



The Cathedral Connection



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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Complaints

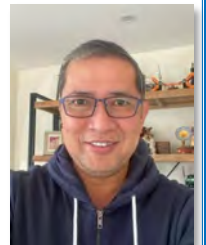
The dictionary definition of 'complain' is to express dissatisfaction or annoyance about something. From a human standpoint, it seems to be a natural response to 'vent' when things don't go our way, for example, your car broke down on a Sunday and there's no repair shop open; trains are not running and the bus replacements are nowhere in sight; the cost of living has become so high; the list can go on. We usually complain with the hope that in doing so, the annoyance or dissatisfaction comes to a resolution. However, complaining can be very stressful and is usually not an adequate response to any situation or person. Constant complaining can lead us to a destructive path, to a negative bias of the world around us.

In today's Gospel, the Jews' response to Jesus' teaching was to complain to one another. They were annoyed because they couldn't understand his teaching. Annoyed because they couldn't accept Jesus to be more than 'just the son of a carpenter', and therefore he could not have 'come down from heaven'. They were the learned ones - they studied the laws and teachings of Moses all their lives. They held high positions in society. Such pride led them to keep on complaining, rather than opening their hearts and minds to Jesus. Even with all the signs and miracles that were right before their eyes, they were blinded by their own pride and jealousy. Because of their negative bias, they failed to hear our Lord when he said, 'come to me'.

It has been said that in order to be abundant, one needs to express gratitude, not gripes. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Instead of dwelling on the annoyances and anxieties of life, be thankful always. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7). We choose what we feed ourselves - body, heart, mind, and spirit. Our Lord offers himself to us as the bread that comes down from heaven - the bread of life. He invites us to come to him as the first step towards a relationship with him in faith. He invites us to feed on him. Feed on the word of God.

"To hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me."

Randy Reyes



Readings for the Week

Sunday 11th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Monday 12th – Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday 13th – Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28; Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday 14th – Ezekiel 9:1-7,10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday 15th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19,12:1-6,10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

Friday 16th – Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday 17th – Ezekiel 18:1-10,13,30-32; Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday 18th – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58



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 not forget that the Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are weary and hungry along the way. A Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone. On the other hand, a Church with open doors, that gathers and celebrates around Christ, is a large room where everyone – everyone, the righteous and sinners – can enter.'

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 6 June 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



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/>



Scripture Reflection

Tuesday evenings 6.00pm in the Cathedral Foyer.

This is an opportunity for prayerful reflection on the following Sunday's readings.

Come along whenever you are available. Everyone is welcome. You can now also join

by Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84826247342?pwd=K0tUMHhyR1Rkb2NDZFhiRIZIT0dmdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 2624 7342 Passcode: 404496



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. If you can regularly spare an hour on a Thursday please contact the [parish office](#) to support this special time of encounter with Jesus.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Prayer Group - We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Cathedral from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome.



Children's Liturgy of the Word - We have resumed 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.

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 \$670,000.00. 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.

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>

Eftpos facilities for donating are available in the foyer after Masses.

Thank you all!



The Assumption of Mary — Thursday 15 August — Joshua Wellington invites men and women alike to Mass on the feast of the Assumption, at 7:30pm in the 'Loaves and Fishes' room, next to St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Supper to follow.

For more information call David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Cathedral Sanctuary and inner courtyard work

From Wednesday 31 July, until further notice, the inner courtyard will be closed as further external work is carried out in this area. **Access to Connolly Hall will be via the side walkway to the north end of the foyer only.**



JOIN US FOR A
**SACRED HEART
CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISER**

WITH SIR BILL & LADY MARY ENGLISH

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST, 2PM

Join us for a special fundraiser event to support the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and hear from guest speakers Sir Bill English and Lady Mary English. Following the 2018 earthquakes, the Cathedral has undergone extensive restoration and has recently reopened. The Cathedral's historic Hobday organ also required restoration, and a committee is being established to restore it and raise funds. While there is no ticket cost, we kindly suggest a donation of \$20 to help restore the organ. **Malvina Major Village**, 34 Burma Road, Khandallah, Sunday 25 August, 2.00pm.

