



The Cathedral Connection

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Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart!

A new year, 2025, has dawned, and with it the sun has risen over a Jubilee Year in the Church. Jubilee 2025, where we are called to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', 'Manene o te Tumanako'.

In what is known as a Papal Bull (document of proclamation), '*Spes non confundit; Hope does not disappoint*', Pope Francis wrote, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

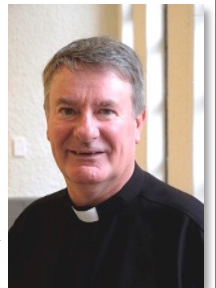
The flame of faith... help everyone to gain new strength... looking to the future with an open spirit... a trusting heart... and far-sighted vision. These words are not only aspirational, but they are also an antidote to how we may look at the state of our country or the world. An antidote to how we may feel as we read articles or watch or listen to news clips.

We enter a year in which we will be settled at home in our Cathedral church. With some final works to be completed on the structure and the joy of enlivening our life as a parish family and as a home for all in the Archdiocese.

The Jubilee logo presents us with the cross of Christ, both sail and anchor, which guides and directs us in life, the anchor a universal symbol of hope. The four figures represent humanity from the four corners of the world, embracing each other, illustrating the solidarity between the peoples and the hope we receive when we embrace Christ. The rough sea, a reminder that there are difficulties in the life of pilgrimage. Personal and world events press upon us, demanding a greater hope. In this Year of Jubilee 2025 we journey not alone, rather we are together on a pilgrimage, pilgrims of hope, following Christ our hope!

The Jubilee Year began on 24 December 2024 in Rome with Pope Francis opening the magnificent Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica. He also opened new Holy Doors in Rebbibia Prison underlining that all people can enter into Christ's hope. Today, we in the Archdiocese celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year and with Pope Francis we pray that the Jubilee "can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire."

With prayers for the year, patrick



Readings for the Week

- Sunday 26th - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21
- Monday 27th** - Hebrews 9:15,24-28; Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday 28th** - Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday 29th** - Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20
- Thursday 30th** - Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25
- Friday 31st** - Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday 1st** - Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Mark 4:35-41
- Sunday 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord**
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



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).



"Let us not be afraid to throw open bright windows of closeness to those who are suffering, of forgiveness, of compassion and reconciliation. This invitation resounds in a particular way in the Jubilee Year that has just begun, urging us to be messengers of hope with a simple but concrete 'Yes' to life with choices that bring life."

Pope Francis, 5 Jan 2025



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.



Divine Mercy Devotions

Sundays 6pm-6.30pm in the Cathedral.
All welcome. **Resumes 2 February**

Rosary - Every Monday (except public holidays) from 11.30am and preceding the Liturgy of the Word, 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. **Resumes 13 February**

Scripture Reflection

Held in person 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.
Enquires to: laurensonsadie@gmail.com



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

Next meeting: Monday 3 February



“Pull up a pew!”

You may ask, “What happened to the old Cathedral pews?”. Well, that is a great question, and the answer is, we still have them!

As part of our fundraising endeavours we are actually selling the old pews. These could make an ideal addition to someone’s home or garden. A great talking point and a piece of history.

Interested? Please contact David Ryan on ryangomez@xtra.co.nz or Ph. 021 543 449



Cake, Coffee and Chat

Last December 25 parishioners gathered for Cake, Coffee and Chat – the idea to reconnect with fellow parishioners.

Feed back was “let’s do this again and soon” no formality – gathering in a relaxed atmosphere, the Cathedral Foyer.

An easy date to remember - the first Friday morning of the month 10.30am – 12 noon. do come and meet one another – no need to respond- we will post a reminder each month in the Cathedral Connection – if you are free come and say ‘hello’.

All parishioners are very welcome, the more the ‘chattier’. If you would like to note the first Friday dates they are below.

7 February, 7 March, 4 April, 2 May, 6 June, 4 July, 1 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December

Any questions please contact: Monica Franklin 021 464 783



Experience Medjugorje In Depth



Do you feel called to respond to the invitation of Our Lady Queen of Peace to be with her in Medjugorje? Millions of pilgrims have responded and have experienced an extraordinary, grace-filled pilgrimage.

Join Mir Pilgrimages and Chaplain Fr Joy Thottankara on a group pilgrimage departing 22 May 2025 for 10 fulfilling days and nights experiencing ‘Medjugorje in depth’.

