



The Cathedral Connection



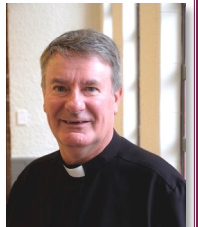
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are one!

Divisions between peoples are not part of the divine plan. Is this a bold statement? No, it is a clear teaching of Christ which we can read in Ephesians as we hear in this Sunday's Assembly of the Faithful, the Mass. "Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility..." There is much that can divide us if we let it. Nothing needs to divide us. Being divided is a choice we make; it is not an inherent reality of living. When, in Christchurch during 2015, a lone gunman chose to kill innocent people during prayer, he sought to divide. His choice was not the choice made by us as a nation. We chose to be united no matter our ethnic, cultural, religious, or social background. There was a phrase from the time, "They are us." Maybe the greater truth could be phrased, "We are one."

A moment from that time which I treasure was the invitation from local Muslim to all people to come and gather in prayer during their Friday prayers. In Taita at the Mosque parishioners gathered with our hosts, and with people from other denominations, faiths, and people of no faith; all being people of good will. Afterwards we shared food. It was such a joyous celebration of being human, tinged with the sadness of those whose deaths we were remembering. God delighted without doubt in seeing his children as one! It is taking time together, sharing our stories and sharing our food, which enables us to experience that we are one, rather than many. That we are united in our humanity rather than being divided because of differences in our ways or understandings. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus takes the disciples aside to rest. To spend some time with each other, to break bread. They had been busy, and when life becomes hectic, there is where tiredness can let in division. We can be tired personally, as a community, as a nation; maybe the world is a little tired at present. Is it time to take some space to choose to be together with others enabling us all to be who we are – the beloved Children of God!

Prayers,
patrick



Readings for the Week

Sunday 21 July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

Monday 22 July Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday 23 July Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday 24 July Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday 25 July 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

Friday 26 July Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday 27 July Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday 28 July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

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)

'Only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. **Compassion is born from contemplation.** If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetise the deepest part of ourselves, the things to do will not have the power to cause us to get winded or devour us.'



Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 18 July 2021



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.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

Do you have questions? We all have questions! Here is an amazing opportunity for you to get some answers!
ALPHA

Encounter Jesus, get answers, and build relationships in our wider community. Join us every Wednesday until 4 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Connolly Hall, 10 Guildford Tce.

You may like to bring a friend.
Register online or just come along.
<https://mcshwellington.org/alpha24/>



Sunday Scripture Reflection

Tuesday evenings at 6.00pm in Connolly Hall.
Come along whenever you are available. Everyone is welcome.



Divine Mercy Devotions - Sundays 6.00pm-6:30pm in the Cathedral. All welcome.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Is available on Thursdays in the Cathedral from 7.00am until 7.00pm. 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 the Cathedral from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All are welcome.

Fundraising Update: Thanks to the generosity of many who have given before, as well as new donors, and further fundraising activities, our new total to raise has dropped to \$700, 000.00. This has been an incredible effort. Yes, there is still a way to go, and through our tried-and-true methods such as bake sales, as well as new initiatives coming up, we look forward to 'knocking off' our balance. Continued thanks!

Construction **Cathedral Sanctuary extra work** – From Monday 29 July to Monday 5 August inclusive the sanctuary area of the Cathedral will again become a work site, with scaffold being erected to allow installation of further lighting and the completion of painting in this area. During these dates, a temporary altar will be set up at the foot of the sanctuary steps and **Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Cathedral. However, on Monday 29 July and Monday 5 August the Cathedral will be closed to the public as the scaffold is erected and dismantled.** There will therefore be no Rosary or Eucharist of the Word with Holy Communion on these two dates only.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Next weekend, 28 July, we resume the ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday 10.00am Mass. Here the children will participate in the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. Parents are welcome to accompany their children, along with the two trained catechists. If anyone would like to receive training as a Catechist, please contact the parish office. Thank you to the eight parishioners who have already been trained and police vetted to lead the children.

TIME OFF Fr Patrick will be taking some annual leave from 22nd July to 2 August. Thanks go to Frs. Joy, Tikoua, and James for offering Mass supply during this time.

'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: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.
Contact: Josephine Olsen Ph.027 367 4453



The next **Bake Sale** (and first back in the Cathedral) will be on the weekend of **27-28 July** after the **Saturday 5.30pm Vigil** and **Sunday 10am and 7pm Masses**. Donations of food for sale are welcome. Eftpos available.

