



The Cathedral Connection

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People of Faith

As we reach the sixth and final Sunday of Lent our own Lenten journey closely follows that of Jesus as he prepares us for the great liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Palm Sunday is a dress rehearsal taking us from the exaltation and excitement of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the donkey, to the upper room and the marking of the Passover with his friends, then on to Gethsemane and the long trek to Calvary.

We can recognise the enthusiasm and joy of the crowds that line Jesus's journey into Jerusalem. People wave palms and shout their encouragement and excitement as they see their prophet. They show hope for a future that they fervently wish to be very different from their past. How quickly this excitement and hope disappear as a few days later the people change their cries of 'Hosanna' to 'Crucify him'.

Where would we have stood as the procession entered Jerusalem? Would we have been crying 'Hosanna' following this man on a humble donkey? Jesus was someone who looked nothing like the Jews expectation of a king and leader. Shouldn't he have been on a great horse, not a donkey. Did he look like someone who could save them from persecution? Would we have seen him as a prophet and king or as someone on the peripheries of society to be ignored and treated as a joke?

Where will we be by the end of the week, with Jesus arrested and the authorities taking control of his crucifixion. Will we have the courage to stand up for Jesus in the face of Pontius Pilate? Or are we like Peter, too scared to declare our faith and instead deny him when confronted.

Do not despair for our God is one of mercy. The glory of the Resurrection is that through the death of Jesus our weaknesses and frailties, our propensity to be fair weather supporters of Jesus is washed away and we have the opportunity to grow to be stronger people of faith.

May this Easter bring each one of us to a deeper faith in the Risen Christ.

God Bless, Jane Kelly



Readings for the Week

Sunday 13th – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Monday 14th - Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11;

Tuesday 15th - Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38;

Wednesday 16th - Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25;

Thursday 17th - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15;

Friday 18th - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42;

Saturday 19th - Holy Saturday

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17,18-28; Luke 24:1-12;

Sunday 20th – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9;



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).



**METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART**

TE AHUREWA O TE NGĀKAU TAPU



'How often we think back and lick the wounds that other people, life itself and history have inflicted on us. Today, Jesus teaches us not to remain there, but to react, to break the vicious circle of evil and sorrow. To react to the nails in our lives with love, to the buffets of hatred with the embrace of forgiveness.'

Pope Francis, [Homily, CELEBRATION OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD](#)

Triduum Timetable

Holy Wednesday - 16 April	Mass 8.00am & 12.10pm Chrism Mass 7.30pm
Holy Thursday - 17 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm
Good Friday - 18 April	Stations of the Cross 10.00am Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm
Holy Saturday - 19 April	Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection 8.00pm (<i>No 8.30am or 5.30pm Masses</i>)
Easter Sunday - 20 April	Mass 10.00am & 7.00pm
Easter Monday - 21 April	Mass 8.30am

Tomorrow Saturday 12 April - Parish Family 'Autumn Clean'! - We will gather to do a general cleaning and tidying up of the Cathedral in preparation for the Holy Week. If you can spare some time, we'd love you to join us for a few hours from 9:30am to 12noon! Morning Tea provided.

WE WILL BE DOING THE FOLLOWING:

Cleaning pathways, Clearing cobwebs, Cleaning windows of Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Vacuuming, Weeding, Dusting.

Things to bring: Gloves, Window cleaning supplies, Vacuum cleaners, Dusting mitts/cleaning cloths, Loppers, sheers and secateurs, Leaf blowers.



The Divine Mercy Feast will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street on Sunday, 27 April at 2pm. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. All are welcome. You can bring Holy objects to be blessed. Refreshment and Fellowship follows, please bring a plate.



Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 are available in the Cathedral foyer. Every donation given will support Caritas' life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world. 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. Thank you for your generous support.

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 6.00pm-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 *is taking a break.*

The Tuesday evening Scripture Study Group will be taking a break and will resume on Tuesday 22 April, the Tuesday after Easter.

Enquires to: laurensadsadie@gmail.com



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available on Thursdays in the Cathedral from 7.00am until 7.00pm and Fridays 7.15am to 8.00am 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

To accommodate Holy Week and Easter the next meeting will be 5 May



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 is available Wednesday & Friday from 11.50am until 12.00 midday and Saturday after the 8.30am Mass and by appointment.



Reconciliation



Holy Places Special Collection - Your support for this cause on Good Friday is greatly appreciated.

For those of you with 'giving envelopes' there is a brown coloured envelope in your envelope pack you can use with the details of the Special Collection on it. Please ensure you put your giving number on the envelope. If you give by cash in the plate, please place your cash in an envelope and write '**Holy Places**' on the outside.

