



The Cathedral Connection



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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome Home!

Did you feel the space as you came through the foyer? Did you look up as you entered the nave and see the beautiful ceiling, now white and duck-egg blue? Did your eyes look to natural coloured Oamaru stone, the painting of the Sacred Heart and then lower to the Annunciation Altar, and the mosaic tiling? Did you notice the feeling of lightness and spring?

We have been on a journey. It could be termed a pilgrimage! Since the Cathedral was closed in 2018 the parish has gathered at St Paul's, at St Mary's College, at St Thomas More's, and always in our own Connolly Hall Chapel.

It can be exciting to be away, to experience new things, different settings and scenes, yet there is something about coming home.

Not every language has a word with the connotation of the English word, 'home'. Most languages have a word that names the dwelling in which people live, such as house or residence, yet home brings to mind and heart so much more. There is a warmth to the word 'home', which is beyond description. It is more a 'felt reality'. For us, the People of God, the church is the home in which we gather, to celebrate special days and ordinary days, to welcome new sisters and brothers born into the family, to pray with those who are on their final journey and to celebrate every 'time' in between. Day by day, week by week, year by year we are at home with each other as the sisters and brothers of Jesus.

Just as a family home depends on the warmth of family life, so too the warmth of the church family is what truly warms the gathering of the faithful. No matter the heat inside a building, that will not provide the warmth that makes a home. That warmth can only come from the people, the People of God, you and I as we reach out to each other.

Over this weekend we will express our thanks to many. We will gaze with delight at all the creativity that has been unleashed. We will notice aspects which are still to be completed or may need further tending. Yes, we are home. In this time may our hearts notice that throughout this pilgrimage of some six years the Lord has always been at home in us, and we have made our home in Him.

How good it is to be home, and how good it will be to welcome others home, whether they are new to the parish or returning. Welcoming all to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and to St Mary, his mother.



With prayers, patrick

Readings for the Week

Sunday 9th – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 10th – 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12;

Tuesday 11th – Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16;

Wednesday 12th – 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19;

Thursday 13th – Saint Antony of Padua, Priest, Doctor

1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26;

Friday 14th – 1 Kings 19:9, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32;

Saturday 15th – Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37;

Sunday 16th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34;

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)

'Let us lift up our hearts to Christ, and become *singers of hope* in a culture marked by much despair. By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope, so that its melody can touch the heartstrings of humanity'



Pope Francis, [Homily](#), Ascension, 9 May



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.



Divine Mercy Devotions - Sundays 6pm-6:30pm in the Cathedral. All welcome.

Rosary - Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in the Cathedral, all welcome.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Prayer Group - We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Cathedral from 7.30pm –9pm. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Is available on Thursdays in the Cathedral 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

The Normal Mass timetable resumes on Tuesday 11th June. Please see the back page of the newsletter. All liturgies will be in the Cathedral nave until the Blessed Sacrament Chapel refurbishment is completed.

Weekend Car parking: Some parking will be available in the playground of Sacred Heart Cathedral School, via Guildford Terrace also on Sunday mornings between 6.00am and 1.00pm, limited parking will be 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. If you leave your car in the Wilson Carpark after they close, a call out fee will be charged by Wilson Parking to open the carpark for

Welcome Home

As we celebrate the reopening and our return to worship in the Cathedral this weekend, below are some updates on various aspects of the restoration campaign.

Organ: The pipe organ from the recently closed St Benedict's Church, Khandallah, has been placed in the Cathedral. It is a joy to have the use of this organ until a time when it is hoped the Hobday organ is restored.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: The refurbishment of the Chapel, including the protective work for the stained-glass windows is still in progress. Therefore, weekday Masses will be celebrated in the nave until this work is completed.

Parish Activities: it is our joy to again be in the Cathedral for liturgies, and between the Cathedral and Connolly Hall for other activities. Naturally, with work still to be completed by the end of the year, there will be times when access may need to be changed or restricted. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and assistance. The contractors are expected to be on-site until later this year.

Fundraising: We are fortunate to have secured enough money through a temporary loan, to complete the restrengthening and internal restoration work to enable us to return to worshiping in the Cathedral. We are still short approximately \$720,000.00 to complete the entire restrengthening and restoration. Money is still required to complete work on the outside western face of the Cathedral, the Blessed Sacrament chapel and various other small areas in need of attention. Fundraising efforts will continue beyond the restoration campaign when we turn our attention to raising funds for a permanent organ for the Cathedral.

