



# The Cathedral Connection



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Corpus Christi

We have been praying for our return to God's Cathedral Church in Wellington, our parish church, dedicated to his Son, Jesus, and to Mother Mary. Yes, as I have mentioned, there will so much to see that will gladden our eyes and enable us to give fitting praise and glory to God.

The Visitation Altar will be the space around which we will celebrate the Eucharist and remember the words which we hear in today's Gospel, "Take, this is my body." "This is my blood of the covenant poured out for many."

In the Mass the Risen Lord is truly present in our midst. Present in the faithful gathered, in the Shepherd who presides, in the Word Proclaimed, and in the Sacrament celebrated.

St Therese of Lisieux wrote; *"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from heaven, but to find another heaven, the heaven of our souls in which He takes delight."* In the Eucharist Jesus shares his very life with us, and where the Risen Lord is, there is heaven. Yes, as St Therese, *"the heaven of our souls"*.

From the celebrations of Easter to Pentecost, and then to Trinity Sunday, and now the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we have been immersed in the reality of God's desire for us to recognise divine presence in the here and now. And through the sharing of his very life, Jesus feeds us so that we can also be sharers of divine life with others.

Our children are presently preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. What is our hope for them? I hope that they will be strong in their faith. That in listening to Jesus in the scriptures, and in receiving him in the Eucharist they will grow to know him more and more, deeper, and deeper. That they will experience his beaming with delight towards them. That they will hear his encouragement of them and know of his unconditional love.

Then, the Eucharist will not only be for them spiritual sustenance, but also 'viaticum', food for the journey, energising their response to his love in their service of others!



With prayers, patrick

## Readings for the Week

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

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

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saints Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs

2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12;

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 Peter 3:11-15,17-18; Mark 12:13-17

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12; Mark 12:18-27

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saint Norbert, Bishop or Saint Norbert, Bishop

2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34;

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity

Hosea 11:1,3-4,8-9; Ephesians 3:8-12,14-19; John 19:31-37;

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

2 Timothy 4:1-8; Luke 2:41-51;

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35;

'And thus, with simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament. His is a humble gesture of giving, a gesture of sharing. At the culmination of his life, he does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the multitudes, but breaks himself apart at the Passover supper with the disciples. In this way Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve.'



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 6 June 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**  
TE AHUREWA O TE NGĀKAU TAPU

# 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.



## Novena for our return to the Cathedral — Let us continue to pray together!

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.

### 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 are 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.

Alpha

Have YOU registered yet?

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.

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faith together.

- CONNECT WITH NEW PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA
- WATCH AN EPISODE ON A TOPIC OF FAITH
- ASK QUESTIONS AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



**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, 11 June 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

## Giving thanks to the St Thomas More church community

This Sunday 2nd June will be our last Mass at St Thomas More church. We are extremely 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.

Please join with the St Thomas More for a drink or breakfast before our 10.30am Mass.



## 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)

## Weekend Mass Carparking

Limited parking is available on a first come, first served basis on the upper level of the Wilson Carpark Building, 22-28 Hill Street please do not park in reserved spaces. Some parking will also be available in the playground of Sacred Heart Cathedral School, via Guildford Terrace.

## Assistance required

We are down to the last push for moving and cleaning assistance required during the work-day next week Tuesday - Thursday. Please contact the parish office if you can offer time to help with:

- 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 opening weekend schedule of activities

### Friday 7 June

**5.30am** Whakawatea dawn blessing by Mana Whenua

All are welcome to join us for the Whakawatea dawn blessing by Mana Whenua for the reopening of the Cathedral. We will gather at the Cathedral Doors at 5.20am, commencing 5.30am. Please ensure you RSVP to [ea.abp@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:ea.abp@wn.catholic.org.nz) for catering purposes. Many thanks.

**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.

# 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**

**Parish Secretary:** Frank Doherty

## Office Hours:

10am-4.30pm Tues, Thurs, Fri.

**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:**

Ajith Nissangaratchie

## Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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**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 - NO MASSES OR LITURGIES FROM 1 - 8 JUNE

### Weekdays from 10 June

(Except Public Holidays)

All held in Sacred Heart Cathedral

**12.10pm Monday** (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)  
Sacred Heart Cathedral

**8.00 & 12.10pm Tuesday to Friday:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

### Saturday from 8 June

**8.30am:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

### Vigil from Saturday 15 June

**5.30pm:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

### Sunday from 9 June

**10.00am:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

**7.00pm:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

**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=266>



Jeannette Pollard

Barbara Gore

Phil Hickey

June Swain

Ann Dale

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

### June Anniversaries:

Anthony Wilson, 4 June  
Geraldine Mollo, 13 June  
Mick Robbers, 14 June  
Brain Dunn, 25 June  
Martin Murray, 25 June

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



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### The Body and Blood of Our Lord



Today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

At the Last Supper, Jesus changed bread and wine into His own Body and Blood. He has the power to do this because He is God. He did this because He wanted to stay with us even after He died and went into Heaven.

Jesus comes to us in every Mass.

The priest takes the place of Jesus, saying the words that Jesus said at the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the real Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus even though they still look like bread and wine.

#### How do I receive Communion well?

1. Be ready! Think about what is going to happen. Make sure that you don't have any big sins on your soul. If you do, then go to confession first.

2. Don't eat or drink anything other than water or medicine for an hour before going to Holy Communion. This is a sign of respect for Our Lord.

3. After receiving Holy Communion, take some time to thank Jesus for coming to you and talk to Him. He is your best friend and loves spending time with you!

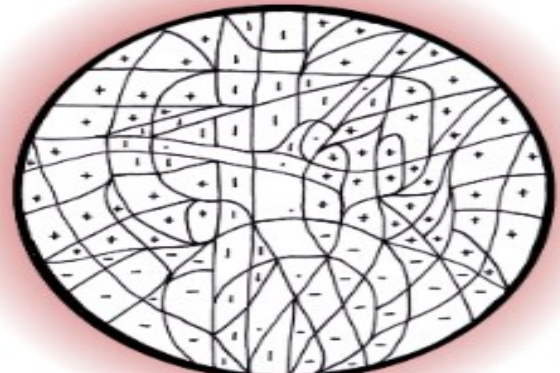


Masses to which you are invited

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ  
June 2nd, 2024



What does the bread become when the priest consecrates it at Mass?

Use the colour code to find out:

- grey
- skin colour
- + brown
- + blue