



# The Cathedral Connection



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## Sharing is Caring

Whenever Sandra prepares a meal, there is always more than enough for us as a family and I always complain and ask her, why did she cook so much? Her response is always the same and very simple – “because I love you!” This usually stops my complaining in its tracks.

In both our first reading and Gospel today, we see great acts of love, not only in the feeding of the nearly 5,000 by Jesus from five loaves and two fish or the 100 people that Elisha instructed his servants to feed with the 20 loaves but we also to see the love and generosity from the man from Baal-shalishah and the little boy who offered up their gifts for these miracles to be performed.

We are often trapped into believing that we need to make great offerings for us to experience miracles. These readings are a great reminder that God can do great things with the little that we are willing to offer, but it must start with us offering up something. I am reminded of the saying “Sometimes a smile can help a person achieve in a second what would otherwise take a great deal longer.” All we need to do is to show love, and God will take care of the rest.

I often joke that I inherited the art of eating lollies from my pocket without anyone knowing from my mother’s side of the family – my uncles are masters at this. I imagine the young boy in today’s Gospel reading could have done with a lesson or two on how to hide his food. He had packed enough to allow him to follow Jesus for a while and now found himself having to give it all up. St Paul reminds us about being “humble, gentle and patient” and living in unity – “one body and one Spirit”. To do this we need to work together, care for one another and put others first. This is what both the “providers” in our readings did – they offered what they had for the benefit of all.

The miracle of the bread and fish is of course a precursor to Jesus offering himself up for all of us – the ultimate sacrifice, but is also shows us that we have a responsibility to help and support each other because that is what makes the world a better place.

We can show that we love and care by cooking a meal that can last for a few days, or through a smile to a stranger on the street. It does not matter how big or small our contribution is, just leave it to God to work the miracle.

Clint Ramoo



## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 28 July - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Monday 29 July** Jeremiah 13:1-11, John 11:19-27

**Tuesday 30 July** Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

**Wednesday 31 July** Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46

**Thursday 01 August** Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

**Friday 02 August** Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58

**Saturday 03 August** Jeremiah 26:11-16,24; Matthew 14:1-12

### Sunday 04 August - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; John 6:24-35

## 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)

‘Even today, the multiplication of goods cannot solve problems without fair sharing. The tragedy of hunger comes to mind, which affects the little ones in particular... Faced with scandals such as these, Jesus also addresses an invitation to us... “Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.’

Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 25 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 7am until 7pm. Everyone is welcome to make a visit during these hours.

**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 to 9.00pm. All are welcome.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - This weekend we resume the ministry of Children's Liturgy during the Sunday 10.00am Mass. Children under 10 years of age are welcome to go out to participate in the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. Parents are welcome to accompany their children, along with the two trained catechists.

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

### Cathedral Sanctuary and inner courtyard work

From Monday 29 July to Wednesday 7 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 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on these two dates only.

**Inner courtyard closure** - From Wednesday 31 July, until further notice, the inner courtyard will be closed as further external work is carried out in this area.

Between Wednesday 31 July and Friday 2 August scaffolders will be carrying scaffolding through the main foyer doors across to the inner courtyard. Please take care when accessing the Cathedral and foyer during this time.



### BAKE SALE this weekend 27-28th July

Lots of lovely baked goods will be available again after all our weekend Masses. Do stop to make a purchase and support the fundraising for the Cathedral. You won't be disappointed. **Eftpos available.**

**Saturday 5.30pm Vigil and Sunday 10am and 7pm Masses.**

**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. Thanks!



## HOPE and ACT with CREATION

A Season of Creation Workshop to animate 'Care for our Common Home' in our communities — All welcome. Hear from an inspirational speaker, share ideas, and gather practical tips and resources for your community.

Hosted by the Integral Ecology Committee, Archdiocese of Wellington EJP Commission.

Tuesday 6 August 6.45pm cuppa for 7pm start; 9 pm finish at St Peter and St Paul's Hall, Te Awakairangi Parish, 60 Knights Rd, Lower Hutt OR Saturday 10 August 9.45am cuppa for 10am start; 12 noon finish at Our Lady of Kapiti Meeting Room, 1 Presentation Way, Paraparaumu.

