



# The Cathedral Connection



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Palm Sunday

## OBEDIENCE

I felt so moved by the second reading last week. It was from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews. 'But even though he was God's Son, he learnt through his sufferings to be obedient.' (Hebrews 5:8). It reminded me of a talk to the prayer group by Fr Alliston where he emphasised that we should not look to emulate others in our efforts towards holiness. But, instead, look to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. He said this while pointing to the crucifix on the wall.

I've always wondered why is it that, in most churches, it is the crucifixion that adorns the altar. Why not the image of our risen Lord? After all, we believe that he rose from the dead. I suppose I felt disturbed whenever I looked up at the cross. Not because of fear, nor dread. But because I wondered what it is that I have done that he would sacrifice himself to save me; to save us. In "Everyone's Way of the Cross", the reflection on the eleventh station (Jesus is crucified), asks these questions: 'Is my soul worth this much? What can I give you in return?' The second question, especially, can be quite unsettling, daunting. In Matthew 16:24, our Lord says, 'If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget self, carry his cross, and follow me.' Now if I put two and two together, oh boy.

From the same "Everyone's Way of the Cross", a portion of the reflection on the second station (Jesus Takes His Cross) reads 'Remind me often that in carrying my cross, I carry yours with you. And though I bear a sliver only of your cross, You carry all of mine, except a sliver, in return.' I forget that it is not because of my efforts, but it is by His grace, by His love that we are all saved. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The Jews in the desert had the snake image to look towards so that they would not die if they were bitten (Numbers 21:8-9). We have our crucified Lord, who in his obedience to God, "became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him" (Hebrews 5:9).

Looking up to our crucified Lord, how can we not obey?



Randy Reyes

Have a blessed Holy Week.

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> (Holy Saturday)** – Genesis 1:1-2:2; Mark 16:1-8

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

## 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)

"In this historical and social situation, what is God doing? He takes up the cross... And we? What should we do?... Along the daily way of the cross, we meet the faces of so many brothers and sisters in difficulty: let us not pass them by, let us allow our hearts to be moved with compassion, and let us draw near. At first, like the Cyrenian, we might think: 'Why me?'. But then we will discover the gift that we have received, without our own merit."



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 28 March 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** - 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.

## 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.



**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.

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)

## Holy Week & Easter timetable 2024

### Wednesday 27 March

Chrism Mass 7.30pm, St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Karori.

### Thursday 28 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm, St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Karori (no 8am or 12:10pm Masses in Connolly Hall Chapel).

### Friday 29 March-Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 10am, Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm, St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Karori.

### Saturday 30 March-Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection: 8pm, St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Karori (no 8.30am or 5.30pm Masses)

### Sunday 31 March-Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection

Mass: 10:30am, St Thomas More Church, Wilton.

Mass: 7pm, Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon.

## Reconciliation opportunities

**Rite I Reconciliation:** Available by appointment through the [parish office](#). (04) 496-1700

**Rite II Reconciliation:** A Special Rite II Reconciliation service that combines with our Children's Sacramental Programme First Reconciliation is being held at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria at 2pm today, Palm Sunday 24 March. This is our Parish's Lenten opportunity to come together for Rite II Reconciliation.



## Blessings To You



### On Your First Reconciliation

Please come and join with them as these children make their First Reconciliation this Sunday (Palm Sunday) at 2.00pm in St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. This celebration will take place during our Parish and Pastoral Area Rite II Reconciliation service to which all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Please Pray

Let us together pray for these dear ones named below, their families, and those who are guiding them on their journey of sacramental formation.

Alayah De Roo, Anaiah Capuso, Anna Chainey, Anya Pareja, Athena Janell Bacero, Ayana Raine Taito-Matamua, Cassie Dane Bermillo, Charlie Taylor, Dominic Tana, Freddy Curtin, Kaatia Kelekolio, Kiyana Isaac Silva, Kundiso Makova, Maria Chainey, Maria Jona Maryl Entramos, Maria-Grace De Roo, Micah Savali, Olivia Wood, Opetai De Roo, Otis Dilworth, Richard Leo Maron Hughes, Shaun Ticman, Shenaya Sasadhi Fernando, Sophia Dahiroc, Sophia Mary Grace Wheddon, Uriah Savali, Vincenzo Ragone, Xavier Lee Falaniko Chan Fong, Xaviera Fa'atea Kaysha Chan Fong.

## Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 March beginning at 7.30pm in the Connolly Hall chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

## Divine Mercy feast celebration

The Divine Mercy Feast celebration will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Wainuiomata on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. All are welcome.

You can bring:

- † Holy objects to be blessed
- † Holy books you wish to donate or exchange

There will be no Divine Mercy Devotion on Easter Sunday 31 March or Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 7 April at the Connolly Hall Chapel.