Please visit www.pilgrimage.nz or call Patricia Parsons on 0274219064.

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Every 25 Years the Church celebrates a Year of Jubilee. 2025 has been decreed by Pope Francis to be the Year of Hope.

On Christmas Eve he opened the Jubilee Doors in St Peter's, Rome, and pilgrims from throughout the world are invited to go to Rome and enter the four major Basilicas which are the destinations of a Holy Year pilgrimage.

Here in the Archdiocese of Wellington, the Holy Year opens with the celebration of Mass in our Cathedral this weekend, January 26 at the 10am Mass. Parishioners from communities throughout the Archdiocese are joining Archbishop Paul and us to welcome in this new grace-filled time.

Throughout the year there will be a series of celebrations based in our Cathedral. All are welcome!

The Wellington Archdiocese has an official webpage dedicated to the Jubilee at: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/>



Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the **faith** you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of **charity** enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed **hope** for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the

Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



Te Karakia Tiupiri

E te Matua i te rangi, whakaarahia anōtia i roto i a mātou te **tumanako** tapu mō te taenga mai o tō Kīngitanga, mā roto mai i te **whakapono** ki tāu Tamaiti a Hēhu Karaiti, tō mātou kiritahi, tēra whakapono nāu anō i homai, anō me te kāpura o te **aroha** e whitangia nei i ō mātou ngākau e te Wairua Tapu.

Ko tō keratia hei mea hangahou i a mātou hei kaiwhakatō i ngā kākano o te Rongopai.

Ko ērā kākano anō ka tupu ki roto tahi i te hunga tangata me te taiao hei hangahou i te rangi me te whenua i runga i te tūmanako kia kauparehia te Īweri, ko tō korōria tēra ka Tiaho mai mō āke tonu atu.

Kia oho anō te keratia o te Tiupiri ki roto i a mātou, arā ngā **Manene o te Tumanako** e manako nei ki ngā homaitanga o te rangi.

Ko tēra keratia anō kia hora anō i te koa me te mārie o tō mātou Kaiwhakaea ki runga i te mata o te whenua.

Māu e te Atua, te korōria me ngā kupu whakapai katoa mō āke tonu atu.

Amene.



Cathedral Fundraising

Cathedral Logo Mugs and Ceiling Wrapping Paper

These items are for sale from the Cathedral foyer.

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.



COME AND SEE VOCATIONS WEEKEND

7 - 9 MARCH 2025 - A discernment retreat for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. Registrations essential, contact Lucienne at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz by Friday 14th February 2025



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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Guildford Tce, Thorndon

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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=269>



Ruth Doherty
Ira Hayes
Alan Scicluna
Jayden Lai
Leo Brett Kelly

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:

June Swain RIP 20 Dec

December / January Anniversaries:

Dec 11 Perlinda Irinco
Dec 14 Dan Kelly
Dec 22 Cardinal Thomas Williams
Dec 24 Rebecca Franklin
Dec 26 Robert Bond
Dec 28 Frances Gray
Jan 8 Michael Cecil-Gibson



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 Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?



Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?

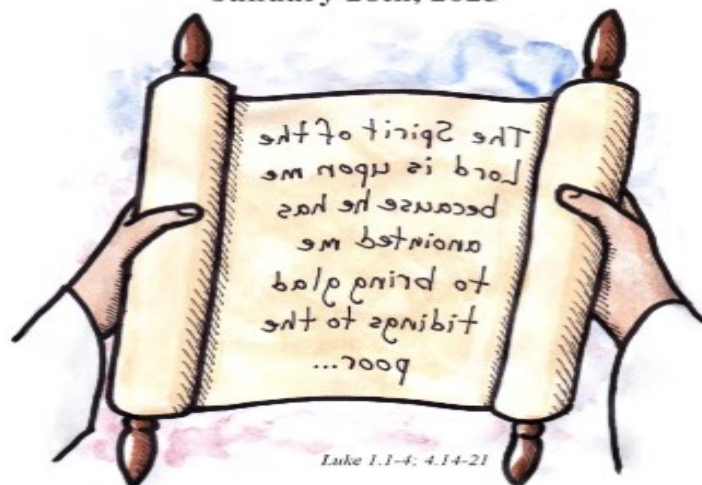


Answer to Word-Find: We are one body in Christ.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26th, 2025



Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus stood in the synagogue and read from the book of the prophet Isaiah. What did it say?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!