



The Cathedral Connection



31 March 2024
Vol. 13 Issue 10
Easter Sunday

“Where all seems dead, signs of the Resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force!”

These words of Francis, Bishop of Rome, speak an incredible truth. Yes, there is much that can surround us which seems deadly. It may be social media streams which denigrate, isolate, or even ‘cancel’ people. It may be nations which seek to vanquish another nation or people under the guise of defence. It may be the terrible damage that is inflicted upon the young by those whose responsibility it is to be guardians of their growth into fullness of life as human beings.

Yes, there is much which surrounds us that can seem deadly. And it is there where signs of the Resurrection will suddenly spring up! These signs may not mean that all is immediately healed and made right or beautiful. Indeed, the signs of destruction may remain, like the scars of the nails in hands and feet, or in buildings and roads which have crumbled and are broken, or in the lines of the tears dried now upon a young one’s face.

Yet, in the child that is comforted by a stranger, or the Security Council which calls out for a cease-fire, or the survivor who is deeply listened to and feels they have been heard, new life dawns.

I was so very moved on Thursday as our Sacred Heart Cathedral School celebrated the Stations of the Cross. There was such reverence. There was the proclamation of Sacred Scripture. There was reflection on the life of Jesus in these days, and integration into the living experience of the children. There was silence as the Cross was processed, with the solemn yet simple sound of a chime heard. And then came the beautiful singing of the children, “Dance then...”

Yes, we have every reason to be able to dance this weekend. For we hold and know the truth that we have been living through during the Lenten time now passed, that where all seems dead, signs of the Resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force!



With love, thanks, and prayers for all as we celebrate Christ Risen,

patrick

Readings for the Week

Sunday 31st – Easter Sunday

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

Monday 1st - Acts 2:14,22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday 2nd – Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wednesday 3rd – Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday 4th – Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Friday 5th – Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Saturday 6th – Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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)

“Today is Easter, the Pasch, a word that means “passage”, for in Jesus the decisive passage of humanity has been made: the passage from death to life, from sin to grace, from fear to confidence, from desolation to communion. ... We are not alone: Jesus, the Living One, is with us, forever. Let the Church and the world rejoice, for today our hopes no longer come up against the wall of death, for the Lord has built us a bridge to life. ... May you, the Lord of life, encourage us on our journey and repeat to us, as you did to the disciples on the evening of Easter: “Peace be with you!” (Jn 19:21).”



Pope Francis, [Urbi et Orbi](#), Easter 2023



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 1st and 3rd 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

Parish Updates

Temporary Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed the week of Monday 1 April to Friday 5 April inclusive. The office will also be closed on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 April. Messages can be left for Fr Patrick, Debbie or the Parish Secretary using the new Parish Voicemail system, ph. (04) 496-1700. There will be no parish newsletter over these two weeks.

Parish Office Moving (again) - Volunteers Needed

On Friday 12 April the Parish Office will be closed while we again move from our present location under Connolly Hall over to the northern end of the ground floor of Viard House (the wooden building on the opposite side of the Hill Street Catholic Centre). Access to the new parish offices will be via the glass conservatory which is at the northern end of the building. The office hours, phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same although there may be some delays in responding during the transition. **Can you please help us on Friday to help move boxes. Please come to the "Old" Parish Office about 10.30am Friday 12 April.**

Parish Meeting: As a follow-up from last year's parish meeting, we will be having one again on Sunday 21 April at 2pm in Connolly Hall. The meeting will be followed by afternoon tea and another opportunity to welcome Fr Patrick to our Parish Family.

Calling all Young Adults in the Wellington CBD!

Join SMAYACS (St Mary of the Angels Young Adults) and find a vibrant community of faith, friendship, and fun! Email: smayacs@gmail.com

We gather regularly at St Mary of the Angels for:

- **Prayer:** We have our **Young Adults Mass** (last Sunday of the month at 5pm) and **Eucharistic Adoration** (second Friday of the month after the 5.15pm Mass). We also have **Praise & Worship Nights** at the crypt (usually held on the third Friday of each month).
- **Formation:** Join our **Theology on Tap** sessions featuring our wonderful speakers (dates and times announced online monthly).
- **Fellowship:** We run a few social events throughout the year - but first, come along to grab a bite to eat or a drink after Mass and Adoration.

From Maintenance to Mission - getting the balance right!

Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused on parish renewal. Fr James Mallon, DR's founder, introduced DR to New Zealand in 2018 at the



national clergy assembly in Christchurch. Since then, the model has continued to inspire and facilitate renewal parishes all over the world.

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.

We strongly recommend being there in person, but you can join us on Teams. Please email for more details: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Date: Thursday 18 April - 6:30pm (cup of tea), 7pm-9pm.

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington.

[Click here](#) for a one-minute intro to Divine Renovation.

Royal Commission final report delayed

The Government has accepted a request to extend the deadline for the final report of the Royal Commission Inquiry into Abuse in Care. The Inquiry must now deliver its final report and recommendations by 26 June 2024. The previous deadline was 28 March 2024.

Te Rōpū Tautoko, representing the Catholic bishops and congregational leaders, is ready to review the Commission's Final Report and consider the recommendations that arise from it. Church leaders are already implementing several initiatives and made public their position in response to themes that have arisen during the Inquiry- see tautoko.catholic.org.nz/roadmap.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL RESTORATION GALA DINNER, DEBATE, AND AUCTION

**Tickets now
available online:**

[https://www.trybooking.com/
nz/RHS](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



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART

**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.

Job vacancy—Caritas

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. They will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus.

For more information, visit [https://
www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us](https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us)

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

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 this 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

Liturgy Workshop: What do we believe?

Presented by our very own Fr Patrick Bridgman (Liturgy Advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington) 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday 20 April @ St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, Johnsonville. All welcome.

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140,
Ph: (04) 496 1700
cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz
www.mcshwellington.org
www.facebook.com/MCSHWellington/

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=258>



- 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

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!

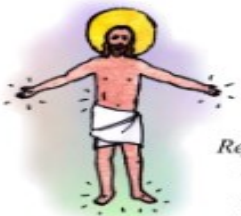


Easter is the time when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.

Early in the morning the day after the Sabbath, the women went to the tomb and found it empty! They went and told the disciples, who went and saw it was true. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead!



Imagine the joy of Our Lady that her Son was alive again! Here is a special Easter prayer to Our Lady:



*Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!
For the Son Whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia!
Has risen as He said. Alleluia!*

*Pray to God for us, Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!*

Answer to the Word-find: Jesus is risen!

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
March 31st, 2024



*Early on Easter morning some women went to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was gone!
Can you help the women find their way to the tomb?*