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL RESTORATION GALA DINNER, DEBATE, AND AUCTION

**Tickets now  
available online:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/RHS>

**Or scan the  
QR Code:**



## 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](mailto:bobhouston@xtra.co.nz)



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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/auktion/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](mailto:bobhouston@xtra.co.nz) ☎ 0274 898017

**RSVP: 31 March 24 or until sold out.**

## From Maintenance to Mission - getting the balance right!

The Archdiocese is delighted to welcome Dan O'Rourke (DR's president) to Wellington for an evening specifically focussed on strategies for renewal in our parishes. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes. Please email for more details. [I.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:I.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz)

Date: Thursday 18 April - 6:30pm (cup of tea), 7pm-9pm. St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington.

## THE SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL RESTORATION EASTER RAFFLE

**Prizes:** 1st & 2nd each \$1000 New World Gift Card

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

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

Tickets available after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. EftPos available or contact Bob Houston: [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. Please consider selling tickets to family or friends or giving as a nice Easter surprise.

*Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee*

## Special collections

Your support for the Holy Places and Easter Offering for Clergy causes on Easter weekend, 29–31 March, is greatly appreciated.

For those of you with 'giving envelopes' there are brown coloured envelopes in your envelope pack you can use with the details of the Special Collection on it. Please ensure you put your giving number on the envelope. If you give by cash in the plate, please place your cash in an envelope and write either 'HOLY PLACES' or 'CLERGY' on the outside.

If you give by automatic payment to the parish planned giving programme, you can still give electronically by using the same bank account you currently use, but you need to change the transaction details for this one-off transaction to show the following:

Particulars = your initial and surname

Code = your Planned Giving Number (please contact the parish office if you are unsure of your number)

Reference = 'HOLY PLACES' or 'CLERGY' (to ensure that your donation goes to the specific cause).

*"May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." Ruth 2:12*

## Collections/Donations – end of financial year

31 March 2024 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year. We are beginning to set everything in place for the preparation of the Planned Giving and Donation tax receipts that will be produced in April.

Now is an appropriate time to consider if you are able to gift a little extra, or to bring your giving up to date prior to 31 March. Doing this offers you the opportunity to claim a percentage of your giving as a rebate now in 2024, rather than waiting until 2025.

If you want to make any changes to your receipt, name, initials or change to a joint receipt, or if you would like to become a donor through planned giving, by envelope or online giving, please contact the [parish office](#). *Thank you so much.*

# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

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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:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=257>



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

*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

### Recently deceased:

Denis O'Neill - 15 Feb

Ruben Librada Cueto - 29 Feb

Sr Ruth Vella RSM - 2 March

Colleen Hussy - 6 March

(Sister of Monica Franklin)

Teresita "Terry" Tuason - 7 March

### March Anniversaries:

Casey Foo, 8 March

Marie Byrne, 8 March

John Murray, 18 March

Patrick (Pat) Williams, 19 March

Pat Schleicher, 22 March

Sr Susanna Kraus RSM, 31 March

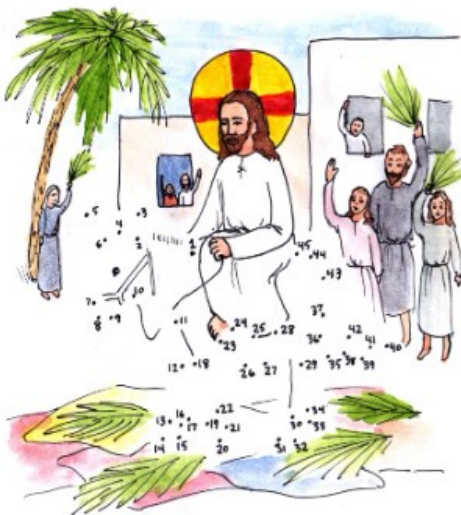
*For all the dead. Those near and dear to us and those who have no one to pray for them.*



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

## The Kids' Bulletin

*Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
March 24th, 2024*



*A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!*

## Holy Week

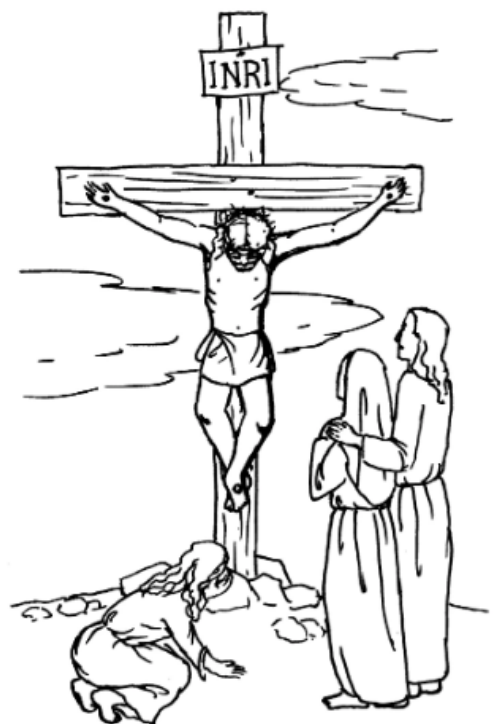
This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



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*A Good Friday picture for you to colour.*