



# The Cathedral Connection

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## Paradox

In this week's Gospel, our Lord presents a paradoxical view on being blessed; one that contradicts the worldly view of what it is to be blessed. The Beatitudes are a statement of our Lord Jesus' intent to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, where true happiness and joy are found, where there is true peace and freedom for all who dare to follow him. The Beatitudes confront us with our responsibility to be a part of God's Kingdom. We are called to witness to the Kingdom of God in the world (Acts 1:8). We are called to respond to what we see in the world; to advocate for the dignity of all, to work towards the common good, and to stand against injustices.

If we are to be part of God's kingdom, we need to have God in the centre of our lives. We need to change our value system from that of the secular world around us. God's priorities differ from that of our own. That is why it is challenging to hear that the ones who are blessed are those that society shuns and, even at times, spits on – the poor, the hungry, those who are mourning, and the persecuted.

When our Lord declared woe to the rich, the full, happy, and contented, He is warning us against relying solely on worldly treasures. Such material wealth can lull us into spiritual complacency that can blind us to the enduring treasures of God's kingdom.

Are we happy with the treasures of this world? Do we, instead, seek the love, grace, and eternal life that God offers to all who seek Him? If we are to be part of God's Kingdom, we must have a conversion of heart and mind, to move away from a secular world view. For this, we need the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we may empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. To be poor in spirit, so that we may have ample room in our hearts to be filled with God's happiness. To be hungry in spirit, so that we may seek nourishment in God's word. And to seek joy and freedom as we turn away from sin and oppression through God's love and protection.



Blessed Sunday to all. Randy Reyes

## Readings for the Week

- 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
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Genesis 4:1-15,25; Mark 8:11-13
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Genesis 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Mark 8:14-21
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Genesis 8:6-13,20-22; Mark 8:22-26
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38



## 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).



'Jesus' disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life. They are content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God. ... This poverty is also ... an awareness of having to learn every day. Because they have this attitude, Jesus' disciples are humble, open people, far from prejudice and inflexibility.'

Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 13 Feb 2022



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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.

**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.

## 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**



## Ash Wednesday 5 March

There will be a special Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service with the Anglican Cathedral and Lutheran communities at 6pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral where ashes will be distributed. The music will be lead by the Choir of St Paul's Anglican Cathedral. Ashes will also be distributed during the regular 8.00am and 12.10pm Cathedral Masses that day.

**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

## 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.



## 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

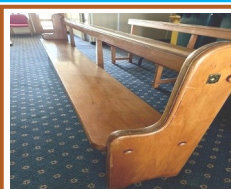
for sale \$7.50 each.

### Bake Sale

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



**Plaques for Pews:** For those who generously donated for pews in the Cathedral, this message is to inform you that this is delayed due to a sudden sickness. Please keep John in your prayers.



**"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

# 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.



## CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at

<https://cathnewsnz.com>

## Joshua Fellowship Wellington

Last reminder about the Joshua **MASS** followed by light supper on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Everybody welcome!

**Celebrant:** Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain

**Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



## One In Our Midst, now available

Fresh of the press, Fr. James B. Lyons' new book which honours Mary in the 21st Century. Now available - <https://compassion.org.nz/product/one-in-our-midst/>.



## GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL

The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, **February 17**. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>



## Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and Communities, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June

Work has begun to celebrate this aspect of the Jubilee Year. If you or your organisation would like to be part of this day and help with logistics (Liturgy, 'Various artistic expressions, Hospitality, Program Format and Content), there will be a zoom meeting on **18 February** at 7.30pm.

For details, please contact Bern McCabe, from the Focolare Movement on 021 1655463.

## 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)



**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/>

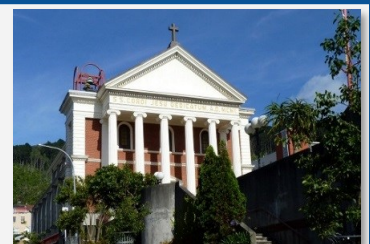
### YouTube Recordings:

Muffin Talks with Kevin Mc Bride - History of Waitangi Day:  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/31/waitangi-day-muffin-talk-with-kevin-mcbride/>

**New:** Short articles on diverse events: [News & Opinions](#)  
For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**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>



**Donations for Support of the Cathedral Parish** can be made to this bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-000**

**Particulars:** Your surname and initials . **Code:** Your phone number. **Reference:** PARISH  
Credit Card Donations for the support of the Parish can be made here: <https://mcshwellington.org/parishioner-and-visitor-support-of-parish/>

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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/>

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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.

 The latest edition of our parish school newsletter is available at:  
<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=294>



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:

Adriana Giorgi (loved cousin of Rita Phelon) RIP 9 Feb



### 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

### Hidden Blessings

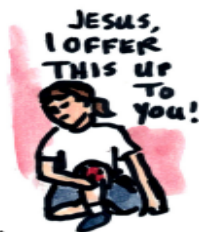


In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:  
Across: 3 who 5 trusts 8 cursed 10 year 11 hat 13 barren  
Down: 1 green 2 is 4 his 6 stream 7 human 9 distress  
14 hat 17 berries 19 rock 21 hat  
11 tree 12 he 14 beside 15 Lord 16 from 17 bush 18 in  
20 at

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

## The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 16th, 2025

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?

