



# The Cathedral Connection



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Welcome home – Our mustard seed has flowered!

Even a little mustard seed can produce a bountiful harvest. We do not know where the wind may blow the seeds that we sow, nor where the seeds will land. But it doesn't matter, for the harvest is God's and we are not in control. Our role is to till, tend, and nurture, and when the time is right to support the harvest.

Last weekend, as we returned home, we experienced the fruit of our labours. The little seeds that had been transplanted in 2018 and tended for nearly six years had grown. And what a beautiful bounty it has produced, returning to God what is God's. Along the way we faced many challenges, but our community kept watering, feeding, nourishing, so that we had the resilience to survive to the harvest.

As a community I hope you are proud of the way in which you have toiled for this harvest. I pray now, that nestled in the warm glow of God's embrace, the beautiful and tranquil environment of our harvest nourishes us. And that after being fed and nourished together back in our home church, reacquainted and reconnected with the wider community, that we are ready to embrace new opportunities for growth, that we will scatter new seeds, and feed and nourish others.

I invite you to embrace and support the parish's Alpha programme that starts in two weeks. Alpha is one way of nurturing your relationship with Jesus, and to reconnect and re-energise us as a parish family as we continually sow, water, and nurture seeds of love, hope, truth, knowledge and faith. Alpha can help your seed grow into an enquiring and flourishing plant.

Have you registered yet for Alpha 2024? Have you invited someone to accompany you at Alpha?



Debbie Matheson

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42;

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48;

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Saint Romuald, Abbot**

2 Kings 2:1,6-14; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18;

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Ecclesiasticus 48:1-15; Matthew 6:7-15;

**Friday 21<sup>th</sup>** – **Ecclesiasticus 48:1-15; Matthew 6:7-15;**

2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20; Matthew 6:19-23;

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs**

**or Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop**

**or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34;

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41;

## 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)

"We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature."

Pope Francis, [Laudato Si' 139](#)



**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

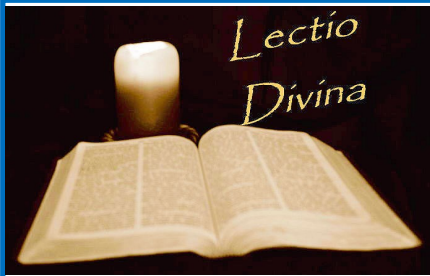


If anyone is interested to commit to an hour of Adoration on Thursdays on either a weekly or fortnightly basis please contact **Sr Marie Ph 022 639 0240** or [mariegore023@gmail.com](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)

**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.

**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.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



**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 are on Tuesday evenings at 6pm in Connolly Hall. This is a very genial gathering, and we would like to share the prayers with you.



**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/>

Meet new people & explore faith together.

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



**Children's Sacramental programme** 26 children will receive Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time next Sunday 23 June at our 10am Mass. Please hold these children and their families in prayer.

"I would like to thank all of you who prayed for my brother Ewen Laurensen during a very serious bout of illness recently. He has pulled through it and it was marvellous he and his wife were able to make it to Mass on Sunday. Prayer is so powerful. I marvel at how prayer can bring about results. Thank you again. Sadie."

**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>

# MATARIKI CELEBRATION

*Save the Date!*

MONDAY 24TH JUNE | 5.30PM TO 7.15PM

A St Mary's College and Sacred Heart Cathedral School shared celebration



## COMBINED MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart and St Mary's are planning to work together to hold a Matariki Celebration on the evening of Monday, 24th June. As the event will begin at 5.30pm, soup will be available whilst whānau enjoy the activities being held between the schools.

Please support our Sacred Heart Cathedral School and St Mary's College.

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Elijah - Prophet of Fire with Beate Matthies  
The Prophet Elijah - his life, his miracles and how he is bridging the narratives of the Old Testament with those of the New Testament.  
Monday, 24 June 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).  
Koha  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/29/elijah/>

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### Seasons for Growth Adult Companion Training

Monday-Tuesday 12-13 August, at St Anthony's Church, Wellington.

The training is being run by Jess Ferroni, our Seasons for Growth Trainer/Coordinator.

For more information please contact Jess at:  
**Email:** [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)  
**Mobile:** 021 374 405.  
(Jess' working days are Monday and Tuesday.)




**Faith Full**

7PM - 9:30PM  
FRIDAY 7TH JULY  
ST ANNE'S HALL NEWTOWN

**XLT** Wellington

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

PELGRIM BLESSING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

All-powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away for those who seek you. Remain with your servants as they travel on this holy pilgrimage and guide their way in accord with your will. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.


We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

### 'Current of Grace Wellington'

Everybody is welcome to the Wellington Prayer event

**Date and Time:** Saturday 27th July 2024 between 1:00 and 3:30pm  
**Where:** at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.  
**Contact:** Josephine Olsen 027 367 4453



Join Caritas' mission to support 'thriving lives' across the Asia-Pacific region. This programme focuses on fostering food and water security, climate-change adaptation, and empowering women in leadership.

A small donation can make a lasting impact, and **our partnership with the NZ Aid Programme will see your donation multiplied, seeing a gift of \$50 become \$200.** Visit [caritas.org.nz](http://caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22 to donate.

### For Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**JOSHUA** CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul 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](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### Matariki Public Holiday 2024

Matariki 2024: Cultural Celebration on Friday, June 28th

The Matariki public holiday, a significant event in the New Zealand calendar, is set to unfold on Friday, June 28th, 2024. Established in 2022 to commemorate the Māori new year and recognise the cultural heritage surrounding Matariki, this special day is strategically positioned on the Friday closest to the new moon following the rising of the Matariki star cluster. *Please note there will be no Masses at the Cathedral on this day and the Parish Office will be closed.*



2024  
MATARIKI  
FRIDAY, JUNE 28

HAPPY MATARIKI!  
NGĀ MIHI O MATARIKI, TE TAHI HOU MĀORI

# 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

Guildford Tce, Thorndon  
Ph: (04) 472 4047

**Principal:** Bernadette Murfitt  
**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

**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**  
**8.30am:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Vigil from Saturday 15 June**  
**5.30pm:** Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Sunday**  
**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=268>



Jeannette Pollard  
Barbara Gore  
June Swain  
Ann Dale

*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

### 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

### the kingdom of heaven

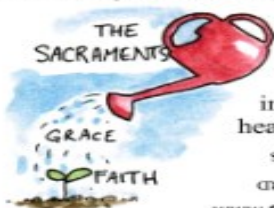


In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.



How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!

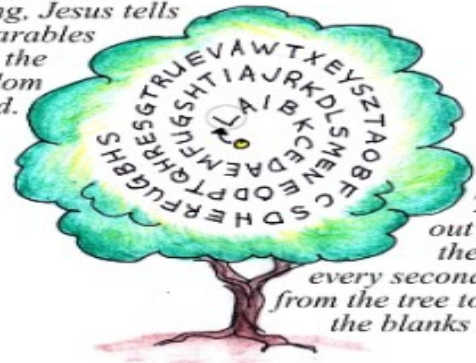


[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## The Kids' Bulletin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 16th, 2024

*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells two parables about the Kingdom of God.*



*To find out one of them, use every second letter from the tree to fill in the blanks below.*

The Kingdom of Heaven is  
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When it grows up it becomes  
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