



# The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE POWER OF A CHILD

These days our news headlines are all about the US presidential elections. The job, for what is apparently the most powerful person on earth, is up for grabs and with that comes personal attacks by the candidates on each other with very little regard to the real issues or policies.

Wind back 2,000 years or so, and it appears that things were no different. The disciples, after hearing Jesus talk about how he was going to die and then rise again, got into their own power struggle as to who was the greatest among them and likely to succeed Jesus. Instead of listening and understanding what Jesus had to say, the apostles became distracted much the way I do when I am praying or trying to spend some quiet time in the presence of God.

As always, Jesus is a few steps ahead. Despite as BE LIKE A CHILDking them what they were arguing about, they remain silent. So, what does Jesus do? He takes a child, plonks it in the middle of them, gives the child a hug and says be like this – pretty dramatic!

When I was growing up, children had to be seen and not heard and probably more so during the time of Jesus. The message Jesus was trying to convey to his disciples and to us, is that we must welcome the powerless. He himself would be powerless when he came before the religious leaders and Roman authorities on his way to his death and resurrection. Throughout his Ministry, Jesus associated with the powerless, the poor, the sick and those possessed. Jesus, of course did have power as we read in the gospels from Monday and Tuesday last week when he raised from the dead the son and servant of the widow of Nain and centurion respectively – this is absolute power but did not corrupt Jesus. In both cases Jesus showed empathy, love, and respect and most of all service to the needs of others. The child is a reminder to all of us that by welcoming the powerless, we welcome God, and we must not seek greatness but rather service to others.

Our neighbour Emma, stuck her head over the fence last week Sunday at about 11.00am to tell me that she now has two onsies but did not get to wear them for the street collection, had a late night out on Saturday, that her dad was planning to paint the bathroom and had gone off to Mitre 10 and asked if I could go and ring her front door bell to scare her mum into getting ready for her play date at 11:30. Emma is 5 going on 25, our conversations are unhinged – she says everything at pace without a thought for what I may think or how it may portray her. Jesus invites us to do the same – be childlike when we are praying (talking to him) and living our lives.

*“Greatness is not to be found in being masters of others, but rather in being servants of others, especially the weak”.*



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13; Luke 8:19-21  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43-45  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



**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?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84826247342?pwd=K0tUMHhyR1Rkb2NDZFhiRIZIT0dmdz09)  
[pwd=K0tUMHhyR1Rkb2NDZFhiRIZIT0dmdz09](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 Connolly Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome. For prayer requests and enquiries, please email [mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com)

## 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@cathedralcampaign.org.nz](mailto:office@cathedralcampaign.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.

### Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 September beginning at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

**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>

### 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.



### 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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz); phone: 04 385 8642. A contribution of finger food to share for lunch is appreciated.

### Celebration Sunday, October 6 - A Day of Celebration for Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

*'Let my actions be a continual prayer and speak to you of my love'*  
*'Mā aku mahi ka rangona tonutia ngā karakia me taku aroha ki ā koe.'*  
Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert



This weekend at our Masses, we join with the Sisters of Compassion and all peoples of Aotearoa, New Zealand to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa. Following her example, we pray that our actions will be a continual prayer that speak of Christ's love for all.

#### Prayer for the Beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint. Amen.



#### Morning Prayer / Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769

or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

#### Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

#### Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769

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#### Miha Māori – Māori Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769

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#### Titipounamu Study & Joy

#### Church buildings inspired by Vatican II - with the example of St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay

Presented by Beate Matthies. We will hear about Church Councils, the background of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) and some of the changes that resulted from this significant event.

Tuesday, 24 September 2024, 7-8pm, St John the Baptist Church, 395 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay. Free.

#### 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)

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**COME & SEE Priesthood Vocations Morning Hāto Mere St Mary's Parish, Otaki** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10am till 2:00pm. Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Starts with Mass at 10am at St Mary's Church, 4 Convent Road, Ōtaki - Text 021 164 5800 to let us know you're coming!



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

Please keep in your prayers

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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=281>



Ira Hayes  
Debbie Matheson  
June Swain  
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:

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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Brigid Foot
- 7<sup>th</sup> Terry Coles
- 12<sup>th</sup> Fernanda Carmana
- 15<sup>th</sup> Joshua Doherty
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Tonina Pasquale
- 28<sup>th</sup> 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

### Who is the Greatest?

In the Gospel reading today the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.

Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests, teachers and doctors also serve us. How can you serve others?



What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to serve people then?



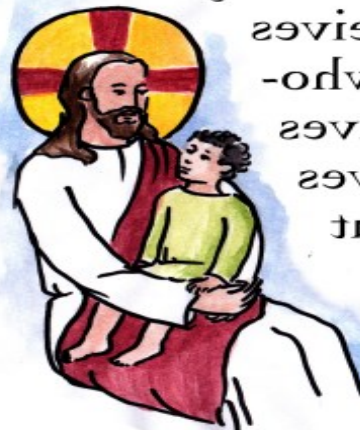
Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 4 sacrifice, 5 God, 7 hear, 9 offer, 10 life, 11 not, 12 words, 14 save, 15 to. DOWN: 1 prayer, 2 might, 3 me, 5 goodness, 6 defend, 8 risen, 10 Lord, 13 set.  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

### The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22nd, 2024

What did Jesus say to the apostles after He told them that anyone who wanted to be great must be the servant?  
Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.



Mark 9:30-37