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>



Caritas and the New Zealand Catholic Education Office joined together and released a statement condemning a recent air strike on the Holy Family School Catholic school in Gaza, which houses families who have lost their homes due to the current conflict. You can read the full

statement here: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/media/schools-should-be-a-safe-haven>. Join us in praying for those affected – and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

God of all nations, we pray for a ceasefire in Gaza and a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. We remember those killed in the shelling of Gaza's Holy Family School this week and all who have died during the conflict. May the unjustly imprisoned be released, hostages freed and all in the Holy Land be able to live whole and dignified lives.

Lord hear us (Lord hear our prayer) E te Ariki (Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou)



Elijah - Prophet of Fire with Beate Matthies

Repeat of the successful presentation about the Prophet Elijah, his life, works and his connection to fire.

Monday, 22 July 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/elijah-prophet-of-fire-2/>

Shining the Light - Women who changed the course of the biblical narrative with Debbie Miller

Sunday, 28 July 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Fee: \$20.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/shining-the-light-women-in-the-bible/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Seasons for Growth Adult Companion Training

Train to become a certified Seasons for Growth Companion in the Adult Program! This professional development training enables educators and professionals to facilitate the Seasons for Growth seminar and/or small groups within their communities. Venue is **St Anthony's Church, Seatoun. Monday 12 August to Tuesday 13 August**. Cost is \$420 for training & resources. To register email Jess at seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz for an application form.



Catholic Social Services
people helping people āwhina tātou

GAME ON!

AN 8 WEEK PARENTING COURSE JUST FOR DAD
WE SUPPORT DADS TO BE THE BEST DAD THEY CAN BE FOR THEIR KIDS
WE EXPLORE WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR KIDS AND WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE
LEARN.CONNECT.SHARE

STARTS WED 31 JULY 2024
DATE 6.30PM - 8.30PM
LOCATION 4 EXCHANGE ST UPPER HUTT

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT US
RECEPTION@WH.CATHOLIC.ORG.NZ
OR RING FRANCIS 021 0897 4824

WWW.GAMEONLINE.ORG.NZ

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Parent Program

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD FOLLOWING SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY & WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST

7:30PM-9:30PM

This educational, evidence-based program provides an opportunity for parents to:

- better understand the experiences of separation and divorce from a child's or young person's perspective
- to explore ideas and strategies they may wish to consider as they support their children to transition through family change.

The Collective Community Hub, Johnsonville

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 29TH JULY

CONTACT JESS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

021 374 405
seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz
Cost: \$25 for journal

Are you a social media star? We're developing engagement across a range of social media platforms. This role requires an excellent knowledge of social media platforms, outstanding design skills, and the ability to write engaging content quickly and accurately. It's a part-time role (15 hours negotiable), fixed-term (6 months). There is space in our office in Wellington,



however, the role can be based remotely if necessary. For a description of the role, email the Director of the Catholic Enquiry Centre, Rebecca Taylor-Hunt, rebecca@catholicenquiry.nz

Deadline for applications: 1st August 2024

If you like making things and have the time and resources, we are hoping to form a group of crafters to help **Greenstone Doors charity**.

You can see the work they do at:
<https://www.greenstonedoors.co.nz>

They need hats, booties, jumpers, cardigans, blankets etc. for newborns to one-year olds.

If you feel you have time and the resources to help, please contact me

Jane Regan 0212039082 or ruatangqi@gmail.com

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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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/>

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL,
40 HILL ST, THORNDON.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays (Except Public Holidays)

12.10pm Monday (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)
8.00 & 12.10pm Tuesday to Friday


Saturday 8.30am

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am & 7.00pm

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=272>



Sr Marie Gore
June Swain

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:
Barbara Gore - 4 Jul
Patricia McDonnell - 10 Jul



July Anniversaries:
4th Jane Jeevamalar
5th Teodoro Helbano
12th Moira Dunn
19th Anne Kelly
20th John Fowler
29th Tony Commissaris
30th Michael McLeavey
30th Sr Mary Winefride Blake RSM

For all the dead. Those near and dear to us and those who have no one to pray for them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When Jesus Was Tired...

The apostles were tired when they came back from their mission trip, so Jesus took them across the lake to a quiet place to have a rest.



But the other people saw where they were going and got there ahead of them! Jesus saw that these people were like sheep without a shepherd, so He felt sorry for them. Even though He was tired and hungry He decided to teach the people who needed Him, without taking a rest.

Have you ever been asked to help someone when you were tired? It isn't easy, is it? But we can learn from Jesus that no matter how tired we are, we should still be ready to help others who are in need.



Answers to Puzzle: 23 Word Puzzle: green, south, for, dark, side, that, me, spread, slight, head, overflows, Lord, GOOD SHEPHERD

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday July 21st, 2024



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus wanted to take the tired apostles across the lake to rest in a quiet place. But the people saw where Jesus was going and ran ahead. See if you can find their path through the maze.

Mark 6:30-34