



# The Cathedral Connection



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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mission Sunday

This weekend we mark Mission Sunday. The traditional view has been that Mission Sunday was a day to acknowledge the work of the men and women of faith who had travelled to the four corners of the globe to take the Gospel to people who as yet did not know Christ. Here in New Zealand, we would not know of the saving power of the Gospel without such Missionaries. I grew up in Rotorua, where missionary priests from the Mill Hill order lived and worked amongst our community. From the 1880's the Mill Hill community from Ireland and the Netherlands sent their priests to New Zealand to undertake work initially in the Māori mission. Then from Matatā and Maketu they established themselves throughout the Bay of Plenty and into Taupō. They continued to work for the Catholic community for over 140 years. For me, Frs McKenna and Timmerman were part of my day-to-day life, at church and school. We did not see them as missionary priests. They were our priests. They had left their homes in Ireland and the Netherlands to travel halfway across the world to share their love of the gospel with us and they were an essential part of our Catholic life. Neither returned to his homeland and they built their lives around their work in our local community. We owe a debt of gratitude to these and other men and women who travelled so far because of their love of the gospel.

But this is only one side of Mission Sunday. We are all called to be Missionary disciples of Christ. As Christians each of us is to be a witness to the Gospel within the context of our day to day lives. So, we do not need to leave home and family and travel to far lands to be a witness to the love and certainty of a life lived in Christ but can be a witness to the love of Christ within our own home, family, workplace and community. This year Pope Francis has given us as the theme for World Mission Day the parable of the wedding banquet (*Matthew 22: 1-14*). With the invited guests refusing the invitation to the wedding banquet, the King instructs his servants to go out to the streets and invite those they find to come to the wedding feast. The words of the gospel are to 'Go and invite'. This message is for all of us, not just those who are called to live a different life in a far away land. So, we need to heed the call to go forth and invite those around us to share the joy we have in the wedding feast – our love of the gospel.



Jane Kelly

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52



## 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 Ōtari (Wilton and Karori)



*"The Holy Spirit always accompanies us. The Spirit consoles us in moments of sorrow and grief, especially when – precisely because of our love of humanity – things are not going well, injustices seem to prevail, we realise how difficult it is to respond with good in the face of evil, we see how hard it is to forgive and what little courage we show in seeking peace."*

Pope Francis, Synod, 2 October 2024



**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=PYKollbM2MLY4auL1UcawvQPjRjRaT.1>

Meeting ID: 863 8459 5534 Passcode: 0XwSuL

**This is a new “Zoom” link!**  
*The old link no 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)

### Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 October at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, beginning at 7.30pm, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Collection Counters

Can you help the Parish on a Tuesday once every 3-4 months?

Due to changes in people's availability, we are looking for one or two couples or possibly four singles (teams of two required) to help with counting and preparing our Parish Mass Collections.

The job takes about 1-2 hours in a morning or afternoon and is not onerous or particularly physical. Full training will be provided.

Please contact the parish office if you can help.

### Cathedral Guardians

We wish to be able to keep the Cathedral complex open during weekdays for visitors, people working in central Wellington and parishioners, to worship and drop by for a time of prayer, adoration and reflection.

Ideally, we would wish the Cathedral to be open between 10am and 3pm. However, this will only be possible with the assistance of volunteer 'Cathedral Guardians', who work in pairs to welcome all. We are seeking people from across the Archdiocese to fill regular weekly, or bi-weekly time slots of either 10am-1pm or 1-3pm.

During the cruise ship season, which has now commenced, the Cathedral also receives many visitors wanting to visit the Cathedral and hear about its history. If you would like to know more about this hospitality role, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 496 1700 or [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

*You and your parish working together*

### 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.



# 2024 Mission Month & World Mission Sunday

## Mission Sunday Special Collection

Your support for the Church's Mission Activities this weekend, **19-20 October**, is greatly appreciated.

Those with 'giving envelopes' will find a brown envelope in your envelope pack 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 after communion at Masses this weekend.

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 bank account and goes directly to Missio NZ*). For more information please visit MissioNZ <https://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



Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Day 2024

## PARISH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



### Cathedral Logo Mugs and Ceiling Wrapping Paper

From this weekend, the fabulous mugs and beautiful wrapping paper will be for sale in the foyer. Ideal as gifts or for home use. Check them out!



### Fundraiser Bake Sale

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

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.

### Halloween Mass

**10am Mass, 3 November**

A Halloween 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!

### Car boot sale

If you're keen to declutter and make some money, how about booking a place at the Car Boot Sale to be held in the Sacred Heart School grounds on **Sunday 8 December**. More details to follow.



### E-waste Event Appreciation

Many thanks to all who helped with or sponsored e-waste event last weekend. All of the hard work resulted in an amazing success.



**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**

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

[sacredheartcathedraltours@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartcathedraltours@gmail.com) for bookings. Cost \$25.00





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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/>

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL,**  
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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=283>



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:

4<sup>th</sup> Joseph Claude Fernando;

Paul Jacobsen

24<sup>th</sup> Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM

31<sup>st</sup> 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

### Great People Serve Others!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the people who are really great are those who serve. Here are some really great people:

Mary, the Mother of Jesus- God asked her to be the mother of His Son. Our Lady spent her whole life caring for Jesus, and now she watches over us and helps us. She is the greatest saint of all.



The pope has a very big job-looking after the whole Church. Did you know that the pope is called "The servant of the servants of God?" He is great because he is using his life to take care of God's people.

But who do you think is the best example of all? Jesus! He helped people all His life, and then He died so that everyone would have the chance to go to Heaven.

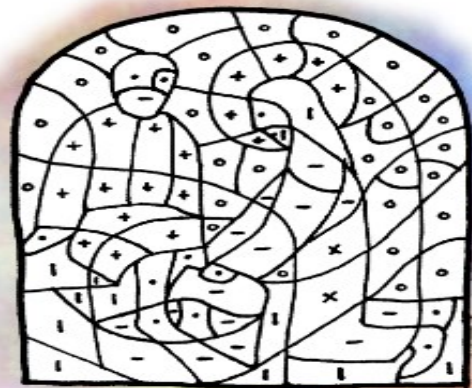


Jesus died for our sins.  
Answer to word-find:

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

### The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 20th, 2024



Mark 10:35-45

Jesus said that whoever wishes to be the greatest must be the servant of all. Colour in the picture to see who shows us how to serve best.

- Blue
- Skin Colour
- + Yellow
- ! Brown
- White
- x Red