



# The Cathedral Connection



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Third Sunday of Lent

## Was Jesus just having a bad day?!

The account of the cleansing of the temple occurs in each of the four Gospels. It is not all that common that an event in the ministry of Jesus is across all the Gospels. Interestingly, whereas in Mark, Matthew and Luke (the Synoptic Gospels) this event occurs later in his ministry, in John it happens at the beginning of his ministry following the wedding feast at Cana.

What then is John inviting his early Christian community to ponder? For John's community, the Temple, destroyed in 70AD, is no longer a place of worship. John, in recalling the cleansing of the temple, is explaining that in Jesus' life, death and resurrection the Temple as the place of worship has been surpassed. It is with, through, and in Jesus that we give praise and worship to his Father.

The temple Jesus speaks of is his body, and we now are his body. As St Teresa of Avila has been attributed with saying: "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours."

The Sacred Heart Cathedral is nearly complete, a few months to go! And it is being beautifully strengthened and restored. Recently some stunning mosaic and marble steps were 'discovered' and will now be visible to the worshipping community again.

Lent is a time for us to 'restore' the living body of Christ; you and me. For us to discover anew aspects of our true life which may have become unstable or covered over through the past year.

We will have a beautiful Cathedral in which to welcome others. May this Lenten season enable our own beauty to also radiate, so that we may truly reflect the beauty of the Body of Christ.



With prayers, patrick

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Hosea 5:15-6:6; Luke 18:9-14

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

## 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)

"We are called to always bear in mind those powerful words of Jesus: 'you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade'... These words help us to reject the danger of also making our soul, which is God's dwelling place, a house of trade, by living in constant search of our personal interests instead of generous and supportive love. This teaching of Jesus is always timely, not only for Church communities, but also for individuals, for civil communities and for society as a whole.'



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 4 March 2018



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 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 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](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)

## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**From Pope Francis' 2024 Lenten Message:** Lent "is a season of conversion, a time of freedom" because "God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters" and, citing the Book of Exodus, he emphasises that the Word of God addresses each one of us personally today: "I am the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery". Along these lines, the Holy Father emphasises that "it is time to act, and in Lent to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister" because "love of God and love of neighbour are one love".

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 - 6pm in Connolly Hall chapel on the following Wednesdays - 6, 13, 20 March**

**Stations of the Cross - 7pm in Connolly Hall chapel on the following Fridays - 1, 8, 15 March**

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



## Reconciliation:

**Rite I Reconciliation:** Will be available from 30 minutes before the start of the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses this weekend, 2-3 March, and next weekend, 9-10 March.

**Rite II Reconciliation:** A Special Rite II Reconciliation service that combines with our Children's Sacramental Programme First Reconciliation will be held at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria at 2pm on Sunday 24 March. All parishioners are invited to attend.



## Fr David Dowling appointed Seminary Rector

Father David Dowling has been appointed as the new rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Fr David is at present the Human Formator at Holy Cross. He will take over the role in April from the present Interim Rector, Bishop Emeritus Colin Campbell. Fr David is a priest of the Archdiocese of Wellington whose priestly journey began when he entered Holy Cross in 2001 after a career as a Customs officer.

"I am inspired and encouraged by the teaching of Pope Francis, who sees priestly formation as service, not simply as the transmission of a body of teachings, but also the art of concentrating on others, bringing out all their beauty and all the good that they carry within."

## Updated statement on respect for life

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has revised and expanded *Te Kahu o Te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life* to inspire active protection and promotion of all life.

NZCBC President and Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe says the bishops want every Catholic to read *Te Kahu o te Ora*: "We are confident that reflecting on the document will foster hope-filled conversations that will lead to attitudinal change and positive action towards a better world in which all life is consistently treasured and protected."

Read more: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu/)

Some printed copies are available at St Thomas More Church and Connolly Hall Chapel.



## Palm Sunday palms

Before the Cathedral closed in 2018, many of you may remember our Palm Sunday celebrations where we had very large palm fronds that were used as part of the Palm Sunday Procession. If anyone is in a position to supply us with 12 of these large fronds, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks.





METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL  
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**A brilliant night out helping  
on our journey 'home' again.**  
THE SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL RESTORATION  
**Gala Dinner, Debate and Auction**  
in association with L.T. McGuinness Ltd

**The Date:** Friday 12th April 2024

**The Time:** from 6.30pm

**The Venue:** St Pat's Town (Hall)

**The Function:** A dinner/auction/debate

**The Debate:** It's better to be sporty than naughty

**The Debaters:** Six of NZ's funniest premier performers, including  
Jim Hopkins, Mary Lambie, Josie Pagani, Ken Laban,  
Mike Copeland plus one more

**The Chair:** Rt. Hon. Gerry Brownlee MP

**The Prize:** The Justin du Fresne Gold Cup

*Bookings for sponsorship packages available*

**GOLD** (\$4,000 +gst) includes a table of 10

**SILVER** (\$2,500 +gst) includes a table of 10

Table bookings (10 people) are being accepted (\$1,200 + gst)

Individual bookings also available \$120 + gst per head.