If you give by automatic payment to the parish planned giving programme, you can still give electronically by using the same bank account number you currently use (see account details at the bottom of this page), **but you do need to change the transaction details for this one-off transaction to show the following:**

Particulars = Your Initial and Surname

Code = Your Planned Giving Number (please contact the parish office if you are unsure of your number), and

Reference = "Holy Places" (this is to ensure that your donation goes to the specific cause).



Jesus Youth

Hour of Mercy - Eucharistic Adoration

Between 10am and 2pm on the following Fridays: 25 April (ANZAC Day); 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May; 6 June 2025 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This is an initiative of Jesus Youth New Zealand and all are welcome. Please scan the QR Code for more information.



Potted Palms or Ferns - Can you help?

Do you have any potted palms or ferns that the parish could borrow for Holy Week to use around the Altar of Repose? If you can help, please bring the plants with you to the 'Autumn Clean' tomorrow 12 April (see notice Pg.2).

You are Invited!!!

The Fundraising team continues to raise funds to support the final stage of restoration and refurbishment of our Cathedral with a movie fundraiser

"Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning"

Event Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 : Event Address: Lighthouse Cinema, 52 Beach Street, Petone, Lower Hutt : Screening time: 5:00pm : Arrival time from: 4:30pm

Ticket prices are as follows: Adult: \$25/ticket and Student: \$20/ticket

Tickets will be on sale after every Mass starting April 5, 2025. Or purchase your tickets online by scanning the QR code above or by accessing the link: <https://forms.gle/Wm7k5GiyBigHg5x27>



We are seeking sponsors to help make this fundraiser event special.

For more information please contact Joy at Mob. 021 048 1216 or mcsh.fundraising@gmail.com

Bake Sale our next Parish Bake Sale is **3 - 4 May**. Do come ready to buy some delicious baked goods and other things Cash and eftpos are available. Donations of goods to sell are very much appreciated!

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 \$7.50ea



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 or Ph. 021 543 449

2024-25 Tax Receipts

The donation and planned giving tax receipts for the 2024-25 Financial Year are now being prepared. We plan to have them sent out to you in late April/Early May. Many thanks for your continued support of the Cathedral and Parish.

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration Campaign can be made to this bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025** Payee Name: **Cathedral Parish**

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 also Parish Planned Giving can be made to this bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-000** Payee Name: **Cathedral Parish**

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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If you would like your child to attend Sacred Heart Cathedral School please download an enrolment form.

<https://sacred-heart.school.nz/our-school/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 10.00am & 7.00pm


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=303>



Ruth Doherty

Ira Hayes

John Owen

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:

† Sr Patricia Clarke RSM RIP 15 Mar

† Sonny Naidu RIP 19 Mar

(Father of Sandra Ramoo)

† Paul Gini RIP 26 Mar

(Parishioner)

† Purita Rufino RIP 28 Mar

(Parishioner)

† Leo Brett Kelly RIP 1 Apr

(Parishioner, Sacristan, & Guardian)

† Bianca Cassino RIP 7 Apr

(Parishioner)

April Anniversaries:

5 Apr Isidro Pantaleon

6 Apr Bruce Popplewell

8 Apr Simon France

13 Apr David Romanos

24 Apr Rosaline Coyle



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

Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?

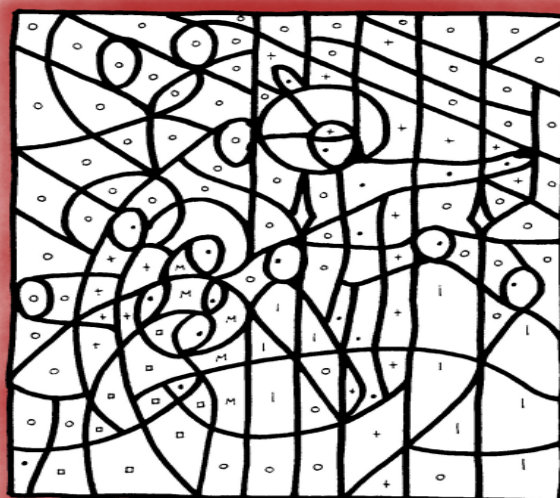


Unscramble the words to find the answer to the question: What did Jesus do for me?
L: tomorrow, P: Passover, F: Friday, W: Word, T: thank, A: after, M: me, B: bread, I: last, S: skin, O: out, W: world, B: Body, A: and, B: Blood.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 13th, 2025



What did Jesus do for me?

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

• skin colour l red M blue
o a dark colour □ green + brown