



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Presence!

29th September each year is the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. However, when a feast day coincides with a Sunday, unless it is a Solemnity, or a Feast of the Lord, the Sunday takes precedence, for Sunday is to the week what Easter is to the year, the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

In this Sunday's readings we notice that both in the Book of Numbers and the Gospel of Mark, people are acting beyond the expectations of others. Our own view of life can at times be a barrier to being open to new possibilities, to new ways of understanding. We can think that life is as we know it, and of course, that isn't so! Life is well beyond any one person's understanding, no matter how intelligent or well versed.

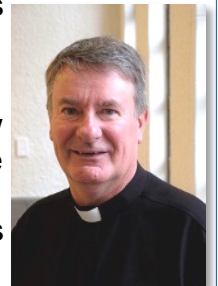
When considering Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the Archangels, are we not invited to recognise that there is more to life and to living than is initially obvious? Angels, in the Church, are messengers of God. Each of the Archangels with a mission: Michael, protection; Gabriel, strength; Raphael, healing.

There is a tendency for us humans to like order. Chaos, understandably, does not bring peaceful living. And to ensure order we often seek to have clear lines of authority, enabling everyone to be aware of how things will work, especially in times of crisis. In the Church we even have the terms Holy Orders, Religious Orders, and the Ordo (the liturgical calendar which has the most incredible directions giving order to celebrations!)

A challenge in the Scriptures placed before us as the Church today is, 'Does God confine the gift of God's Spirit to authorised channels?' Clearly, the answer to this is, No! The prophets of old and of new often come from outside the authorised channels. They speak into systems which may have become stale or accustomed to patterns which need to change. Pope St John XXIII in the 1960's called for the windows of the church to be thrown open to let in the fresh air of the Spirit. We see here prophetic action also coming from within recognised authority.

As the gift of God's Spirit is not confined to certain people, or certain ways of acting, how will we recognise that it is God's Spirit at work? In the fruits of the Spirit which come we recognise the Spirit is at work. Life is more than we know. Angels are a reminder of this, and prophets can be a painful reminder of this truth. Divine presence surrounds us, let's be on the lookout for unexpected manifestations!

Prayers, patrick



Readings for the Week

Sunday 29th – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Monday 30th – Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday 1st – Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday 2nd – Job 9:1-13,14-16; Matthew 18:1-5,10

Thursday 3rd – Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

Friday 4th – Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday 5th – Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday 6th – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16



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

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things. (# 222 *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?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84826247342?pwd=K0tUMHhyR1Rkb2NDZFhiRIZIT0dmdz09)
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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



Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial 7 October

The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Later the feast was moved to the fixed date of 7 October.

Please come along to join the rosary group in the Cathedral at 11.30am Monday 7 October for this special memorial, or just come along any Monday at 11.30am (except public holidays). All are welcome.

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 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.

Back by popular demand. The Sacred Heart Cathedral Fundraising Team have organised another e-waste recycling day at Sacred Heart Cathedral School, 12 Guilford Terrace, Thorndon from 10a.m. to 2pm on Saturday 12th October. Have a big “spring” clean and drop off your e-waste for a minimal cost. Please also tell your friends. This is a great opportunity to responsibly dispose of your e-waste whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause The Restoration of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Prices and more details to follow.

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.



Thank you Sacred Heart Cathedral School

On Friday, Frank (your parish secretary) had a surprise visit from Bernadette Murfitt (Principal of Sacred Heart Cathedral School) and two students who presented the Cathedral with the proceeds of their special gold coin donation "wear your own clothes to school" day. The money was raised for the Cathedral Refurbishment Fund. Our sincerest thanks to Bernadette, the teachers, staff, and students of Sacred Heart Cathedral School for their continued support of and partnership with the Cathedral in so many ways. You are all amazing!



Season of Creation Liturgy on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Friday 4 October: St Francis Day

To Hope and Act with Creation



The Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission and St Francis of Assisi Parish invite you to a Season of Creation Liturgy

Where: St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish (37 Doctor Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville Wellington).

When: 7pm cuppa for 7.30 pm start on Friday 4th October

All are welcome.

Forum on Housing

Adequate housing, a place to call home, is fundamental to living a life of dignity.

The Forum on Housing, 10am-3pm Saturday 28th September, St Bernadette's Church Hall, Naenae, 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.

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.



Taizé

Friday 4 October, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of

Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

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

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



The Eucharist – A meal that unites and divides 500 years of debates between Catholics and Protestants with Dr Nicholas Thompson

Monday, 21 October 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/09/24/debate-about-the-eucharist/>

YouTube Recording:

The Eucharist in early Christianity - Prof Thomas O'Loughlin taking us to Thessalonica in the time of St Paul at: <https://youtu.be/36f3l3Po2GI>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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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.

 The latest edition of our parish school newsletter is available at:
<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=282>



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:

- 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

Guardian Angels



On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.
Amen.*

Answer to Word-Find: (It is better to suffer than to sin).
www.thekidsbulletin.com



The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29th, 2024



Mark 9:41

What is it?
Connect the dots to find out!
Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that anyone who gives one to someone for His sake will receive their just reward.