



The Cathedral Connection



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Pentecost

PENTECOST

According to Wycliffe Global Alliance, as of September 2023, the Bible has been translated into 736 languages; with the New Testament translated into an additional 1,658 languages. That's a lot of languages all proclaiming the same gospel, the same message of love and salvation of our Lord that the Apostles started to boldly proclaim at Pentecost.

I keep imagining that scene: The Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, started boldly preaching in foreign tongues, and the devout men and women from "every nation under heaven" heard them in their own native language – maybe this is where Gene Roddenberry got the idea for the 'universal translator' in the Star Trek series. But, imagine the power of the Holy Spirit, giving voice so that all may hear, all may understand. Hearing the Apostles in their native language made people curious. In this case, curiosity didn't kill the cat. Instead, it gave life to many. From that curiosity, many came to faith – "and there were added that day about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Referring to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium* (EG) 19, reminds us that "the risen Christ sent his followers to preach the Gospel in every time and place, so that faith in him might spread to every corner of the earth." The promotion for the Parish Alpha programme teased with these two questions – "Why am I here?", "What's my purpose?". Answering our Lord's call to "Go and make believers of every nation" might just be the answer we seek. Pope Francis said that "A renewal of preaching can offer believers, as well as the lukewarm and the non-practising, new joy in the faith and fruitfulness in the work of evangelisation." (EG 11). The Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles on Pentecost. We have received the same Holy Spirit on our baptism. In the Great Commission our Lord promised to be with us always, to the end of the age. What's stopping us?



A blessed Pentecost Sunday to all.
Randy Reyes

Readings for the Week

Sunday 19th – Pentecost

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

Monday 20th – Genesis 3:9-15,20; John 19:25-34

Tuesday 21st – James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday 22nd – James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday 23rd – James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

Friday 24th – **Our Lady, Help of Christians** - James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday 25th – James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16

Sunday 26th – Trinity Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

'Today, if we listen to the Spirit, we will not be concerned with conservatives and progressives, traditionalists and innovators, right and left. When those become our criteria, then the Church has forgotten the Spirit. The Paraclete impels us to unity, to concord, to *the harmony of diversity*. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another. Let us look to the whole!'



Pope Francis, [Homily Pentecost 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

CATHEDRAL REOPENING

**We are almost there and we need your help to cross the line!
Let's make this happen together.**

Here are some areas where you can help:

Our return to the Cathedral - 21

That is how many days to the reopening of the Cathedral and there is much to do before we open the doors again. Sections of the Cathedral will start to be handed over to the parish from Tuesday 28th May. There are many small things that we, as parish, need to carry out to reinstate the Cathedral, foyer, sacristy, and Connolly Hall for worshipping. We've had volunteers religiously cleaning and polishing brass over the past couple of weeks, and there is still more to be polished. We have people booked to reinstate the foyer kitchen and the silk flowers to be refreshed. Much gardening has already taken place, with more to be done and the chapel chairs have been cleaned down and refurbished. There are many more little tasks which we need your assistance with please.

From 28th May, we only have 10 days in which to reinstate the buildings in time for the re-opening. There is much cleaning, carrying, unpacking, gardening etc. to do and we cannot do it without the generous help of parishioners. Can you please email or call the parish office on cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz or 496 1700 and advise which days and times you can help us. We are seeking assistance during the work-day, if possible please. Our major drive will be on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd of June as this is the only weekend we have available.

Cathedral Guardians – volunteers required

When we return to the Cathedral next month, we wish to be able to keep the Cathedral complex open during weekdays for visitors, people working in central Wellington and parishioners to worship, and drop by for a time of prayer, adoration, and reflection.

It is desired that the Cathedral is open between 10.00am and 3.00pm. However, this will only be possible with the assistance of volunteer, 'Cathedral Guardians', who, in pairs, welcome all. We are seeking people from across the Archdiocese to fill regular weekly, or bi-weekly time slots of either 10.00am-1.00pm or 1.00-3.00pm.

