



The Cathedral Connection



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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The prayer of the poor rises up to God” (Sir 25:5)

What does it mean to be celebrating today the World Day of the Poor? What does it mean when Pope Francis writes in his message for this day in 2024 that, *“Christian hope embraces the certainty that our prayer reaches God’s presence; not just any prayer but rather the prayer of the poor!”* Is God listening only to a few? Are your prayers going unheard because you have resources?

Francis, Bishop of Rome, provides a salutary and hopeful response, *“No one is excluded from (God’s) heart, for in his eyes, we are all poor and needy. We are all beggars because, without God, we would be nothing. We would not even have life if God had not given it to us. Yet how often we live as if we were the masters of life or as if we had to conquer it!”*

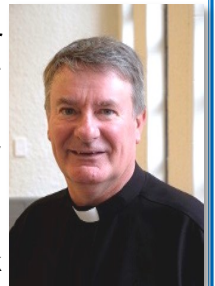
Does this mean that there is no differentiation in our poverty? Surely, that would be a sameness which would be to the detriment of those who are living in poverty brought about by realities such as economic policies and models, by the tragedy of war and by climatic impacts which have become so destructive in the passing of years.

Pope Francis invites us, *“to make the prayer of the poor our own and pray together with them.”* We are called to a true solidarity with the poor, and to a recognition that in their relationship with God, the poor offer example and inspiration, while providing others with the gift of service; *“The great majority of the poor have a special openness to the faith; they need God, and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith.”*

Our conscious awareness of our own poverty, in whichever aspects of our living this resides, gifts us with humility, openness to others, and trust in God. As St Teresa of Calcutta said when addressing the United Nations; *“I am only a poor sister who prays. By praying, Jesus puts his love in my heart, and I go to give it to all the poor I meet along the way. Pray too! Pray, and you will notice the poor who are beside you. Perhaps on the same floor in your apartment building. Perhaps even in your houses, someone is waiting for your love. Pray, and your eyes will open, and your heart will fill with love”.*

In the year ahead the virtue of Hope will become central to our lives as disciples. As we pray for the poor this day, may we all hope in the one before whom we are all beggars, and all beloved daughters and sons.

With prayers,
patrick



Readings for the Week

Sunday 17th - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32;

Monday 18th - Apocalypse 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43;

Tuesday 19th - Apocalypse 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10;

Wednesday 20th - Apocalypse 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28;

Thursday 21st - Apocalypse 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44;

Friday 22nd - Apocalypse 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48;

Saturday 23rd - Apocalypse 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40;

Sunday 24th - Christ the King - Solemnity

Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37;



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 World Day of the Poor ... is an opportune occasion to implement initiatives that concretely help the poor ... The poor still have much to teach us because in a culture that has placed wealth at the forefront and often sacrifices the dignity of people on the altar of material goods, they swim against the tide, highlighting that what is essential for life is something else entirely.

Prayer, then, is verified by authentic charity that manifests itself as encounter and proximity. If prayer does not translate into concrete action, it is in vain; indeed, “faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead” (Jas 2:17). However, charity without prayer risks becoming philanthropy that soon exhausts itself. “Without daily prayer lived with fidelity, our acts are empty, they lose their profound soul, and are reduced to being mere activism” (BENEDICT XVI, Catechesis, April 25, 2012).’

Pope Francis, [Message for the Eighth World Day of the Poor](#), 13 June 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 – Due to the Hkoi mō te Tiriti gathering at Parliament there will be no Scripture Reflection this Tuesday 19 November. The reflection will resume the following Tuesday 26 November as usual.



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

NOVEMBER MASS

Each year during November, we especially remember our family members and friends who have gone home to God. A box will be provided in the entrance where you can 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.

Divine Retreat Centre NZ Wellington Unit

The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Marlon Maylon SVD will be leading a midday Advent retreat at Sacred Heart Church in Petone on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass as we get ready for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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, 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. 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

You and your parish working together

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

Catholic Social Services
people helping people āwhina tātou



FUNDRAISING



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.



Fundraiser Bake Sale

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.

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? **The cost is \$30 per car.**

To secure a place or for any queries, please contact Joy, on mcsf.fundraising@gmail.com or 0210481216.

To secure a place contact Joy, by Thursday 31 October, on mcsf.events@gmail.com, as during November we'll be advertising maining places to the wider community. More details to follow.

CAR BOOT SALE

Fundraiser for the
Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

FREE
ENTRY FOR
BUYERS



Car Spots
\$30

Sunday, December 8th
11AM - 2PM

Sacred Heart Cathedral School,
12 Guildford Terrace, Wellington

Special Rate Applies For Commercial
Booking Essential

For Enquiries Please Contact:
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Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday's 10am Mass a number of people will be presented to **Archbishop Paul Martin sm** to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates from The Parishes of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Otari, and St Mary of the Angels with their families, friends and sponsors will be joining us.

The Candidates from our Cathedral Parish are:

1	Anaiah Rhys Capuso	13	Maria Jona Maryl F. Entramos
2	Athena Janell Bacero	14	Micaela Ragone
3	Ayana-Raine Taito-Matamua	15	Vincenzo Ragone
4	Cassie Dane Bermillo	16	Olivia Wood
5	Charles Patrick Ryan Taylor	17	Owen Peter Vaz
6	Enrico Jose Vaz	18	Richard Leo Maron Hughes
7	Fintan Consedine	19	Yueyi Catherine Chan
8	Francesco Xavier Suhada	20	Emma-Mary Dajnowski
9	James Roxas	21	Joanna Gee
10	Jarryd Reigh Inch	22	Andrew Ellis Barkus
11	Kaatia Kelekolio	23	Juanita Ladaran
12	Landon Go		

INVITATION TO JOIN TWO MUSICAL TEAMS

As a result of people moving parishes and other factors such as this, our numbers in the two choirs have depleted and we need to build them up again. An invitation is being extended to you to join either the Choir for the Saturday Vigil Mass or the Choir which sings at the 10 am Sunday Mass, or indeed both choirs!

Weekly emails are sent out with the Run Sheet to Choir members so they can practise the music before the weekend Mass. Not having a keyboard or instrument is not a hindrance as most hymns are available to listen to and sing along to on YouTube.

Those choir members who are cantors or responders to the Prayer of the Faithful have practice with the pianist before Mass.

The only requirement to join the choir is that you can hold a tune and that you can make a commitment to turn up regularly to sing the Lord's praises at Mass and lead the community in song.

We would love to have you and your family join us. Please contact Sr Marie Gore (022 639 0240) or Sadie Laurenson (027 230 9158) for more information.

DURING THIS WEEK

Hikoi: Large numbers of people are expected in the week ahead as the Hikoi arrives in Wellington and comes to Parliament on Tuesday. The Mass times will remain the same unless a message is sent to the contrary. Naturally, Hill Street may well be busier than usual.

Filming for Shine TV: On Thursday at 9am there will be a Mass being filmed in the Cathedral, which will be broadcast on Shine TV at a later date. You are welcome to come to the Mass. This will mean a slight interruption to the Adoration schedule.

