



The Cathedral Connection



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Christ the King - Solemnity

Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!

When He was asked what is the greatest commandment, our Lord Jesus Christ replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. We are invited to enthrone Him at the centre of our hearts and actions; calling us to live in accordance with His teachings, to promote justice and peace, and to serve others with humility and love.

Our Lord continued his answer: "The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'" (Matthew 22:39)

In this Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate and recognise that our Lord is king in the Kingdom of God in which we already live. As Christians, we are called to witness to the Kingdom of God in the world (Acts 1:8). We are called to advocate for the dignity of all, to work towards the common good, and to stand against injustices. Paraphrasing the explanation of Gerald Darring (St Louis University, Centre for Liturgy):

"The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every loving home; in every country that cares for the vulnerable and the weak; and in every parish that goes out to the peripheries and reaches out to those in need.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens when someone feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, or cares for the neglected. It happens when justice prevails; when people fight for social justice, and when people pass on the Faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past, in the life and work of our Lord; it is in the present, in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many to create a world of goodness and justice; it is in the future reaching its completion in the age to come.

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace."

The Kingdom of God here, now, around us, amongst us.

Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns!



Randy Reyes

Readings for the Week

Sunday 24th - Christ the King - Solemnity

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

Monday 25th - Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

Apocalypse 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4;

Tuesday 26th - Apocalypse 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11;

Wednesday 27th - Apocalypse 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19;

Thursday 28th - Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9; Luke 21:20-28;

Friday 29th - Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33;

Saturday 30th - Saint Andrew, Apostle - Feast

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22;

Sunday Dec 01st - First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36;



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).



"Today's Gospel is a contrast between two types of logic. Worldly logic is based on ambition, competition, it fights using the weapons of fear, extortion, and the manipulation of consciences. On the other hand, the logic of the Gospel, that is, the logic of Jesus, is expressed in humility and gratuitousness. It is silently but effectively affirmed with the strength of truth. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace".'

Pope Francis, [Angelus, Solemnity of Christ the King](#) 22/11/2015

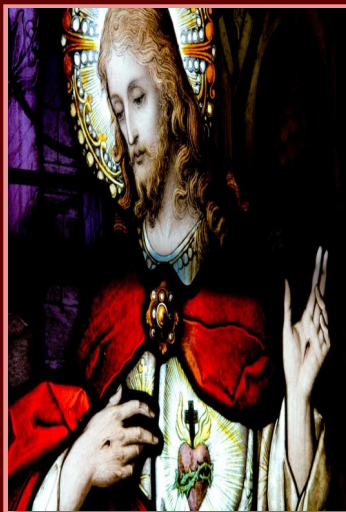


**METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART**
TE AHUREWA O TE NGĀKAU TAPU

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.



This weekend is the Feast of Christ the King!

There is a tradition of processing the Blessed Sacrament on this Feast. Weather permitting, we will enjoy this procession at the end of the 10am Mass this Sunday, and this will be followed by a Holy Hour, to which all are welcome. This is an initiative of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Prayer Group as we look towards Advent.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Prayer Group - Next Meeting 2 December

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

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



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.

CATHEDRAL BUZZ

Welcome home, Kinh!

It is a blessing to have Deacon Kinh with us again following the end of his time at Holy Cross Seminary. He awaits his appointment for next year and will be with us until he takes it up in February '25. We look forward to again enjoying his presence and also receiving his insightful and nourishing homilies.

Pews!

This weekend we will all be a little closer together as we celebrate Mass. The raised back section of the Cathedral will have the old pews removed, and the components for the new pews will be in that space so that in the week ahead they can be assembled and put in place throughout the Cathedral. This will mean a little bit of inconvenience – however we are used to being flexible!

Weekday Masses/Liturgy from Monday will return to Connolly Hall, as will the Tuesday Holy Hour, and the Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The timing of the pews' arrival has been a moveable Feast, so we are pleased they will be here at last.

Advent Reconciliation

Coming to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful feature of Advent preparation for Christmas.

On Thursdays 5, 12, 19 December Reconciliation will be available between 6 – 7pm. There is also the opportunity to ask one of the priests before/after Mass at other times.

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



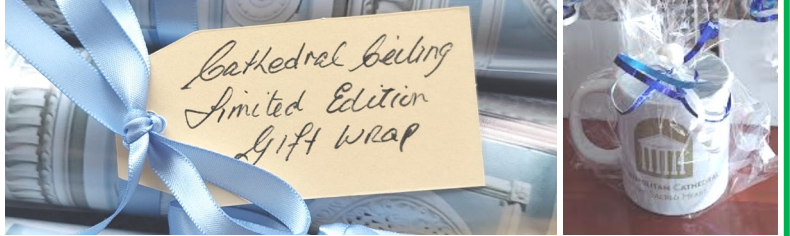
FUNDRAISING

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.



Pompallier Madonna Cards for sale \$7.50 each.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Hamper Raffle Tickets 1 for \$3; 2 for \$5; 5 for \$10 Sales starting this weekend.



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

Fundraiser for the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart



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 mcsch.fundraising@gmail.com or **0210481216**.

To secure a place contact Joy, on mcsch.events@gmail.com, as during November we'll be advertising selling places to the wider community. More details to follow.



WHEN:
FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

WHERE:
CATHEDRAL FOYER

TIME:
10.30am – 12 md

CAKE COFFEE CHAT

COME AND JOIN ONE OF OUR MUSICAL TEAMS IN PREPERATION FOR CHRISTMAS

So we can joyously lead the congregation in song and praise at Christmas it would be wonderful to have you join us in preparation for Advent/Christmas.

Just come and join us at Mass or contact Sr Marie Gore (022 639 0240) or Sadie Laurenson (027 230 9158) for more information.

You will be made very welcome.

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.



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

St Luke - How do we think of him as an author? with Fr Kevin Waldie SM

Monday, 25 November 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/11/04/st-luke-how-do-we-think-of-him-as-an-author/>

YouTube Recording:

Fr Markus Solo Kewuta svd - Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/11/18/fr-markus-solo-kewuta-svd-greetings-from-the-vatican/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

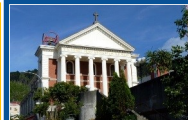
Morning Prayer / Mass

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28

November, 8:30 am – 9:00 am

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. ALL are welcome.



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>

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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=288>

Please keep in your prayers



Ruth Doherty
Ira Hayes
Carolina delos Reyes

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

Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



Answers to the crossword puzzle:
Down: 1.fairful, 2.king, 3.jesus, 5.kingdom, 6.bc, 11.of
Across: 4.witness, 7.sins, 8.freed, 9.God, 10.glory, 12.him

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of Christ the King
Sunday, November 24th, 2024*



Jesus is Our King!

Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord and King of Heaven and earth.

The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.