



# The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Recognise and Welcome

Towards the end of today's Gospel our Lord warned his disciples saying "I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it" (Mk 10:15). This happened after Jesus made the beautiful promise "whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but him who sent me" (Mk 9:37). So, what is it that our Lord is teaching us.

One way to look at this is that our Lord wants us to have a childlike faith. The dictionary definition of 'childlike' is 'having the good qualities, such as innocence, associated with a child'. In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis writes "[Christ] wants a child's heart, but a grown-up's head. He wants us to be simple, single-minded, affectionate, and teachable, as good children are". God wants us to see him as Father, willing to follow His will, and trust in His wisdom.

Another way is by looking at the language of the verse. Some translations use 'receive' instead of 'welcome'. Both are valid translations of the Greek 'dexētai'; but 'receive' is more passive (an experience that can happen to us), whereas 'welcome' is active (something we choose to do). Jesus was indignant at his disciples because they chose to turn away the children who were brought by their parents to receive his blessings. That, despite his earlier teaching, his disciples failed to recognise and, consequently, welcome God's kingdom in the children in front of them. C.S. Lewis continues to write "but He [Christ] also wants every bit of intelligence we have to be alert at its job, and in first-class fighting trim." Not taking away anything from the unjaded innocence and trustfulness of a child, Jesus wants us thinking, reasoning, doing. Instead of just passively receiving the kingdom of heaven, comfortable in our faith that we have been saved by our Lord's sacrifice on the cross, Jesus wants us to have our eyes and hearts open and recognise and welcome God's kingdom in the everyday things we see and in every people who come our way.

"You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected. For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." (James 2:22,26).

Luke 17:20, "The Kingdom of God will not come with observable signs." *Randy Reyes*



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 3: 7-14; Luke 11:15-26**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 3: 22-29; Luke 11:27-28**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30



## 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

"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mk 10:15). Here is what is new: the disciple must not only serve the little ones, but also acknowledge himself as a little one. And every one of us, do we recognise ourselves as small before God?...We must seek out our smallness and recognise it. And there, we will find *Jesus*." (Pope Francis [03.10.21 Angelus](#))



**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 6pm 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://us05web.zoom.us/j/86384595534?pwd=PYKollbM2Mly4auL1UcawvQPjRaT.1>

Meeting ID: 863 8459 5534 Passcode: 0XwSuL

This is a new “Zoom” link!  
The old link longer works.



**Divine Mercy Devotions** - Sundays 6pm-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 7pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome. For prayer requests and enquiries, please email [mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com)

## PARISH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

### E-waste Drop Off

**Saturday 12 October**

An e-waste drop off day will be held on Saturday 12 October so please tell your friends and family, and start gathering e-waste you need to dispose of. Collection Day Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm, 12 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington.

### Holyween Mass

**10am Mass, 3 November**

A Holyween Mass will be held on 3 November at our 10am Mass. All children, big and small, are invited to come along dressed up as a saint who inspires them. There will be fun and games as well as prizes for the most creative outfits!

### Fundraiser Bake Sale

**2-3 November and 7-8 December**

Advanced notice that the next bake sales are on the weekends of 2-3 November and 7-8 December. Your support for these regular fundraising events is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to the generous bakers who supply these delicious goodies. New bakers are always welcome.

Please contact Geraldine Irinco or the parish office (04 496 1700) if you can help.



**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.



# Celebration Sunday for Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

Celebration Sunday, 6 October - 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.

## Liturgy Workshop

7-9pm, Wednesday 16 October, Sacred Heart Cathedral

The final in a series of liturgy workshops presented by Fr Patrick Bridgman in his role as Liturgy Advisor to the Archdiocese of Wellington. This workshop will look at the impact of the Sunday Eucharist in our lives. These workshops are well worth attending and 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](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.

## Joshua meeting

Joshua Wellington is back in Connolly Hall for the second time after six years, next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on Thursday 17 October from 7pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting, followed by supper.

Speaker: Rainer Hensel on 'The Lord has set me free from all my fears'

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 4477 280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



## Divine Retreat Centre NZ

Fr Augustine Vallooran VC (Director of DRC India) Visit to New Zealand - October 2024

Save the date for **October 14, 2024!** The DRC NZ Wellington unit is hosting a retreat from 6:30pm-9pm, led by Fr Augustine Vallooran VC from DRC India. This event presents a valuable chance for everyone to participate in spiritual development and rejuvenation.

Further inquiries: 0273476327; Email: [drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com](mailto:drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com)

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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 10am & 7pm**

**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

### October Anniversaries:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Joseph Fernando
- 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Jacobsen
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM
- 31<sup>st</sup> June Coelho
- 31<sup>st</sup> Ron Fowler



For all the dead. Those near and dear to us and those who have no one to pray for them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### What is Marriage all About?

Mark 10:2-12



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was telling the people about God's idea of marriage.

You know that marriage is what happens when a man and woman get married. But did you know that it is a sacrament? God gives special graces to people who get married so they can love each other well and raise good children.

Do you know what marriage is for? God made husbands and wives so that they could help each other to get to Heaven. But that's not all. When people get married, they are also starting a new family. Together with the father and mother, God brings new children into the world. He gives the parents all the help they need to raise their children.



Answers to inside page: names, birds, animals, parties, sleep.  
Let the children come to me.  
Answer to front page: food, house, woman.

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

### The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday October 6th, 2024



Mark 10:13-16

What did Jesus say to the apostles when they tried to keep the children away?  
Use the code to find out!

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