



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Taste and see the goodness of the Lord'

Have you noticed that for a couple of Sundays we have had the same response to the Psalm – *'Taste and see the goodness of the Lord'*.

This is Psalm 34 and there is so much to take from this Psalm that it has been broken down into three parts and delivered to us over three Sundays. Each time the first stanza is the same.

*I will bless the Lord at all times
His praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord
The lowly will hear me and be glad.*

The first time we heard this two weeks ago the opening stanza was followed by a song of praise with the writer encouraging us to join him in praising and glorifying the name of the Lord for hearing prayers and providing comfort.

Last weekend the opening stanza was followed by an invitation to wisdom. We are encouraged to listen to the Lord and learn how we should act and the bounty that we will gain by seeking the Lord. *'Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him.. those who seek the Lord lack no blessing...'*

This weekend we proclaim the final part of Psalm 34. Again, the response and first stanza are repeated from the last two weeks. Then we are reminded of the constant love of the Lord. *"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save."* The Lord listens to the righteous and rescues them from trouble, delivering and protecting them in their need.

Having prayed the final part of Psalm 34 this weekend may we take the message of hope and love to continue to praise and glorify the Lord in our words and deeds.



Jane Kelly

Readings for the Week

Sunday 25th – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Monday 26th – 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday 27th - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday 28th – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday 29th – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Mark 6 6:17-29

Friday 30th – 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday 31st – 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday 1st September – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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)

'Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life, is his very flesh; him, in his incarnation. This means that... God... must be recognized in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 22 August 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.

Alpha - is an opportunity for people to encounter Jesus Christ and build relationships. Each evening begins with a meal (provided for you) followed by a video presentation and shared discussion in small groups. Held **Wednesday Nights, until 4 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce.** Come along for a look, and perhaps bring a friend.

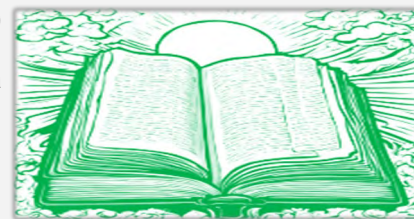
<https://mcshwellington.org/alpha24/>



Scripture Reflection – held in person and on-line every Tuesday at 6.00pm for 40 minutes. This is an opportunity to come together to pray with and discuss the scripture for the coming Sunday. Meetings are in the **Cathedral Foyer**, or you can join virtually via the internet on “Zoom”. Please use the following link:

<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 Sacramental Programme 2024/2025

Registration is now open for the 2024/2025 programme which begins with CONFIRMATION in Term 3/4, 2024, followed by FIRST RECONCILIATION in Term 1, 2025; and First HOLY COMMUNION in Term 2, 2025.

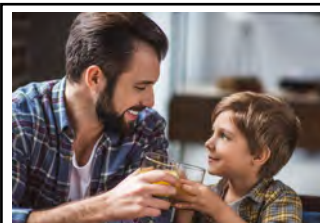
For your child to be eligible, he/she must already be baptised and be at least 8 years old. The first parent's session is at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 17 September 2024 at Connolly Hall.

For registration and/or further enquiries, please contact Geraldine: mcsh.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com or the parish office: cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

Parish Gathering – Next Saturday — We've been home again in the Cathedral for almost three months and would like to invite you to mark this by coming to drinks and nibbles following the Vigil Mass on Saturday 31 August. Please join us in the Cathedral Foyer and catch up with fellow parishioners, new and old.



Our parish bake sale, raising funds for the continuing Cathedral restoration, takes place **this weekend, 24-25 August**. 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.** Donations of baked goods are most welcome!



"Come and have breakfast..."

Parish Father's Day Celebration - The parish fundraising team would like to recognise this special day for our parish fathers and father figures by organising a breakfast for fathers and their children before the 10am Mass on Sunday 1 September. This will be an opportunity to relax with your children and other fathers.