Thank you: We sincerely thank all who have donated funds to the restoration and ask for your continued support as we continue to raise the funds necessary to complete the project. If you are able to make a donation, please see the Cathedral campaign website www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz or use the 'tap and go' facility in the Cathedral foyer. No donation is too small. We also wish to thank LT McGuinness and all the contractors who have been working tirelessly on the Cathedral to enable us to reopen this weekend. They, guided by our wonderful Project Architect, Jane Kelly of Team Architects, heritage architect Paul Cummack, and Barry and Dave from Monastra Quality Surveyors, have skilfully steered us through the restrengthening and restoration. While we are not yet finished, we are truly grateful and blessed to be journeying with you all.



Cathedral opening weekend schedule of activities

Friday 7 June

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.

Cathedral Opening hours: The Cathedral will be open for visits from 10.00am-1.00pm Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays). More volunteers are needed to be able to keep the Cathedral open in the afternoons from 1-3pm. If you are interested or want to know more about volunteering as a Cathedral Guardian please 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, 11 June 2024 at 6pm in Connolly Hall. This is a very genial gathering, and we would like to share the prayers with you.

Children's Sacramental programme meet for the last time next weekend. 27 children will receive Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 23 June. Please hold these children and their families in prayer.



Alpha Join us on Wednesday Nights, 26 June to 4 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce. Alpha is a fantastic way for people to encounter Jesus Christ and build relationships in our community. Come along and bring a friend, register online at:

<https://mcshwellington.org/alpha24/>

23 June: Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants 2024

E te whānau a te Karaiti, tēnā koutou, To the family of Christ, greetings to you,

Every year Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand provides materials to mark the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants, held this year on Sunday 23 June 2024. This year we are focusing on the displacement of people due to the impacts of climate change.

We are encouraging communities to learn more about how climate change is driving migration and causing thousands of people to be forcibly displaced from their homes and their countries.

The displacement of people due to climate change is a major issue in Oceania. The International Organisation for Migration estimates that more than 50,000 people in the Pacific are displaced each year due to the impacts of climate change. We invite you to join us in showing solidarity for those most affected by the impacts of climate change and promoting the dignity of refugees and migrants here in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world. www.caritas.org.nz



For Sunday 9 June 2024

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 20 June at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper.

Speaker: **Steve Ready** on "Pray with meaning"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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.
<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=267>



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
Gerardine Mollo, 13 June
Mick Robbers, 14 June
Brian 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

Does Being Famous Matter?

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus' relatives were trying to get close to Him when there was a huge crowd. But Jesus didn't get up to see them or make the other people go away. He kept teaching the people around Him. He said to them, "Who are my mother and my brothers? Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Do you know why Jesus said that? He was telling us that knowing important people or being related to important people doesn't matter at all. What matters is that we love Jesus and do what He asks.



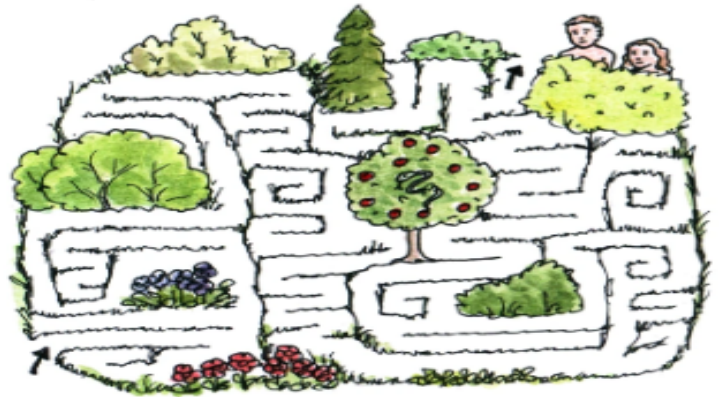
Do you sometimes wish that you were very important or popular? Being well-known isn't a bad thing, but being good is much more important than being famous. God wants us to be humble and happy loving Him and doing what we are supposed to, no matter how important we seem to others.

You are very important to God!



The Kids' Bulletin

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 9th, 2024



In today's first reading Adam and Eve tried to hide from God because they had sinned and were ashamed. But God still loved them and He came and talked to them. Can you find them?

Answers to Cross-Word:
ACROSS 3 row 4 col 9 Lord 9 ans 10 down 13 He 15 stand 17 word 18 forgiveness
DOWN 1 row 2 verse 3 mark 5 redemption 7 depths 8 in 11 with 12 kindness 14 who
16 rest 17 wait

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