



The Cathedral Connection



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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Transformed by our encounter with Christ?

We hear in our readings, on this 31st Sunday in Ordinary time, Moses telling the people to fear the Lord and to keep God's commands; the psalmist reminding us of all the things that God is for us; and in the gospel Jesus telling us that the two greatest commandments are love of God and love of neighbour.

Holding a spirit of love of God and love of neighbour is at the heart of who we are called to be. God's commandments and decrees are given to us to help lead us deeper into the compassionate, relational, and merciful heart of God – to transform us.

Our daily actions, intentions, and our responses of loving kindness to our neighbours and environment, are expressions of our love of God. They are concrete examples of our daily encounter with Christ.

Within our parish community/family there are many facilitated ways, both within and reaching out, in which we can express our love of God and be transformed through our encounters with each other. We do this in our worship, in prayer, in liturgical service, in our fundraising initiatives, our formation events, social gatherings, service groups, ecumenical gatherings, social justice events... Like Jesus who came to serve, we too are called to serve - and in serving we experience encounter, accompaniment, growth and transformation.

So, as we listen to the readings this weekend, let us ponder how we choose to clothe ourselves with sincere compassion, kindness and patience that portrays our love as not mere words but something real and active, something that transforms us through our encounters?

Debbie Matheson
Lay Pastoral Leader



Readings for the Week

Sunday 03rd – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34
Monday 04th – Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14;
Tuesday 05th – Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24;
Wednesday 06th – Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33;
Thursday 07th – Philippians 3:3-8; Luke 15:1-10;
Friday 08th – Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8;
Saturday 09th – Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; John 2:13-22;
Sunday 10th – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44;



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).



"Where danger is, precisely there is the saving power".

Pope Francis, Let Us Dream



**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=PYKollbM2MLY4auL1UcawvQPJpJRaT.1>

Meeting ID: 863 8459 5534 Passcode: 0XwSuL



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

Holy Souls Remembrance

Each year during November, we especially remember our family members and friends who have gone home to God. A box is provided in the entrance for you to place the names of your loved ones. The box will be placed before the Altar where the names are offered up as part of our Mass.

Monday 4 November

You are invited to join the Sacred Heart Prayer Group for Mass at 7pm in the Cathedral. Please bring photos or names of your deceased loved ones to remember during the Mass. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served after Mass.

Vigil Mass 9 November

At the Vigil Mass we will be remembering parishioners and those connected to the parish who have died in the last twelve months. Friends and families of the deceased will be joining us. All are invited for drinks and nibbles in the foyer after Mass.

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.

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, the Cathedral is open between 10am and 3pm. However, this will only be possible with the assistance of volunteer 'Cathedral Guardians', who in pairs 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.

To volunteer your time and service contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 496 1700 cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

You and your parish working together

PARISH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



Activities this weekend

Fundraiser Bake Sale this weekend

After all Masses this weekend you can again purchase some of the tasty baked goodies on sale. This is the second to last bake sale for the year. Many thanks to the generous bakers who supply these delicious goodies. Anyone able to offer baking for sale this weekend please drop it off before any Mass,

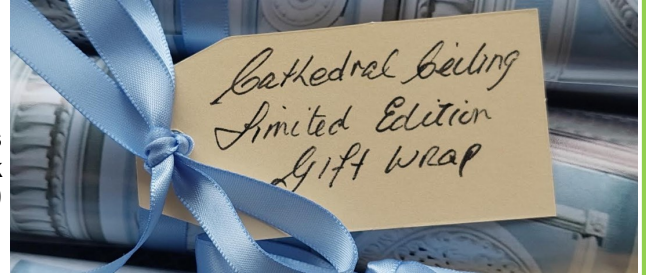
HOLYween Mass - 10am Mass, 3 November

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!



Cathedral Logo Mugs and Ceiling Wrapping Paper

These items will be for sale after all Masses this weekend. Ideal as gifts or for home use. Check them out! Mugs \$20ea and Wrapping Paper \$10 per roll.



Sunday 8 December—Car boot sale

We are holding a Car Boot sale in the grounds of Sacred Heart Cathedral School. This is an opportunity for those of you with any items that are no longer required to sell them onto someone else who can use them. The cost is \$30 dollars per car payable in advance. It will be a fun day for all with treasures, food and drinks to buy. There will be games and face painting to keep the children occupied. Special pricing available for commercial ventures. Come and join us from 11am till 2pm. The more the merrier.

All enquiries and to secure a place contact Joy, on mcsh.events@gmail.com

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.



Catholic Social Services HOPE Appeal. 1 – 30 November 2024. Bringing hope to our communities since the 1960s through social work, parenting programmes, hospital chaplaincy, prison chaplaincy, community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and donate your time, talents or treasure: catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

Bach Choir concert

The Bach Choir of Wellington invites you to their final concert of 2024 featuring the Chiesa Ensemble and presenting a selection of Baroque masterpieces by Vivaldi (Gloria), Bach (Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland) and Corelli (Christmas Concerto). They will be joined by Wellington soloists Rowena Simpson (soprano), Maaike Christie-Beekman (soprano) and Theodore Moolenaar (tenor).

Tickets available on Eventfinda or at the door. The concert is on Saturday 9 November, 2pm at St Mary of the Angels.

NZ Catholic Medical Association Retreat

Doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers and anyone in allied roles is invited to join a Retreat and Seminar, 15-16 November 2024, at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

Details and registration:

newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz/2024-retreat-wellington

Morning Prayer / Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 8.30am – 9.00am

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

Join us for a contemplative morning mass to start the day. For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

Taizé

Friday 8 November, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

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

Join our Sisters for a Taizé session in our chapel. A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence.



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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 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=285>

Please keep in your prayers



Ira Hayes
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:

Rosemary Guerin RIP 26 Oct
Malcolm Whyte RIP 26 Oct



November Anniversaries:

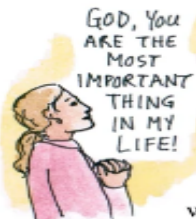
09th Mary Kemble
13th Janice Campbell
19th Francis Selvaratnam
26th Leonardo Damiano

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

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the most important commandment of God. Jesus told him that the most important rule was to love God with everything- our heart, our soul, our mind and all our strength. The next most important rule is to love others as much as we love ourselves.



God made us to love Him. We will never be really happy unless we do. But if we keep God first in our lives then everything else will happen the way God wants it to. If we love God first, then we can love others the way God asks.

What can you do to keep God first in your life? How about saying a prayer as soon as you wake up in the morning, and last thing before you go to bed at night?



Answer to front page puzzle: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength, and love. Answer to crossword puzzle: GOD, OTHERS
www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

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November 3rd, 2024

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Mark 12:28-34

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. What does Jesus say? Use every second letter to fill in the blanks to find out!