



# The Cathedral Connection

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## Listen to Him

The American Jesuit Daniel Berrigan once wrote *Ten Commandments for the Long Haul*. He was meditating on hope and perseverance in difficult times. His first commandment was 'Call on Jesus when all else fails. Call on him when all else succeeds too, except that never happens'.

This Sunday's gospel is Luke's account of the Transfiguration, where Peter, James and John see a preview of Christ's glory. Usually, that is the emphasis which is put on the story, especially in its Feast on August 6. And St Paul reflects in those terms in today's second reading.

I want to reflect on a bit near the end of the story: 'This is my son. Listen to him'.

Listen to him, when he tells you to share what you have with others and warns about the dangers of excessive wealth.

Listen to him when he tells you to not make a big deal of your good works or your religious observances. Listen to him when he reminds you of the splendour of the flowers in the field, and that all good things come from your loving Creator.

Listen to him when he tells you to let things go (always a hard one for your correspondent). Listen to him when he tells you that leadership means service, not pushing your own ego or power. Listen to him, most of all, when he says that those who seek what is right and those who make peace are blessed.

No one can be unaware of the vicious wars raging in various parts of the world, nor of often bitter disagreements, sometimes descending to the language of hatred, in many contexts, nor of the numbers of refugees, nor of the millions of people suffering economic hardship. We pray for peace; we all wish for a world where all may flourish. Over sixty years ago, Pope John began to address papal teaching to 'all people of good will', not just to Catholics. 'This is my son. Listen to him' and remember that you are all part of the same human family.



Jim McAloon

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday in Lent -

Genesis 15:5-12,17-1; Philippians 3:20a-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick** – Jeremiah 1:4-9; Luke 10:1-12,17-20

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – St Joseph**

2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16; Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9



## 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).



This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves whether we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2025.



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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.

### 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)



**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.

### 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 March**



**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

### Caritas Lenten Scripture Study

For Lent this year Caritas Aotearoa - our Catholic aid and development agency — have prepared a series of Lenten Scripture Studies. These will consist of shared reflection on the previous Sunday's gospel. The sessions will be held on Mondays in the Cathedral Foyer from 10.30am from 10 March until 7 April. All are welcome. More material can be found here: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources>



### Divine Mercy Advance Notice

The Divine Mercy Feast will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday, 27 April at 2.00pm. This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary, or silver jubilee, of the canonisation of Saint Faustina Kowalska and the proclamation of Divine Mercy Sunday both issued by Pope Saint John Paul II on April 30, 2000. Please put this in your diaries now!



## 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.

### Easter Raffle

**1 ticket for \$2, 3 for \$5**  
Tickets available for purchase after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses.



**"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 some of 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

## Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025



Together, let's put compassion into action.

Make a secure online donation, or use the envelopes available at mass.

 Caritas  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Caritas.org.nz  
0800 22 10 22

Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 are available in the foyer. Every donation given will support Caritas' life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world and create change not just for today but for the future.

This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit if possible, to reduce costs and make processing donations faster. To learn more or donate visit [caritas.org.nz](https://caritas.org.nz)

Thank you for your generous support.

## Forum on Housing—

This workshop is sponsored by the archdiocesan Ecology Justice and Peace Commission.



Adequate housing, a place to call home, is fundamental to living a life of dignity. The Forum on Housing will build on last year's foundations with a workshop to identify actions to build awareness, foster collaboration, address system level issues, and provide practical community support. This workshop is for everyone concerned about housing issues. Community Housing Aotearoa will facilitate the day.

Time and place: 10am-3pm Saturday 29 March, St Bernadette's Church Hall, Naenae.

For more information, please contact Deirdre Meskill, [d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz); phone: 04 385 8642. A contribution of finger food to share for lunch is appreciated.



**Joshua Men's Fellowship** meets Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March in Connolly Hall. Cuppa 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start followed by supper. Speaker: Fr Alfred Tong on "The need for generosity"

Information: David Monastra 0274477280  
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## Jubilee 2025

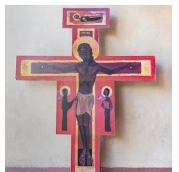
Come and spend some time with the Lord. As part of the 2025 Jubilee, **24 Hours for the Lord** will be held at the Cathedral from at 5.30pm on Friday 28 March starting with a Liturgy lead by Archbishop Paul and continue through the night. The Cathedral Parish will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 7pm and the 24 hours will end with the 5.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 29 March. Everyone is welcome at any stage during this time. Please come and support the parish.

**Pilgrimage** is an integral part of the Jubilee Year. Pope Francis calls pilgrimage "one of the People of God's most eloquent expressions of faith". The archdiocesan office has prepared a resource for pilgrimages to sites of significance in our region, and this can be viewed at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/>



**Food Festival** — St Brigid's School, Johnsonville, is having their annual Food Festival on March 28 between 5.00 and 7.00pm. All are welcome to support the school and celebrate the vibrant cultures within the school community. Address — 9-11 Phillip St, Johnsonville. Cash only.

The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Sunil Nagothu SVD will be leading a midday Lent retreat at **St. Martin De Porres Church, 6 Park Avenue, in Avalon on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2.00 PM.** We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**FOOD FOR FAITH** for Lent. Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sign up to receive daily emails at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.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://mcswhellington.org/parishioner-and-visitor-support-of-parish/>



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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/rolment/>

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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=298>



Ruth Doherty

Ira Hayes

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

Stan Pillar (Father-in-law of Jane Kelly) RIP 24 Feb

### March Anniversaries:

Mar 8 Casey Foo

Mar 8 Marie Byrne

Mar 18 John Murray

Mar 19 Patrick Williams

Mar 22 Pat Schleicher

Mar 31 Sr Susanna Kraus RSM

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

### Looking at Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain where they saw Him shining like the sun and talking with Moses and Elijah. They were talking about how Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem and be killed. The apostles were amazed and confused.

Jesus let the apostles see Him in glory to help them to understand why He had to suffer and die. We won't see Jesus in His glory until we see Him in Heaven, but it is good for us to think about the things that He and Moses and Elijah were talking about.

Look at a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross every day. Think about how much He loves you, and think about how you act toward Him. What can you do to love Him better? Lent is a good time to try to find ways to love Jesus more.



Answer to St. Joseph Puzzle:  
LE 2 F 3 D 4 C 5 B 6 A

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

### The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 16th, 2025

Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.

Luke 9:28-36



Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!