Where – **Connolly Hall** - When – **1 September between 8.30am. and 9.30am.**

The cost - \$35.00. How to pay – to register and to receive payment details please email mcsh.events@gmail.com with your name and the number of people attending.

For catering purposes we need to know how many fathers and children are attending and receive your \$35 payment by **Monday 26 August**. If you would like to attend and need financial assistance, please send an email to the above address in confidence.



JOIN US FOR A
**SACRED HEART
CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISER**
WITH SIR BILL & LADY MARY ENGLISH

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST, 2PM

This Sunday, 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. The event is being held at **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 or 027 539 5614

Fundraising Update: 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.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi - With your foodbasket and my foodbasket, the people will thrive

The Season of Care for Creation begins next Sunday, 1 September, and lasts until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. Christians in many church communities across the world have for a good many years now united for this special season where we celebrate God as Creator and reflect on our call as Christians to care for the earth which sustains us, mindful especially of future generations. The theme for the year is 'To Hope and Act with Creation. Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, we are as people of faith called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. Hope is embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity.



Look for more reflections and notices of events around Care for Creation during September... and, if you have not yet read Pope Francis' 2015 letter on care for our common home, a quick internet search for 'Laudato Si' will find it. It's not brief, but its language is plain and clear. Our own archdiocesan Commission for Ecology, Justice, and Peace, is also worth checking out at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology/ejp-commission-activities/>.

Marriage Preparation Course

This is being held over two Sundays 8 & 15 September in Wellington. This September course and the following November course (3 & 10 November) 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



Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025

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. Applications for 2025 open on 1 September 2024.

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



Challenge 2000 has been providing Youth Development, Community and Family Social Work services for over 35 years, mainly in the Wellington region.

You are warmly invited to their movie fundraiser "Ghostlight" - when a construction worker joins a local theatre's production of "Romeo and Juliet" the drama onstage starts to mirror his own life. Sunday 1 September, 5:00pm, Penthouse Cinema Brooklyn.

Contact Gabrielle Lawson gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz to book your ticket.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to sponsor a ticket please let Gabrielle know.

All proceeds will go towards unfunded programmes - counselling services, youth activities and group work.

A link to the trailer is here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1TycuGX4Mw>



Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington

Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events:

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

2025 Columban Calendars are now available!

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. 2025 marks the 103rd edition. The calendar is available from the Foyer Shop \$13.00 ea. Eftpos available.



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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.

 Sacred Heart Cathedral School The latest edition of our parish school newsletter is available at:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=277>

Please keep in your prayers



Sr Marie Gore
June Swain
Ira Hayes
David Trott

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:

Joyce Owen RIP 13 August (Mother of John Owen)

Rev. Dennis O'Hagan SM RIP 14 August. (Past Provincial of the Society of Mary)



August Anniversaries:

- 5th Noel Healy
- 12th David Shroff
- 21st Robin Adair
- 25th Margot Gresham
- 25th Vincenzina Damiano
- 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

We Choose to Follow Jesus



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God.

In the Gospel today we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God.



Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it's hard, especially when other people don't follow Him.



Answers to Word Puzzle:
twelve, you, Simon,
answered, him, go, you,
words, eternal, life,
believed, come,
GOD,
HOLY ONE OF GOD.

The Apostles Stay with Jesus

Word Puzzle

John 6:60-69

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus said to the

_____ 3 _____ [EVLWTE],

"Do _____ 5 _____ [UOY] also wish to go away?"

_____ 11 _____ [NMIOS] Peter

_____ 12 _____ [WSNAREED]

_____ 1 _____ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

_____ 10 _____ [OG]? _____ 4 _____ [OYU] have the

_____ 8 _____ [DRWOS] of

_____ 6 _____ [TEENRLA]

_____ 9 _____ [FLIE]; and we have

_____ 7 _____ [VEEBILDE] and

have _____ 2 _____ [MCOE] to know that you are the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12

