



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joy!

On Friday before last, 6 September, the Archdiocese of Wellington called forward Kinh Nguyen to the Order of Deacons; to live a life in service of God and God's people.

It was a true joy to see Kinh surrounded by faithful people from his pastoral placement parish of Upper Hutt, from Vietnamese communities, his fellow seminarians, lay pastoral leaders, priests, and people who have come to know Kinh in the various settings he has been these past six years.

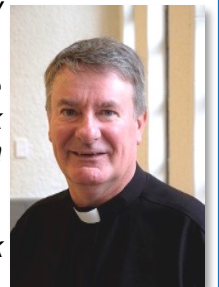
Over these two weeks Kinh is with us on pastoral placement, he will make his first steps in this new part of his life's journey. There is something refreshing in seeing someone set out on a path that others have trod. Yet his will be a unique path, with the specific gifts and talents poured abundantly upon him by the Lord.

Jesus asks in the Gospel today, "Who do people say I am?" Kinh will give witness to who Jesus is through his preaching, his assistance at the Altar, his care of those in need, and in the way he simply interacts with people in the everyday. Naturally, to witness to Jesus is a call for all of us, all the baptised. Each of us in our unique way bring others to encounter Jesus.

For Isaiah, this witness did not always bring affirmation from others, yet he knew the Lord was beside him, even when he was persecuted. As with the psalmist, Isaiah knew he walked before the Lord in the land of the living, as we do.

We could hope for Kinh a life and ministry without any crosses, and yet this would not only be an unrealistic hope, but it would also not be a Christian hope! For isn't the Cross central to our living? Yes, the Cross on which Jesus once hung, leading to his Resurrection, and the crosses which we bear are a part of our journey and an invitation to new life. When crosses come Kinh's way may he know that there will be many 'Simons' to help him. May we remember this as well ourselves.

A Parish also experiences the joys and difficulties of life over the years. What a time of new life we are currently experiencing! This Sunday afternoon we have a time to gather together to look forward. Please come along, 2pm in Connolly Hall as we consider how we will be as a community now we are home!



With prayers, Patrick

Readings for the Week

Sunday 15th – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Monday 16th – 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 17th – 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday 18th – 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday 19th – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

Friday 20th – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday 21st – Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday 22nd – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37



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

"Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things."

(#77 Laudato Si')



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

PARISH ACTIVITIES



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.



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>



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 Connolly Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome. For prayer requests and enquiries, please email mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com.

As we look forward, a parish gathering!

This Sunday 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 this **Sunday September 15th, 2-4pm, Connolly Hall** it will be good to be together as we look ahead!



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 this 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

Extended Absence (from Debbie) – This Wednesday 18 September I am undergoing back surgery. I look forward to being back amongst you all again and returning on light duties towards the end of October/early November. Please include me in your prayers, during this time, for a successful surgery and a smooth recovery. Wishing you all a pleasant spring. Every blessing in Christ, Debbie Matheson.

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>

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION FUNDRAISER

RESERVE A PERSONALISED PLAQUE ON A PEW

As part of our Cathedral restoration fundraising, we are offering individuals and families an opportunity to reserve a personalised plaque which will be displayed on a pew at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

This fundraiser is limited to the availability of pews and priced at \$1,500.00 to permanently acknowledge your contribution. You may wish to use this opportunity to include your name or to honour someone close to you, provided the text will fit on the plaque.

Reserve a plaque

To reserve your plaque, please send us an email at office@cathedralscampaign.org.nz and we will confirm availability.

The donation of \$1,500 can then be made here:

Internet Banking

Cathedral Project **02 0506 0138488 25**

and include "Pews" and your name in the Code and Reference fields.

Credit Card

Donate on our [online form](#), including "Pews" in the last box for additional information.

We will then be in touch to confirm the details required for the plaque.

For further enquiries about this opportunity please contact John Owen Ph. 021 742 737.

The Season of Care for Creation



Sunday 22 September

HOPE and ACT with CREATION: Kaitiaki at Ōtari. Join church communities from the Catholic Parish of Ōtari, St Anne's Anglican Church Northland and St Luke's Anglican Parish Wadestown, on a reflective walk in the outdoors to celebrate the Season of Creation. Sunday 22nd September at 2.00pm. Starting place - Ponga Lawn behind the main entrance to Ōtari/Wilton Bush.

