



The Cathedral Connection



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Love in Deed and Truth

“I support Adam as Zara would’ve wanted and recognise the soul crushing guilt that he faces.”

With these words, Anna, the mother of the late Zara Mitchell, acted in deed and in truth, as St John encouraged readers in his first letter, “Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” Adam had driven while ‘high’, he had continued to drive when told by the police to take his unsafe vehicle off the road, and he had driven with lights off into a tree. Anna’s daughter died as a result of the crash. Many in this situation would pay for the young drivers own blood, Anna asked only that he would live a life worthy of her daughter. And Zara’s sister said, “I have no words to express the tragedy that fell upon me and us - that day will forever haunt me. But from that night onwards, he (Adam) has gained respect from us.”

In the reading from Acts, Saul is understandably feared by the disciples in Jerusalem when he arrives, and they are reticent when he tries to join them. Someone needed to speak for him, and Barnabas took charge of this, and of Saul. Commending Saul to the disciples, and speaking of what had happened to him. How he had been changed, experienced metanoia on the way.

St John in the Gospel recalls Jesus’s words concerning the disciple's growth, through attachment to him, and through being pruned by his words. Pruning would seem a process that is not without pain. There is loss as well as growth into the future.

The Mitchell family experienced the most painful of losses, the death of their daughter and sister. And into this darkness they have brought light – whether disciples or not, they have brought the Light Of Christ!

As we continue to enjoy these Easter autumn days, and continue to reflect on the presence of the Risen Lord, may we recognise that discipleship does include pruning. It does include even preparing ourselves for times when we may be called, like the Mitchells, to respond remarkably, bringing light into times of darkness. A light that scatters the darkness, and brings hope and new life.



With prayers, patrick

Readings for the Week

Sunday 28th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 29th – Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tuesday 30th – Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31

Wednesday 1st – Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thursday 2nd – Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Friday 3rd – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Saturday 4th – Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sunday 5th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

‘But Jesus needs us too, like the vine with the branches...He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples — it is our task — to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples — we, Jesus’ disciples — do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love.’



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#) 2 May 2021

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.

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.

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

Easter Raffle Fundraiser Winners

Thank you to all those who supported this raffle buy selling tickets, buying tickets, donating prizes and of course your prayerful support.

The Winning Tickets were:

1. \$1000 New World Voucher Ticket No. 2212
2. \$1000 New World Voucher Ticket No. 3855
3. \$500 New World Voucher Ticket No. 3231
4. \$500 New World Voucher Ticket No. 2446



HEALING SERVICE

FR JOHN REA sm

Tuesday 7 May 2024

7:30pm

Sacred Heart Church
41 Britannia St, Petone

All welcome
Bring those who need Jesus' healing

Contact: 04 8198323

Marist St Pats RFC

The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 12 May at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie.** Mass will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

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

Monday, 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



TITIPOUNAMU
Study & Joy



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



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CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME

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Enrich your Christian life...

Strengthen your Marriage, and Family ties...

Couples for Christ Wellington invites married couples, widows, widowers, divorced, and single parents to our

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME (CLP)

Starting on Saturday, 4th May at 2pm

St Francis de Sales Church

173 Clyde Street, Island Bay

This is a free event and refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact

Bro Augy Historillo 027 541 7781

Bro Gio Rivala 029 129 7060

Or visit <https://couplesforchristwellington.nz/>

TAIZÉ

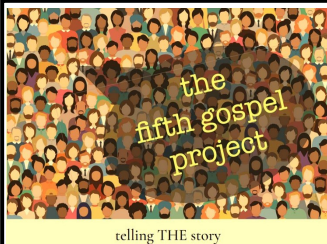
Inspired by communities in France, Taizé incorporates music and chanting into a restful and reflective practise.

Join our Sisters for a Taizé session in our chapel. A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence. Everyone is welcome.

Next Friday 3 May,

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm,

Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington



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

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>

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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Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

• Fr Patrick Bridgman
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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)

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

Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.true 3.true 4.true 5.false 6.true 7.false

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The Kids' Bulletin

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Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches. But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)