Find out more at www.rymanhealthcare.co.nz/events

RSVP is essential - call Josie on 04 478 3422.



**Ōtari Parish Movie Night Fundraiser
in support of the Compassion Soup Kitchen**

'We Were Dangerous'
Sunday 25 August, 3.30pm
Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn
Screening Time 3.30pm
Tickets \$20.00 available after all Masses

Payment via Cash or Bank deposit. Use your name as reference and code 'Movie' - account number 03- 0510-0740893-000 Donations are welcome if you can't come. For inquiries email Liz Bergin: yummy6767@gmail.com

A fiery trio of schoolgirls navigate friendship and rebellion on a harsh reformatory island in 1954 under a strict, devout Matron – an award-winning tale of survival, solidarity and resistance. Written by *New Yorker* cartoonist Maddie Dai and Stewart-Te Whiu, and executive-produced by Taika Waititi.

Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025



We are delighted to announce that the Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship applications for 2025 open on 1 September 2024. This scholarship is designed to support students within the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who will be studying in their **second year** of tertiary studies in 2025. For more details and to apply, please visit our website: www.compassion.org.nz

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

Felicity Giltrap: felicity.g@compassion.org.nz

Marriage Preparation Course



Sundays 8 & 15 September in Wellington. This September course and the following November course are the only remaining opportunities this year to attend the Archdiocese's flagship marriage preparation Course **Love is a Decision**

We encourage couples to attend a course well in advance of their wedding date.

Register online at: www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/

Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



A thought for Thursday's Feast of the Assumption

The Gospel suggests to us this word: *hope*. Hope is the virtue of those who, experiencing conflict – the struggle between life and death, good and evil – believe in the resurrection of Christ, in the victory of love. We heard the Song of Mary, the *Magnificat*: it is the song of hope, it is the song of the People of God walking through history. It is the song many saints, men and women, some famous, and very many others unknown to us but known to God: mums, dads, catechists, missionaries, priests, sisters, young people, even children and grandparents: these have faced the struggle of life while carrying in their heart the hope of the little and the humble. Mary says: "My soul glorifies the Lord" – today, the Church too sings this in every part of the world.

Pope Francis, [homily](#), 15 August 2013.

Cathedral Shop: We have reinstated our little foyer shop again. Here you will find many items to enrich your faith journey or that of someone special. We have Bibles, Catechisms, Papal Encyclicals, Rosary Beads, Comfort Crosses, and cards for different intentions. So, please do stop by and have a look. Our Cathedral Guardians and Mass Coordinators are well versed in how to help you with your purchases and eftpos is available.



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Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

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Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

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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/>

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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=275>



Sr Marie Gore
 June Swain
 Ira Hayes

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



August Anniversaries:

- 5th Noel Healy
- 12th David Shroff
- 21st Robin Adair
- 25th Margot Gresham
- 28th Mike Loftus
- 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

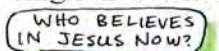
Believing in Jesus



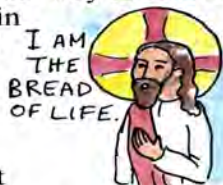
In today's Gospel reading some people were grumbling about Jesus when He said that He had come down from Heaven. They thought they knew who He was because they knew His family on earth, and they didn't want to listen to what He was saying.

Jesus told the people that He really is from Heaven - and He is the way to Heaven. He gives us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. He is the food that our souls need to stay alive and get to Heaven.

Sometimes people around you might not believe in Jesus or what



He says. If that happens, remember to trust Jesus. Even in His own time some people didn't believe in Him. But Jesus has given us faith to believe in Him and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven!



The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 11th, 2024



Jesus told the people that He was the Bread of Life. The people were confused and wondered what He was talking about. So He explained again, and told them this:

(Use all the letters that you pass in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out what Jesus said) John 6:41-51