



The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeking wisdom

The Psalmist this weekend sings, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart". This seems a very counter-cultural concept. In the 'modern world' people often appear to seek to extend the number of days they have to live. As though the drive of consumerism means that more of everything, including days lived, is the driving force in life.

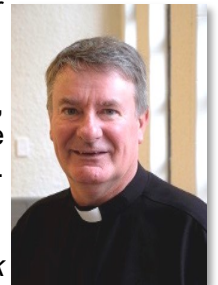
I once heard of a monastic discipline which included the monk turning one sod a day from the ground in which he would one day lay. Maybe this action was derived from the words of the psalm. A method to enable the monk to recognise the reality of passing days, that days are limited and therefore to be lived in fullness, with wisdom.

Solomon, when he became King at a young age after his father, David's death, replied to God's invitation to ask anything of him with the prayer, "Give your servant, therefore, a listening heart to judge your people and to distinguish between good and evil". What Solomon asked was not for himself, it was a gift for the people he was called to serve.

In our reading from Wisdom, we recognise the comparison between the gift of wisdom received and the riches that will finally be found wanting. Yes, and in the Rich Young Man of the Gospel, his inability to move forward is due to the supposed security of material wealth.

This weekend the Lotto draw is \$20 million. In recent times when the level of the possible win has risen this high, I've mentioned to the Lord how I could pay off the Cathedral debt, have the organ renovated and set up a fund for future maintenance, not to mention the possible outreach that could be resourced from our community of faith for those in need and those who are yet to hear of him. No response!

Our situations of life regularly change. Because of health, financial circumstances, relationships, and other matters both outside and within our 'control'. No matter the situation, it would seem the gift of Wisdom enables us to respond in a manner that is in accord with the Lord's desire for us. May we pray for lady Wisdom to come to us and for us to follow her guide.



With prayers, patrick

Readings for the Week

Sunday 13th – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 14th – Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday 15th – Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday 16th – Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday 17th – Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

Friday 18th – 2 Timothy 4: 10-17; Luke 10:1-9

Saturday 19th – Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday 20th – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



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)



"I repeat: that which is true, noble, just, pure, lovely and honoured; that which is virtuous and praiseworthy, let all this be the daily object of our commitment. It is the attitude of authority and also of each one of us, because every one of us, even in a small, tiny way, has a certain authority. In this way we shall become a Church ever richer in the fruits of holiness; we shall give glory to the Father who loves us with infinite tenderness, to the Son who continues to give us salvation, and to the Spirit who opens our hearts and impels us towards the fullness of goodness." Pope Francis



**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=PYKollbM2MLY4auL1UcawvQPJpRaT.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

PARISH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

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.

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.



Changes to Cathedral Access: From this coming Monday 14 October, work will start on the upgrading of the Cathedral Foyer main entrance doorway area. This work is expected to take approximately 1 month. During this time access to the Cathedral will be via the small door to the right of the main foyer doors. This door will be propped open for your access. For your safety we ask that you remain clear of the work area. Many thanks.

2024 Mission Month & World Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday Special Collection

Your support for this cause on the weekend of **19-20 October** is greatly appreciated.

Those of you with 'giving envelopes' will find a brown envelope in your envelope pack you can use with the details of the Special Collection on it. Please ensure you put your giving number on the envelope. If you wish to give by cash on the plate, there will be a special second collection during Mass on the weekend of 19-20 October.

If you wish to give by direct bank payment, please use the following bank account: 02 0506 0022477-070 (*this is a different account from the parish and goes directly to Missio NZ*).



"May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." Ruth 2:12

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (Mt 22:9) The banquet is that of the wedding feast of the Son, of the One who comes to marry all humanity and therefore wants to invite everyone to the wedding feast!

In his message for World Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis tells us: "While the world sets before us the various "banquets" of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others. This fullness of life, which is Christ's gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord's command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood".

An opportunity to show your wonderfully refurbished category 1 cathedral to family and friends.

Guided tours are being offered as part of the Wellington Heritage Festival and finish with tea and scones.

A rare opportunity to hear some of the stories behind this major refurbishment from the Project Architect for the work carried out over the last six years. Various heritage elements covered by previous building work have been revealed and the story of these and other areas of work will be outlined in a 45 minute tour of the building. Tea and scones served after the tour.

Saturday 26 October 10am - 11am; 11am - 12pm; 12pm - 1pm

Sunday 27 October 1pm - 2pm; 2pm - 3pm; 3pm - 4pm

Monday 28 October 10am - 11am; 11am - 12pm; 12pm - 1pm

cathedraltours@gmail.com for bookings Cost \$25.00



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.

Joshua meeting

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 17 October at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) for the second time after six years, 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



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<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

Recently Deceased:

Sr Eileen Brosnahan RSM
RIP 6 October

Mark Horton RIP 8 October

October Anniversaries:

4th Joseph Fernando; Paul Jacobsen

24th Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM

31st Ron Fowler; June Coelho

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

Jesus and the Rich Young Man



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?

God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?

Cross-word Puzzle answers: Across: 3. light 5. silver 7. good 10. her 12. chose 13. was 14. gold 15. me 16. splendour Down: 1. things 2. wisdom 3. loved 4. the 6. prices 8. prayed 9. throne 11. hands

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The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13th, 2024

Mark 10:17-30



The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor. Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But all things are possible with God!

Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?