During the cruise ship season the Cathedral also receives many visitors wanting to visit the Cathedral and hear about its history. If you would like to know more about this hospitality role, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 496 1700 or cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

Giving thanks to the St Thomas More church community

Sunday 2nd June will be our last Mass at St Thomas More church. Our parish leadership as I am sure we all are very grateful to Otari parish, and particularly the St Thomas More worshipping community who have generously, with open arms and warm hearts welcomed us into their midst, and with smiles on their faces accommodated our parish needs over the past few years. While we are excited to be returning home to the Cathedral many of us will also miss the warmth and spirituality of the small church and community.

We wish to offer our thanks to the St Thomas More community by catering and serving them at their monthly breakfast. This follows their morning worship on the first Sunday of the month. To do this we need volunteers please to prepare and serve their community. This will be from 9.00am on Sunday 2nd June prior to our 10.30am Mass. If you are able to show the St Thomas More community our deepest thanks in this way, please contact the parish office. We only need about 6-8 people. Please also consider joining their community for breakfast on this day too.

Novena for our return to the Cathedral

Novenas (nine days of prayer) are a tradition in our Church. In this Eastertide we remember how the disciples with Mary gathered in prayer constantly (Acts 1:14). Having celebrated our Lord's Ascension, and as we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, we prepare to return to the Cathedral. A Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been prepared for us. It will be a joy to experience our being united in prayer during the nine days before we resume our prayer and worship in the Cathedral. Physical copies of the Novena are available in the Connolly Hall Chapel, and at St Thomas Moore Church. The prayer is also available on the parish website, and below. Please join us in praying the Cathedral Novena beginning Wednesday 29th May. <https://mcshwellington.org/novena-prayer-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus/>



Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Mary His Mother
Icon by Michael Galovic 2004

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus we thank you for your infinite love for us.

As we prepare for the reopening of our Cathedral dedicated to
your Sacred Heart and your Mother Mary,
we pray that our hearts will be open
to further revelation of the depths of your love.
Help us then to love one another as you love us.

May our parish community give faithful expression to our mission and vision:
*"To joyfully share God's love. To be a missionary people
united in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary".*

Jesus, meek and humble of heart may our hearts be like yours.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen.



BAKE SALE

MCSH Earthquake Strengthening
Fundraiser

Our World-Famous Fundraising Bake Sale returns THIS WEEKEND!

All sorts of good things will be available at all weekend Masses:

- * 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas More, Wilton
 - * 10.00am Mass at St Teresa's, Karori (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.

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! Have YOU registered yet? 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.



Laudato Si' Week 19th May - 26th May "Seeds of Hope"

"There are no lasting changes without cultural changes ----- and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." (Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum Pope Francis to All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis paragraph 70)

The planet is everyone's responsibility. For this year's Laudato Si' Week we are invited to contemplate and nurture "Seeds of Hope" for our suffering planet. The Laudato Si' Week daily posts are a way we can all move together as seeds of hope for our common home. Go to the following link for access:

[Laudato Si' Week, 19th May – 26th May "Seeds of Hope" 2024 | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/laudato-si-week-19th-may-26th-may-seeds-of-hope-2024/)

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(Integral Ecology Committee of the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Wellington)



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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Please keep in your prayers

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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:

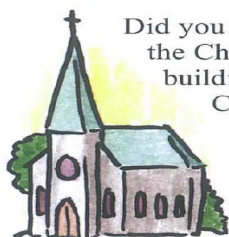
Eileen Romanos, 22 May
Paul Guerin, 23 May
James Sweeney, 23 May
Robert (Bob) Thomson, 23 May
Eduardo Pangilinan, 26 May
Natale Carmana, 26 May

For all the dead. Those near and dear to



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy Birthday, Church!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday
May 19th, 2024



Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday? Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames: go around the Apostles clockwise, skipping every other letter. Start at Mary's.