



# The Cathedral Connection



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Ascension of the Lord

## JESUS AND OUR MUMS

The Gospel for today, on this Ascension Sunday, is often known as Jesus' *'High Priestly Prayer'*. He is praying for his disciples; he is praying for us. He prays for our protection, for our unity, for our loyalty to the Good News for he knows he will not remain of the world. Just as Jesus gave us his prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and showed us how we can pray and relate to his Father, so in John's Gospel today he presents his deep care and concern for us, who are his Own.

Hearing his words; seeking, care and protection for those he loves; his disciples, can't but remind me of Mothers' Day this weekend. When we hear a prayer invoking care and protection of loved ones it is natural to think of the prayer of mothers for their children.

Celine Dion is able to bring a tear to our eyes when she sings her 'Mother's Prayer'.... "I pray you'll be my eyes and watch her where she goes and help her to be wise, help me to let go, every mother's prayer, every child knows, lead her to a place, guide her with your grace to a place where she'll be safe..."

On Friday morning a large number of our Mums gathered with our Sacred Heart Cathedral School children in St Mary's College Hall as we prayed in thanks for our mothers, as we do this day. Tears easily came to my eyes and the eyes of many as the children sang, spoke, danced, and prayed of their love for their mums.

Yes, and we remembered Mums who gave the us birth, and we remembered Mums who supported us in childhood, "as they held us and fed us, cared for us, and kissed away our pain."

And there in the midst of our lovely school we remembered Mums in heaven, who prayer for their young children, and whose prayers are so much heard by the Lord, in whose presence they now live.

When Mum died, I received many cards from the children of the parish. They were all touching, and one young girl wrote, "I can't imagine how sad it must be when you have had your Mum with you for so many years and have known her so well. When I was 5, I was sad when Mum died, but you knew yours for so much longer. I will pray for you." A young girl who had very much caught the light of Jesus in love and care...

"I pray she finds your light, and holds it in her heart, as darkness falls each night, remind her where you are... Every mother's prayer, every child knows, need to find a place, guide her with your grace give her faith so she'll be safe..." (Celine Dion)

We rejoice in the Risen and Ascended Lord, whose care and protection we have known in those women who love us with life.



With prayers, Patrick

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saint Matthias - Acts 1:15-17,20-26; John 15:9-17**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Acts 22:30,23:6-11; John 17:20-26**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Acts 28:16-20,30-31; John 21:20-25**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27,16:12-15

## 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)

The Lord's Ascension into heaven... calls us to keep eyes and hearts open to encounter him, to serve him and bear witness to him to others. It is a matter of being men and women of the Ascension, those who seek Christ along the paths of our time, bringing his word of salvation to the ends of the earth. On this journey we encounter Christ himself in our brothers and sisters, especially in the poorest... As at the beginning the Risen Christ sent his Apostles with the power of the Holy Spirit, so too does he send all of us today, with the same power, to establish concrete and visible signs of hope. — Pope Francis, Angelus, 13 May 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** - 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)

## Pentecost Sunday 19 May

Everyone is invited to celebrate Pentecost Mass with Archbishop Paul our brothers and sisters at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral at 10.00am.

*There will NOT be a 10.30am Mass at St Thomas More on that day.*



## Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Reopening Weekend programme

### Friday 7 June

**7.30pm** Archdiocesan Mass of Thanksgiving (by invitation only at this stage)

### Saturday 8 June

**8.30am** Parish Mass

**9.00am-5.00pm** Day of Adoration – groups, parishes, and chaplaincies are invited to lead an hour. Open to everyone to spend time in prayer with the Lord.

**5.00pm** Ecumenical celebration of Evening Prayer – all welcome

### Sunday 9 June

**10.00am** Archbishop Paul to preside at the Cathedral Parish 'homecoming' Mass.

**11.00am** Brunch and fellowship following Mass.

**2.00 - 4.00pm** – Tours of the Cathedral available.

**7.00pm** Evening Mass will bring the weekend to a close.



## Meet new people and explore faith together.

You're invited to Alpha.

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. It's a series of sessions focused on questions of life, faith and meaning. Each session has food, a talk, with space to discuss and ask any questions you want. All are welcome to attend. Invite your friends!

Join us from 26 Jun – 4 Sept 2024, Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Online registration at <https://mcshwellington.org/alpha24> or contact the Parish Office.



## Yes, It's Time for another Fundraising Bake Sale:

After:

5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas More, Wilton

10.00am Mass at St Teresa's, Karori (*There is no 10.30am Mass*)

7:00pm Mass at Cathedral Chapel, Connolly Hall, Thorndon

EFTPOS will be available and donations of baked goods for sale are very welcome.



# BAKE SALE

MCSH Earthquake Strengthening Fundraiser

## Parish Fundraising Team Update - Prepare to be amazed!

### Raffle Total

Total = 11073.41

Expenses = 2201.41

**Net Figure = \$8872.00**

### Easter Gala Dinner

Total = 98337.46

Expenses = 20172.94

**Net Figure = \$78164.52**

*Thank you to everyone involved and to all our sponsors.*

*What an awesome result!*

**Total Net figure of Raffle & Dinner = \$87036.52**

## 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

### 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.

### 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.

### Miha Māori – Māori Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

For more information on any of the above contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz). All welcome.



## St Patrick's College

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Hato Patariki ki Poneke

### St Patrick's College Open Day Tours - May 2024

Open Day is a chance for parents to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9 to 13. The Open Day Tours will be held on Tuesday 28 May, 10.00am to 11.30am and 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and again on Thursday 30 May at the same times.

To make a booking please either email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) with your request or to make a booking yourself please visit the

St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see a drop down menu labelled 'Enrolment' and if you click on that and scroll down on the left hand side you will see a tab for Open Day. Open this section and click on the Blue button – Sign up. Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time. A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

Family Life Catholic Gifts is offering 20% off Rosaries and Fatima statues this month of May to honour Our Lady. Visit the shop at [www.catholicgifts.co.nz](http://www.catholicgifts.co.nz). Phone (09) 629 0820. All proceeds from sales support our life-saving work defending Life, Faith and Family.



**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins today. This year the resources have been organised by the churches in Burkina Faso (<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/resources-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024>). The theme is 'You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself (Luke 10:27). The reflection is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. An extract from the resource material prepared by the World Council of Churches and the Vatican's office for Christian Unity:

'Christians are called to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic or social identity. It is not shared identities that should prompt us to come to the aid of the other, but love of our 'neighbour'. However, the vision of love of neighbour that Jesus puts before us is under strain in the world today. Wars in many regions, imbalances in international relations and inequalities generated by structural adjustments imposed by western powers or other external agencies all inhibit our capacity to love like Christ. It is by learning to love one another regardless of our differences that Christians can become neighbours like the Samaritan in the Gospel'.

**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  
**Cathedral Administrator**
- Debbie Matheson  
**Lay Pastoral Leader**
- Frank Doherty  
**Secretary**

## 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.*

## 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=264>



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

### Recently Deceased::

Lynda Morrissey RIP 30 April (in London, mother of Susy Morrissey)  
Winston Perera

### May Anniversaries:

Eileen Romanos, 22 May  
Paul Guerin, 23 May  
James Sweeney, 23 May  
Robert (Bob) Thomson, 23 May  
Eduardo Pangilinan, 26 May

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



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Jesus has gone back into Heaven!

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.



Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

## The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Ascension*  
*May 9th or Sunday May 12th, 2024*

*Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead he went up a hill with His followers and disappeared through the clouds and went up into Heaven.*

*Jesus had promised to send a Comforter to them after He left them.*

*Can you find your way through the cloud maze?*

