



# The Cathedral Connection

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## Life is tough.... A reflection on the Gospel of Luke 4:21-30

So suck it up and move on! These are probably not the words you want to hear after experiencing some disappointment or rejection. Some will say it is tough love, my daughters will say it is just plain mean and shows a lack of emotional intelligence.

So, imagine how Jesus must have felt after giving what must have been a very eloquent sermon only to be rejected by the very people, he thought would be proud of him. I suppose Jesus did not endear himself to the crowd by reminding them of Elijah and Elisha and their ministry amongst non-Israelites and that generally, prophets are not accepted by their own. As always, Jesus read the crowd and knew that they would also reject him – you could almost say Jesus was being a bit cheeky.

Rejection, whether we like it or not is part of life. Often, we feel rejected by God, like -why have I not won the Lotto this week? – after all I did pray for it? :) Jesus was rejected by this own, which is probably the hardest form of rejection one has to deal with. Jesus did not let this deter him from continuing the work his Father sent him to do. Likewise, we are also called to see through the jealousy, criticism and rejection that we may face on our spiritual journey. The disappointment of your invitation to join you at Mass or a prayer meeting being declined or comments about sinners only having to go to church, can be challenging. It however offers an opportunity to show love which St Paul so eloquently reminds us, is patient and kind -not jealous or pompous. The message in our first reading is also about standing firm in our faith, even when we face opposition.

Jesus did suck it up and moved on and look at the impact he has left on the world, imagine what you could do, knowing that he has got your back.



Clint Ramoo - Finance Chair

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 2:4-9,15-17; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26



## 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).



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



'With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear, without giving in to disappointment when one catches nothing, and without giving up and saying "there is nothing more that can be done". Always, in personal life as well as in the life of the Church and society, there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over — the Lord always invites us to get back on our feet because he opens up new possibilities'.

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 6 Feb 2022

# 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.

**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 this Thursday**

### 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: [laurensadsadie@gmail.com](mailto:laurensadsadie@gmail.com)



### Prayer Group

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Connolly Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome. For prayer requests and enquiries, please email [mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com)

**Next meeting: Monday 17 February**



**Reconciliation:** Now that we have access to our reconciliation rooms in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, we are making available regular opportunities to receive this wonderful Sacrament of healing. Previously referred to as Confession, or the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of Reconciliation applies the emphasis on "reunion", a strengthening or healing of our relationship with God. Being reconciled brings a sense of joy and peace.

**Reconciliation will be available Wednesday & Friday from 11.50am until 12.00 midday and Saturday after the 8.30am Mass and by appointment.**



Reconciliation

### "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](mailto:ryangomez@xtra.co.nz) or Ph. 021 543 449



### Lent is approaching

As we rapidly approach Ash Wednesday we are now collecting the blessed palms from last year so they can be burnt to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please leave your old palms in the basket in the foyer.

### Farewell to Debbie

At the 10am Mass on Sunday 2 March we will be giving thanks to God for the ministry of Debbie Matheson as Lay Pastoral Leader in the Cathedral Parish.

This will be followed by a morning tea where further thanks can be given to Debbie for her pastoral presence. Debbie joined the parish at the beginning of 2018 and leaves us on 7 March. She has been a rock through the years of closure, helping to guide the parish life and strengthening of the Cathedral. Please note the date and time in your diary.



**Jubilee of Married Couples and St Valentine's Day Mass.** Married and engaged couples are warmly invited to this special celebration of marriage. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin at the Sacred Heart Cathedral this Friday 14th February at 6pm, with refreshments to follow. Come and join us for Mass with plenty of time for a dinner reservation afterwards.



### 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](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) by Friday 14 February 2025



# Cathedral Fundraising

These items are for sale from the Cathedral foyer.

## Cathedral Logo Mugs and Ceiling Wrapping Paper

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.



## Bake Sale

Our next bake sale will be next weekend **15/16 February**. All donations of baked goods for sale will be greatly appreciated.



## Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders Ordination to the Priesthood

Deacon Matthew White

Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
Wellington

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
11:00 a.m.



## Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral Music

Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral Music will be holding a meeting in Connelly Hall on

**Sunday**

**16 February 2pm** to restart the group afresh now that the Cathedral has reopened. Over the years the Friends have raised funds to support the provision of music for our parish liturgies.

All are welcome to attend.

For further information contact Judith Shroff (021 203 1144) or Roger Swanson (027 444 3961)

## The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Love is a Decision - online registration is open for the first course for the year, consecutive **Sundays 2 & 9 March 2025**, Wellington. Couples are encouraged to attend the course well before their wedding date and register early to ensure there is space on the course. For queries, please email [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## Cathedral Visitors

On Monday January 27th, the cathedral had a visit from "Village Harmony". This is a choir from Marshfield, Vermont in the United States and has been touring NZ.

They sang a beautiful Bulgarian Orthodox Hymn for us. [Click to Download](#)



## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy



**Incense - A Taste of Heaven?** with Beate Matthies  
Monday, 24 February 2025, 7-8pm (Zoom).  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/14/incense-a-taste-of-heaven/>

## YouTube Recordings:

Muffin Talks 2025 - Snippets of Interviews:  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/18/muffin-talk-2024/>  
**New:** Short articles on diverse events: [News & Opinions](#)  
Regular Zoom session: 1st Sunday/month, 5-6pm: [Bible Conversation](#)

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



## Many Thanks!

Thank you to the person who donated the dirty/clean magnetic sign for the foyer dishwasher. We would love to thank you in person if you wish to make yourself known to the parish office.

**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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## 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)  
**8.00am & 12.10pm Tuesday to Friday**

### Saturday 8.30am

(Anointing Mass every 2nd Saturday of the Month)

### Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm

### Sunday 10am & 7pm

## RECONCILIATION:

**Wednesday & Friday:** From 11.50am until 12.00 midday.

**Saturday:** After 8.30am Mass and by appointment.

## BAPTISM:

by appointment. Please contact the Parish office.



Sacred Heart Cathedral School

The latest edition of our parish school

newsletter is available at: <https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=293>



Ruth Doherty  
Ira Hayes  
Jayden Lai  
John Owen  
Alan Scicluna

*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

### February Anniversaries:

Feb 22 Stanley George  
Feb 27 George Hunt



*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

### Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

Answers to picture puzzle: top 2,4; middle 5,1; bottom 6, 3

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

### The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 9th, 2025



Luke 5:1-11

*Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?*