephanie_marilyn@hotmail.com Thanks so much. Blessings, **Stephanie**

Giacomo recently arrived in New Zealand for an internship at the Italian embassy. He has been attending the 7pm Mass at Conolly Hall in the last couple of weeks and he urgently needs temporary accommodation **from February 18 to April 16**, just a basic room and bathroom facilities is what he's after. Please contact the parish office if you can help.



Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to both men and women to come to a MASS followed by a light supper on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7:30pm at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." The National Liturgy Office has published special resources for this day. Please go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-marriage-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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Please keep in your prayers

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Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Ph: (04) 472 4047

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DRS: Nikolai (Nik) Solia

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

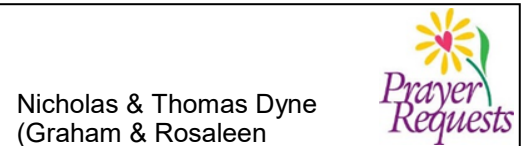
Reconciliation: By appointment.

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=249>



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

Barbara Gore
Phil Hickey
Gabrielle McLeavey
Raquel Panganiban
Novatus Rugambwa
Melinda Somera
June Swain
Wiliijono Tanudjojo



Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their homes or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Remembering the Dead

February Anniversaries:

Stanley George 22 Feb

George Hunt 27 Feb



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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Spending Time with God



In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord went to Simon and Andrew's house, where He spent the evening healing the sick and casting out demons.

But early the next morning before the sun came up He went away into the wilderness to pray.

At first we wonder why Jesus would have to pray- He is God, after all! But He was also human so He needed to take some time to be with His Heavenly Father. And that is what real praying is- it's being with God and talking to Him and listening to Him.



Like Jesus, we also need to spend time with God. Even if we are always doing His work, like helping people or studying His truths, we still need to take some time to talk with Our Father in Heaven. Starting today, take a few minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk with God.

Answers to picture puzzle: top:5, 2, middle: 4, 6, bottom: 1, 3.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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February 4th, 2024



At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach. Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?