



# The Cathedral Connection



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Trinity Sunday

## Relationships

Last weekend, at our combined Otari and Cathedral parish Pentecost Mass with Archbishop Paul, our communities celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Mass poignantly reflected the relationships the two parishes have built upon during the past five years while St Theresa's church has served the Archdiocese as the Pro-Cathedral. As united communities we witnessed and celebrated the sharing of many gifts and talents. We welcomed the new Catholics from across the archdiocese who became full members of the Catholic church at Easter. The Mass was a true witness to people united and in relationship with one another and our Lord.

Throughout this past week, a week marked in the church year for reflection on the Pope's Encyclical 'Laudato Si', we have been encouraged to focus our attention on how we live in relationship with the earth and all living creatures. Our focus changes a little as we come together to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

Our understanding of the Holy Trinity offers us insight to the way we know and experience God. The Holy Trinity depicts a communion of love that interweaves. God desires to have a wholehearted relationship with us, one that requires our active participation. To participate in God's life therefore is to participate in the life of loving relationships, like that shared by the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

The upcoming parish Alpha programme, beginning at the end of June, is an opportunity for us all to further discover and expand on our relationship and knowledge of God through a series of talks and discussions. It is an opportunity for us to invite others to join with us to explore who God is; to discover and share the basics of Christian faith and explore the meaning of life.

More information on Alpha is in this newsletter. We hope you will join us on this relational journey.



Debbie Matheson  
Lay Pastoral Leader

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Sunday

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 2:2-5,9-12; Mark 10:46-52

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Jude 1:17,20-25; Mark 11:27-33

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Corpus Christi

Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16,22-26

## 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)

'For God, no door is ever completely closed. As the Gospel tells us, he loves to enter precisely, as we heard, "through closed doors", when every entrance seems barred. There God works his wonders. He never chooses to abandon us; we are the ones who keep him out. But when we make our confession, something unheard-of happens: we discover that the very sin that kept us apart from the Lord becomes the place where we encounter him.' - Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 8 April 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.

**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.

## 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](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)

**HOLY HOUR**—You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 28 May 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. This will be the last Holy Hour in Connolly Hall Chapel. From June onwards we will back in the Cathedral. Alleluia!

## 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 More Church. The prayer is also available on the parish website, and below. Please join us in praying the Cathedral Novena beginning Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## 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.



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

## 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.



**Lectio Divina** - is a form of prayer using Scripture. It is used by groups to share their thoughts on the scripture for the next Sunday. Lectio Divina prayer meetings will be commencing on Tuesday evening, 21 May 2024 at 6 pm in Connolly Hall. This is a very genial gathering, and we would like to share the prayers with you.

**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>

# CATHEDRAL REOPENING

## Cathedral opening weekend schedule of activities.

### Friday 7 June

**5.30am** Whakawātea dawn blessing at 5.30am by Mana Whenua

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

Watch online via this Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bANyq3s3RCs>

### 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 and bless and install Fr Patrick Bridgman and Debbie Matheson as the Cathedral Pastoral Team

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

**2.00 - 4.00pm** – Tours of the Cathedral sharing the processes of the restoration and strengthening work. Entry by Koha. Tours at 2.00; 2.45 and 3.30pm.

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

### Assistance required

We are still seeking offers of assistance as we prepare to worship once again in the Cathedral. We need offers to help us for:

cleaning the vestry, old office space and some furniture 28-30 May

washing of approx. 20-30 priests' vestments for opening Mass

move furniture out of Connolly Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June

set up the Sacristy and Vestry on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

clean pews as they are being moved back into the Cathedral dates to be confirmed. This will be a during the workday activity during the first week of June.

moving chairs and other miscellaneous furniture on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Please contact the parish office [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) advising your availability.

### 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](mailto: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.

# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

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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

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**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=265>



- 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

### GOD, THE HOLY TRINITY



Jesus taught us that God is not just one Person, but three Persons in one God. The three Persons in God are God the Father, God the Son Who is Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The three Persons in God know each other perfectly and all want the exact same thing. The Blessed Trinity is a mystery that we can't really understand. It is the three Persons of God loving each other so much we could never even measure or understand it! And God, the Blessed Trinity, decided to create us so that we could adore them and join in their love! That's what Heaven is: being with the Blessed Trinity in total happiness forever!

We pray that the Blessed Trinity will be glorified by all creatures when we say this prayer:

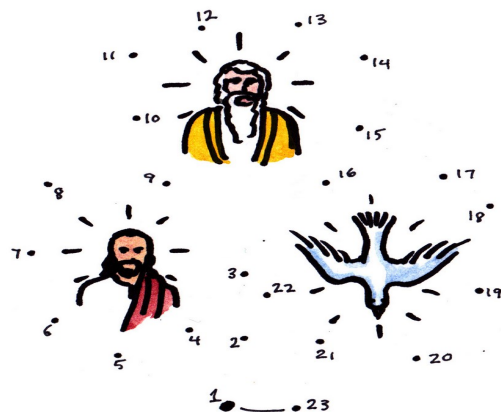


*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*



## The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Most Holy Trinity  
Sunday May 26th, 2024*



There are three Persons in God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But there is still only one God! Saint Patrick taught the Irish people about the BLESSED TRINITY by showing the people something else that is three-in-one. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!