



# The Cathedral Connection



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Repetition is Good

To paraphrase from Father Patrick's homily last week – "repetition is good", so I was tempted to dust off the reflection I prepared last year for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter because after all, "repetition is good." However, I thought a bit of variety is equally good, so this reflection is a bit different from last year.

Wherever you go these days, people have job titles, and they seem to get more fancier by the day, for example there is a business that calls their customer services representatives, "Happiness Heroes". Jesus was certainly ahead of the curve. Jesus did not stop at referring to himself as a Shepherd but took it up a notch and called himself the "Good Shepherd" Jesus kept it simple.

The image Jesus portrays of himself as the good shepherd who tends his flock with great love and who knows who belongs to him provides a great sense of belonging. As followers of Jesus, we could quite easily feel smug about ourselves and believe that Jesus loves us only- the children of God. However, he is clear, that he is the good shepherd to all – "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice." These words give me great hope as this is the essence of Easter for me. Jesus died and rose again to save us all – he has no favourites.

The image of the paid shepherd who abandons his flock at the first sign of danger is a reminder to us of the fickle society we live in. Self-interest and the pursuit of power and money can blind us from loving God and one another and make us believe that we can do things on our own. The good shepherd knows our every need, worry and experience and will never abandon us. All we must do is to continue to invite him in and make him the cornerstone of our lives by spending time in his presence through prayer and thanksgiving. As the psalmist reminds us "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his kindness endures forever".

We have all heard the reading of the good shepherd and sung the beautiful hymn "The Lord's my Shepherd" many times before. It can be repetitive, but it reminds us how much we are loved and who does not like to be told they are loved. Sometimes we may stray and do things according to our own will, and God allows us to do that, but he will never abandon us. He will always be there for welcome us with open arms just like a shepherd will do when he finds that lost sheep in his flock.

It is certainly good to know that we have a loving God and to hear that all the time. Repetition is good indeed.



Clint Ramoo - Finance Committee Chair

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Wisdom 3:1-9; John 12:23-28

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

'In prayer, let us ask for the grace of a pastoral heart, an open heart that draws near to everyone, so as to bear the Lord's message as well as to feel Christ's longing for everyone. For without this love that suffers and takes risks, our life does not work. If we Christians do not have this love that suffers and takes risks, we risk pasturing only ourselves. Shepherds who are shepherds of themselves, instead of being shepherds of the flock, are people who comb "exquisite" sheep. We do not need to be shepherds of ourselves, but shepherds for everyone.'

Pope Francis, [General Audience](#), 18 January 2023.



## 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)



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)

## “HAVE THE COURAGE TO COMMIT” - VOCATION SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Today is the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more young people will generously say yes to God’s call in their lives, and that they will find a supportive community around them.

### WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE TO CONSIDER THE CALL?

Please pray for them. Invite them to consider priesthood or religious life. Affirm their gifts and qualities. Encourage them to be open to God’s call.



Visit [wellingtonpriests.org](http://wellingtonpriests.org) to explore the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone discerning a vocation.

For more information contact: **Fr Andrew Kim** at [wellingtonpriests@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonpriests@gmail.com) or **Lucienne Hensel** at [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 23 April** at the **Connolly Hall Chapel** beginning at **7.30 pm** to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

## Vocation Sunday (Seminary) Special Collection

Your support for this cause on the weekend of **20-21 April** is greatly appreciated.

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 do 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), and

**Reference = “Seminary”** (this is to ensure that your donation goes to the specific cause).

For those of you with ‘giving envelopes’ there is a brown coloured envelope 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 ‘special collection’ on the outside.

*“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*

## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

### Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms.

Sunday, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom).

Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

### The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm

\$25/session, incl. study material.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)





## 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.



## ANZAC DAY

All are welcome to a special **ANZAC Day Mass** will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin, at **St Mary of the Angels Church** at 9.00am on **Thursday 25 April**. Let us remember all who have died as a consequence of war. There will be morning tea after the Mass. Please bring some food to share if you can.

