



The Cathedral Connection



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

ON WORK

Last Wednesday, 1 May, was the feast of St Joseph the Worker. Our bibles usually refer to him – and to Jesus – as a carpenter, but it seems that the Greek word, *tektōn*, also includes what we would now call joinery, and building generally. Jesus made quite a few remarks that related to his trade. Maybe he even made agricultural equipment, and when he said ‘my yoke is easy’ some of his audience smiled.

From the later nineteenth century, trade unions and workers’ parties in many countries had celebrated 1 May as Labour Day or International Workers’ Day (and many unions in New Zealand did so this week). It’s worth thinking about work, and the rights of working people, as developed over many decades in the church’s social teaching. Successive popes from Leo XIII in the 1890s have written on the subject of work. In recent decades, John Paul II and Francis have both had plenty to say.

They remind us that people were created with a vocation to work, for it is how we care for and make good use of the gifts God has given us. Work, therefore, ‘is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment’ (Francis, *Laudato Si’*, para 128). Work is also fundamental to how we support each other, in families, communities, and nations (John Paul, *Laborem Exercens*, part 10). Work is uniquely human – it is part of what makes us human. It follows, then, that work is not just another input into the production process, and that work exists for the worker, not the other way round.

Pope Francis also emphasises that it is important to ensure that all can enjoy ‘a dignified life through work’, so far as they are able. So, using unemployment as an economic tool is not appropriate. On the other hand, ‘Business is a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving our world. It can be a fruitful source of prosperity for the areas in which it operates, especially if it sees the creation of jobs as an essential part of its service to the common good.’

If, then, we value work, Catholic social teaching reminds us that the rights of all workers should be respected. Work should be rewarded with adequate pay, be as safe as possible, and the rights of workers to organise in trade unions and similar organisations should be recognised and not impeded. As our own trade union movement reminds us, 28 April is Workers’ Memorial Day, remembering workers killed and injured at work. We are also reminded of forced labour and slavery in various parts of the world. May Saint Joseph the Worker continue to inspire in us the virtue of solidarity.

- Jim McAloon



Readings for the Week

Sunday 5th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 6th - Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 7th - Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5- 1

Wednesday 8th - Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15

Thursday 9th - Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

Friday 10th - Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

Saturday 11th - Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28

Sunday 12th – The Ascension of the Lord

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

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)

‘To love as, Jesus means to offer yourself in service, at the service of your brothers and sisters, as he did in washing the feet of the disciples. It also means going outside of ourselves, detaching ourselves from our own human certainties, from earthly comforts, in order to open ourselves up to others, especially those in greater need. It means making ourselves available, as we are and with what we have. This means to love not in word but in deeds.’

Pope Francis, [Regina Caeli](#), 9 May 2021



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

Pentecost Sunday 19 May

Everyone is invited to join with our brothers and sisters at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral for Mass at 10.00am.

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



Cathedral Reopening Watch this Space!

Next week's newsletter will include details of the reopening of our beloved Cathedral.



Parish Office Closed - The parish office will be closed on Tuesday 14 May.

Calling — This past week was designated by our bishops as National Vocations Awareness Week. Pope Francis, in his message for Vocations Sunday (21 April), wanted to think of parents, who 'shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom'.



It is now seven months since the October 7 Hamas attacks in Israel and the beginning of the current, devastating, Israeli attack on Gaza. Over 30,000 people in Gaza have been killed, and dozens of Israeli hostages remain in captivity (as, indeed, many Palestinians are subject to arbitrary detention by the Israeli government). With a military assault threatened, around 1.5 million civilians are sheltering in Rafah, in the south of Gaza. Food, medicine, and basic amenities are scarce. Caritas Aotearoa recently joined other New Zealand organisations to call on our Government to urge all parties to uphold international humanitarian law, and has also joined other calls for a ceasefire. You can keep up with Caritas' response at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/holyland>

Please consider contributing to Caritas' ongoing fundraising, and please pray for peace and justice for all peoples across the wider region.





Today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, has been appointed by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference and the Lutheran Church of New Zealand as New Life Sunday, a day on which we reflect on on baptism as the seedbed from which Christians can develop a deeper appreciation of one another on their journey to wholeness.

In 2017 Catholic Cardinal John Dew and Lutheran Bishop Mark Whitfield established the New Zealand Roman Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue, and in 2021 the dialogue issued a statement recognising the unity of each other's baptism (<https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/1-Final-Baptised-in-Christ-web.pdf>), You can learn about the Lutheran Church at <https://www.lutheran.org.nz/>

As the Nicene Creed says, 'we confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins', and we also affirm that "in baptism through water and the word, a person is immersed in Jesus Christ and journeys with Christ through his death and resurrection to a new life."

Our Mass readings over the last few weeks have emphasised Christ's command to love each other, and today is a good opportunity to remember the baptism that unites us and to pray and work for mutual understanding and increasing unity between all Christians.

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



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins next Sunday. A thought from Thomas Merton, from a talk in Calcutta in October 1968: "the deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless. It is beyond words, and is beyond speech, and is beyond concept. Not that we discover a new unity. We discover an old unity. We discover an older unity. My dear brothers and sisters, we are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to discover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are."

Prayer Afternoon — Come and join us for a gentle time of praise and worship, and prayer intentions against Human Trafficking, Child Abuse, War, Slavery, Prayers for our World etc... We will finish with a cuppa.

We meet on the last Sunday of each month at St Pius X Church, 64 Te Pene Avenue, Titahi Bay, starting promptly at 1.30 pm and finishing with a cuppa between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm. Next Meeting is Sunday 26th May 2024, . Information: Stephen and Judy Bailey, 0211832445.

Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 41 Britannia St, Pito-one (Petone), Tuesday 7 May at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Marist St Pats RFC - The Club's 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.

Fundraising Update - Sacred Heart Cathedral Gala Dinner, Debate, and Auction.

This event was held in the hall of St Pat's College, Kilbirnie on Friday 12 April, and whilst the heavens opened up that evening, it did not dampen the spirits of the nearly 300 people who attended.

The purpose of the night was twofold, to both assist in the fundraising efforts to get the Cathedral open again, and also to give the Catholic community an excuse to come together again. Hand on heart, one can say that it was most successful on both fronts.

The venue was perfect, the catering was superb (PartyPerfect Catering Kapiti) whilst the debate and auction were both entertaining and spirited.

Financially the evening was up to expectations and whilst a final figure is still being calculated, we are quite optimistic of the result which we hope to have to you soon.

This was a massive undertaking for what is a small Fundraising Committee, their efforts were superb and as a group they certainly deserve to be commended and thanked.



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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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=263>



- 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

May Anniversaries:

- Eileen Romanos, 22 May
- Paul Guerin, 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

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?



3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life

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The Kids' Bulletin

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What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading? Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!