Bring kai for afternoon tea on the Cockayne Lawn. Easy grade tracks and paths. Wet weather plan – 2.00pm at St Thomas More Church, 30 Worcester St. Wilton.

All are Welcome. Contact Estelle Henrys ev.henrys@gmail.com for details.

Saturday 28 September

A Forum on Housing sponsored by the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission. 10am-3pm Saturday 28th September, St Bernadette's Church Hall, Naenae. Adequate housing, a place to call home, is fundamental to living a life of dignity. The Forum on Housing will raise awareness about housing issues in Aotearoa, and provide an opportunity to consider our personal and collective responsibilities as Church. Keynote speakers will provide an overview of current housing issues and group discussions will surface responses for action and advocacy. This forum is for everyone concerned about housing issues. For more information, please contact Deirdre Meskill, d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz; phone: 04 385 8642. A contribution of finger food to share for lunch is appreciated.

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Thomas O'Loughlin, emerited Professor of Historical Theology at the University of Nottingham, UK introduces us to the Christian world of the 1st and 2nd Century and their understanding of Mary, the Mother of God. Listen to the 8-min recording here: <https://youtu.be/ykhHvo6vaZ0>

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

Divine Retreat Centre NZ



One day mission in Wellington – Sacred Heart Church Petone

14 October 2024, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Lead by Fr Augustine Vallooran VC with Glen & Teresa La'rive from the Divine Retreat Centre Potta, India

Everyone is welcome. Further Inquiries: Lislie: 0273476327, Brian: 0210309144, Antonio: 02102554606

Email: drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com / drcnz@hotmail.com

SYNODALITY IN OCEANIA

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Spirit Unbounded and Garratt Publishing are presenting a webinar to look at the opportunities and challenges in our region and discuss "What does 'becoming a synodal church' mean in our region of Oceania?"

When: Wednesday 18 September 2024

Time: 7:30 pm (NZT)

Where: Via Zoom

Cost: FREE

Registration:

To register, please click [here](#), or on the link below you will find a Register Here button.

<https://garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/synodality-in-oceania-webinar-18-sept-2024/>

Joshua Wellington

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday **19th September** at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) after 6 years followed by supper.

Theme: "Your faith has saved you"

Activity: Testimonies from recent Retreat.

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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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Guildford Tce, Thorndon

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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=280>



David Trott
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:

Hon Peter John Gresham
ONZM JP - RIP 31 August

Most Rev. Denis Brown DD
(CNZM) Bishop Emeritus of Rarotonga, Auckland and Hamilton.
RIP 1 September

September Anniversaries:

- 1st Helen Brigid Foot
- 7th Terry Coles
- 12th Fernanda Carmana
- 15th Joshua Doherty
- 22nd Tonina Pasquale
- 28th Kevin Whooley

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

Show that You Believe in Jesus!

James 2:14-18



THANKS FOR HELPING ME TIDY THE BED!

In today's second reading, Saint James tells us that we can't just say that we have faith. We need to show it by what we do.

Being a follower of Jesus means believing in Him, and also doing what He wants us to do.

Do you know what God wants you to do? He wants you to obey His commandments. That means He wants you to listen to your parents and teachers, and not steal or lie or be mean to other kids.



HERE, YOU CAN PLAY WITH MY CARS TOO!

You can also show your faith by doing good works, like being nice to other people.

What are some kind things you can do for someone today and tomorrow?



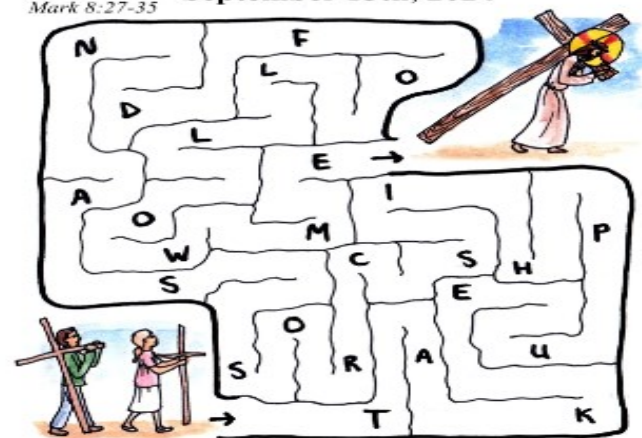
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The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15th, 2024

Mark 8:27-35



Use the letters that you pass going through the maze to fill in the blanks:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the apostles, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and