### Sponsorships, tables and enquiries

📧 bobhouston@xtra.co.nz 📞 0274 898017

RSVP: 31 March 24 or until sold out.

### AUCTION ITEMS

Your donation of quality portable items for auction is greatly appreciated.

Let us turn your quality unused goods into cash for the Cathedral. Goods such as: sporting memorabilia, quality jewellery, original art, rings, collectable watches, statues, bach holiday packages etc. After our auction 12th April, any unsold items will be placed (no reserve) on Trade Me with all proceeds going to the Cathedral cause. Contact for drop-off or Wellington pickup: bobhouston@xtra.co.nz

## Wellington Organ Proms

**Sunday March 10  
2.30-4pm  
St Mary of the Angels**

International organist Christopher Hainsworth will present a special concert on the Fernie Organ. From Dubois to Mendelssohn and Bach. All proceeds go to the Maxwell Fernie Trust, supporting young New Zealand organists.

Entry by koha.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE N.Z.  
TE ROPU WAHINE KATORIKA O AOTEAROA**

WORKING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE  
KIA MAHI TAHI

### 80th Birthday and Conference

Saturday 16/Sunday 17 March 2024

1.00pm Start 5.00 Mass

6.00 Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday workshop with Joy Cowley

Costs Registration \$40.00 Dinner \$30.00

Contact Helen Greig archdio.sec@gmail.com

0275289635

St Bernadette's Church Hall  
190 Naenae Road Naenae Lower Hutt

You are invited to celebrate with us

Sacred Heart Cathedral, the spiritual home for many New Zealand Catholics, has been closed due to earthquake risk for over five years. The restoration budget was approximately \$13 million to complete the project. We have a shortfall of approximately \$1 million.

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

## THE SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL RESTORATION EASTER RAFFLE

**Prizes:** 1st, 2nd each \$1,000 New World Gift Card

3rd & 4th each \$500 New World Gift Card

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

Tickets available after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses *EftPos* available or contact Bob Houston: email: [bobhouston@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bobhouston@xtra.co.nz)

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

*Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee*

## ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC PARISH PLIMMERTON

### Healing Service with Fr John Rea

7:30pm, Tuesday the 12th of March 2024  
at

St Theresa's Parish, James Street, Plimmerton

Followed by Supper in the parish hall



ALL WELCOME

## COME AND SEE...

*"When you search for me, you will find me; when you search wholeheartedly for me, I shall let you find me", says the Lord*

*Jeremiah 29:13-14*

## VOCATIONS MORNING : 9 MARCH 2024

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH, MAIN ROAD, TAWA

COME AND BE INSPIRED!

**For men thinking about priesthood**

9am-1pm on Saturday 9 March 2024 at Our Lady of Hope Parish, Main Road, Tawa. To register please email [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz)



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**Parish Pastoral Leadership Team**

- Fr Patrick Bridgman  
**Cathedral Administrator**
- Debbie Matheson  
**Lay Pastoral Leader**

**Secretary:**

Frank Doherty  
**Office Hours:**  
10am-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:** 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)

**8am 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

**7pm:** 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:  
[sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=254](http://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=254)



- Barbara Gore**
- Phil Hickey**
- June Swain**
- Arthur Bond**
- Kari Lalonde-Bond**
- Ann Dale**

*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**

**March Anniversaries**

- Casey Foo, 8 March
- Marie Byrne, 8 March
- John Murray, 18 March
- Patrick (Pat) Williams, 19 March
- Sr Susanna Kraus RSM, 31 March



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

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**Sacred Places**



**YOU SHALL NOT MAKE MY FATHER'S HOUSE A HOUSE OF TRADE!**

In the old times, people would bring animals to offer as sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there were people who were selling animals right in the area of the Temple. In today's Gospel reading Jesus drives the animals and money-changers out of the sacred space.

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably really helping the people who came to the Temple from far away. But now they were just trying to make money, and they were taking up space that was supposed to be used for people to worship God.



We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is necessary, and by paying attention when Mass is going on. Maybe you can be a good example to your friends of how to act in church!



**LET'S TALK OUTSIDE.**

Answers to front page: top to bottom: Left: 4, 9, 5, 5, 10; Right: 7, 6, 1, 8, 2.

**The Kids' Bulletin**

**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3rd, 2024**



*Here are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses for His people. The only problem is that they are in the wrong order! Can you put the right numbers in the spaces?*