To register please email Deirdre Meskill - [d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)

## Proclaiming THE Gospel of Life IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

Monday 26 August | 7pm – 9pm | Home of Compassion, Wellington

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA) give an informative and engaging presentation about Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture. He will discuss the dignity of the human person and address the life and family issues of concern today. For more info contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz) or visit [fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024](http://fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024)



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2024

## 28 July— Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This year's theme, "**Do not cast me off in my old age**" (cf. Ps 71: 9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly due to numerous contingent situations, such as the migration of children or the crisis of families, or due to the individualistic mentality that makes those who are advanced in years feel like a burden. It seems that everyone takes for granted that there is a time in life when one remains alone. It is a habit and a mentality to which, with resignation, even the elderly do not object.

Yet, as the Holy Father reminds us, God never abandons His children. Not even when strength wanes or life seems less productive. Indeed, in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing. The loneliness and abandonment of the elderly is not inevitable, rather the result of wrong choices that do not recognise the infinite dignity of each and every person.



The Pope's message on the Fourth World Day for Grandparent and the Elderly can be read at

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20240425-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

Three weeks to **Men's One-Day Retreat** on Saturday 17 August at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Starts 8.30am. All refreshments provided. Koha to defray costs - \$30 if able to.

Leader: **Brendan Woodnutt (Christchurch)**

Theme: **'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...'** (Micah 6:8)

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9995 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



## 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** on **Monday 12 August to Tuesday 13 August**. Cost is \$420 for training and resources. To register email Jess at [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz) for an application form.



Christian Life  
Community  
New Zealand

## IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE 'Inner Peace in Divine Love'

Christian Life Community Wellington invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life based on a programme developed by Australian Michael Hansen SJ. Participants meet weekly in guided small groups to pray and share their experience of prayer. The programme supports self-directed prayer at home during each week. The retreat is open to all and will be held at **Cardinal McKeefry School, 66 Albemarle Road, Wilton, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons** from 1.30pm, finishing at 3.30pm – **28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 August 2024**. Meeting by Zoom at these times is another option available. The cost of the retreat is \$55, and the cost of the book if required is \$30. Sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending.

To register or for further information contact **Sarah Dench 021 0814 4424** or email [christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com](mailto:christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com)

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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

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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/>

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## 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=273>



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:

4<sup>th</sup> Jane Jeevamalar  
5<sup>th</sup> Teodoro Helbano  
12<sup>th</sup> Moira Dunn  
19<sup>th</sup> Anne Kelly  
20<sup>th</sup> John Fowler  
29<sup>th</sup> Tony Commissaris  
30<sup>th</sup> Michael McLeavey  
30<sup>th</sup> 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

### Jesus Multiplies our Gifts



Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed them, and started giving them to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!

Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.

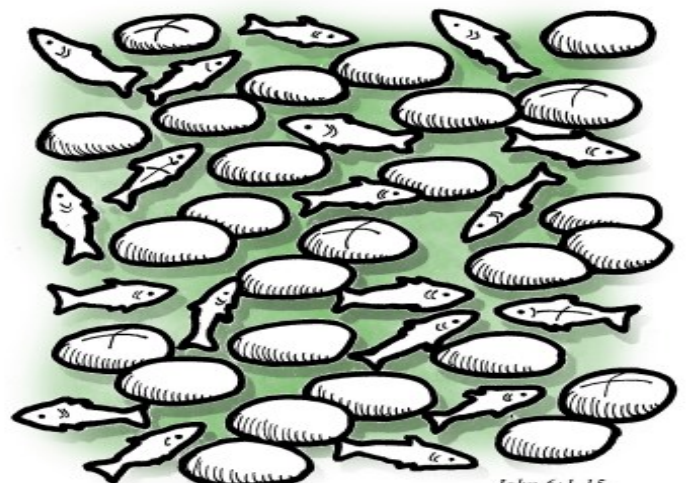


Answer to puzzle on front page: five loaves and two fish.

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### The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28th, 2024



John 6:1-15

When five thousand people came to hear Jesus, He turned one boy's bread and fish into enough for everyone.

How much did He have to start with? Colour and count the loaves and fishes with crosses on them to find out!

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