*Please note that as ANZAC Day is a public holiday, there will be no Masses or Exposition in Connolly Hall Chapel on that day and the Parish Office will be closed.*

## ANZAC Day Concert

**The Zimbelstern Foundation** is delighted to invite you to a concert being given by International Concert Organist Paul Rosoman. Paul will present a programme showcasing works which reflect the importance of ANZAC day. People whose politics, beliefs and aspirations are widely different can share a genuine sorrow at the loss of so many lives in war, and a real respect for those who have endured warfare on behalf of the country we live in. The programme includes works by Bach, Buxtehude, Parry and Dupre.

**'The Spirit of ANZAC is at St Mary of the Angels Church on Thursday April 25th at 2.00 pm and entry is free.**



**Orpheus Choir Wellington's** first concert of the 2024 series is **The Armed Man — A Mass for Peace**. We present the concert at this time of global strife in the run-up to ANZAC Day and in honour of all victims of war and of all who have served their country.

The concert showcases Karl Jenkins' stunning **The Armed Man**, and the world premiere of a new commission from New Zealand composer Takerei Komene, E Kiwi E. Directed by Brent Stewart, this concert is at the **Michael Fowler Centre on Saturday 20 April, 2024** and commences at **7.30 pm**.

## The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are Open

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

**Cloister Café:** 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday.

**Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre:** 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday

### Morning Prayer / Mass

### Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

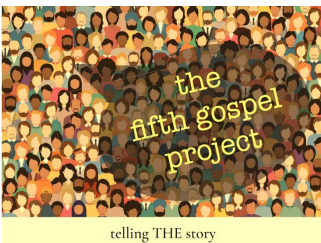
Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join our ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the ancient Christian traditions of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. All are welcome.

### Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay Join us for our weekly craft gathering. For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)



## The Fifth Gospel Project

Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation, and send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz)

More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

## 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>

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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  
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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)

**8.00 & 12.10pm Tuesday to Friday:** Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon


**Saturday**  
**8.30am:** Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon

**Vigil for Sunday**  
**5.30pm:** 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=260>



Barbara Gore  
Phil Hickey  
June Swain  
Ann Dale  
Arthur Bond

Kari Lalonde-Bond  
Ewen Laurenson

*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

### April Anniversaries:

Bruce Popplewell, 6 April  
Simon France, 8 April  
David Romanos, 13 April  
Rosaline Coyle, 24 April

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



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Our Good Shepherd



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



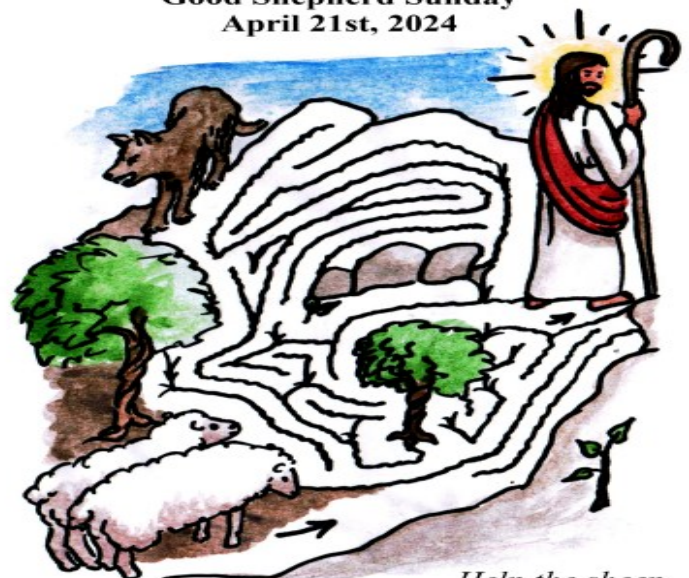
Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

### The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter  
Good Shepherd Sunday  
April 21st, 2024



*Help the sheep find the Good Shepherd and stay away from the hungry wolf!*