



# The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Living with God's Word in our hearts

*'The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord'.* In this psalm refrain response God promises to live with those who live their lives with justice, whose hearts are aligned with His Word. God's Word sustains, nourishes, and guides us. It offers opportunity for encounter, friendship and transformation. It calls us to action. God's Word lives in us, in our hearts.

In the Gospel Jesus places great emphasis on the heart, telling the Pharisees that *'they have substituted their own laws for the Law of God and are more concerned about outer cleanness than cleanness of heart'.* He warns that it is not external observance or lack of it that determines one's relationship with God but a heart that is ever being transformed by divine love which then becomes visible in concrete acts.

Moses, in the first reading, urges the people to *'be faithful to God's Law, without adding to it or subtracting from it...it will give evidence of our wisdom and intelligence to the nations'.* And, St James, in the second reading, implores us to *'humbly welcome the Word that has been planted in us...to be doers of the Word and not hearers only...to care for orphans and widows. To keep ourselves unstained by the world'.*

God gave us His laws to help us grow closer to Him. He calls us to witness in our daily actions an inward disposition that matches what we hear, profess and do in our liturgies, living a life balanced with service and goodness. Our worship is empty if we do not live as God calls us to live and to honour Him not only with our lips, but our hearts.

Today, at the beginning of the month of Season of Creation, and as we celebrate Father's Day, may our actions reflect what is inside our hearts, the source from which all our thoughts, words, and deeds flow.

*'The task of our lives is not only to acknowledge and honour the Word within, but to manifest it, express it and live it...for the Word within, when outwardly expressed, is the manifestation of Christ's consciousness in the world' - Mary Reaman*



Debbie Matheson  
Lay Pastoral Leader

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – 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  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Luke 4:31-37  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> –** 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:1-5  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37



## 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)

## Season of Creation Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

"To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces; to walk together with all people of good will...to extend this harmony between human beings to creation.... with responsibility for a humane and integral ecology. "

*('To Hope and Act with Creation' Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024)*



**METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART**  
TE AHUREWA O TE NGĀKAU TAPU

# YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS

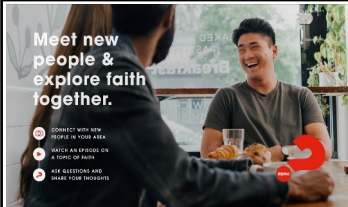


New to this parish?  
Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome

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



**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 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 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](mailto:mcsh.sacramentalprogramme@gmail.com) or the parish office: [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### As we look forward, a parish gathering!

On **September 15, from 2-4pm** you are invited to a gathering of the parish. In this gathering we will look to aspects of parish life with the help of two tools known as Divine Renovation and Spiritual Conversations. These will help us to look towards the future of our parish life, and how we can minister as we take up life in the Cathedral again. An exciting time!

This will be facilitated by the Church Mission team of the Archdiocese. The parish leadership teams experienced this process a couple of weekends ago. As part of the process everyone is heard, and the presence of the Spirit can be clearly discerned.

The focus of the past year for the parish has been on the reopening of the Cathedral. The Parish Pastoral Team and Chairs of the Committees felt that the usual AGM format could this year be reformatted to be a gathering to look towards the future of our parish life. The annual accounts, which have been part of the AGM were sent as part of the Cathedral Connection last weekend and are on the website linked to the Charities Commission.

Please note in your diaries **September 15th, 2-4pm, Connolly Hall** it will be good to be together as we look ahead!



### Father's Day Breakfast Rest

As it appears that most Fathers appreciate a bit of extra sleep on Sunday Mornings so, instead of the Fundraising Father's Day Breakfast, we now invite all fathers to our Drinks, Nibbles and Fellowship after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass this Saturday, 31 August. A great opportunity to meet others in our extended parish family. *Everyone is welcome not just fathers!*

The Season of Care for Creation begins this 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/>.

**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. Last weekend, over \$2,000 was raised from the Bake sale and close to \$2,000 from the Organ Fundraiser. Well done everyone! Especially our fundraisers from the Bake Sale and Organ Restoration Groups.

*Next Bake sales: 2/3 November & 7/8 December.*

**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*



### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

#### Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the world with Beate Matthies

A journey through the history and architecture of the German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation stone in 1377 to today.

Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

#### Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group.

Sunday, 01 September 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-3/>

#### YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### 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/](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/)

Email: [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto: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](http://www.compassion.org.nz).

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

Felicity Giltrap: [felicity.g@compassion.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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>



### Parish Office Closed Thursday:

This Thursday 5 September, the Parish Office will be closed all afternoon for a staff meeting. The office will reopen again as usual from 10am Friday morning.

### 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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## 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/>

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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=278>

# 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:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Noel Healy
- 12<sup>th</sup> David Shroff
- 21<sup>st</sup> Robin Adair
- 25<sup>th</sup> Margot Gresham
- 25<sup>th</sup> Vincenzina Damiano
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mike Loftus
- 28<sup>th</sup> Simon Lai
- 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

### Keeping Clean



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the Pharisees that having your soul clean from sins is more important than keeping your body clean!

But that doesn't mean that we should be dirty! God wants us to keep our bodies and our souls clean. We keep our bodies clean when we wash our hands or take a bath. Do you know how we keep our souls clean?



When someone does a big sin he or she needs to go to confession to get cleaned up. Confession cleans away our little sins too. Other things that take away small sins are going to Holy Communion, praying, and blessing ourselves with holy water.



Answers to True or False:  
1. False 2. True 3. True 4. True  
5. False 6. True 7. True

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

## The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 1st, 2024



Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*The Jews knew that it was important to keep their bodies and their dishes clean. But Jesus told them that something else was more important. What was it?*

Match the letters from the top pictures with the things they clean at the bottom of the page to find out what is the most important thing to keep clean!

