



The Cathedral Connection

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“The Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!”

In the darkness of the night, a light will shine – Yes, the Light of Christ! We can hold this truth before us always. In the times in which the shadows of life lengthen, and the clouds descend as they do, we can hear the call, “The Light of Christ!” And with our full heart and mind, our very soul, we can respond, “Thanks be to God!”

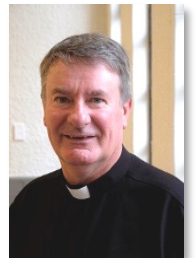
There is no darkness that can withstand the presence of light. Darkness will always be extinguished by light. And Jesus is always with us. In fifty days’ time we will celebrate the reality that he breathed his Spirit upon the disciples, the Church. By doing so, his very presence remains ever in the Church, and in the world; created by God through his Word, Jesus.

How beautiful it is to be celebrating these most holy of days in our Cathedral Church. There will have been moments through the project, from that day in 2018 when the doors had to close (and even before) when things seemed impossible. Yet, you as a parish knew that with God, nothing is impossible. And here we are with light, and love, with energy, with song, in our unity with diversity, we are celebrating in our ‘home of faith’ these most sacred of mysteries.

Immersing ourselves in the days of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem; his triumphant welcome by the crowds, his Supper with his disciples, his betrayal, his trial, his suffering, and his death, do not lead us to despair. For we are aware of how the Scriptures will lead us to be with Peter, running from the tomb, bending down, seeing binding cloths discarded, with nothing else. And with Peter we can go home, amazed at what has happened.

Yes, with the light and love of the Risen Jesus, we can always return home, in our every day, amazed at what happens in our lives!

May the joy of Easter Good News be a blessing to you and to your families. Thank you to all who have been involved in the preparation of the Holy Week and Triduum Celebrations, and may you ever know of your being the Beloved of God!



Prayers, patrick

Readings for the Week

Sunday 20th – Easter Sunday

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

Monday 21st - Easter Monday

Acts 2:14,22-33; Matthew 28:8-15;

Tuesday 22nd - Easter Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18;

Wednesday 23rd - Easter Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35;

Thursday 24th - Easter Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48;

Friday 25th - Easter Friday

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14;

Saturday 26th - Easter Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15;

Sunday 27th – Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19; John 20:19-31;



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 think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, “I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it”. Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: “Christ is Risen”.’ ~ Pope Francis



**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 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



This Monday 21 April is a Public Holiday however there will be a Mass at 8.30am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

There will not be Rosary or a Liturgy of the Word that day.

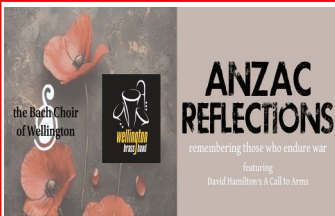


The Divine Mercy Feast will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street on Sunday, 27 April at 2pm. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. All are welcome. You can bring Holy objects to be blessed. Refreshment and Fellowship follows, please bring a plate.

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.



ANZAC Reflections – Bach Choir with Wellington Brass Band @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

Apr 26 @ 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Join us for a contemplative afternoon of 'ANZAC Reflections' at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill Street. The concert will feature the Bach Choir of Wellington and the Wellington Brass Band, honouring the ANZAC spirit through music and poetry. We invite you to join us for an afternoon of reflection and remembrance. Tickets available here:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/bach-choir-wellington-brass-band-present-anzac-reflections/wellington/tickets>



food for faith

This Easter Octave week Fr. John O'Connor will offer daily encouragements using the Easter Gospel readings for each day

Try this as an Easter Retreat in Daily Life at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

An opportunity to experience the heart of Christian faith in a few minutes each day



All are welcome to a special **ANZAC Day Mass** will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin SM, at St Mary of the Angels Church at 9.00am on Friday 25 April. Let us remember all who have died as a consequence of war. There will be morning tea after the Mass. Please bring some food to share if you can.

Please note that as ANZAC Day is a public holiday, there will be no Masses or Liturgies in the Cathedral on that day and the Parish Office will be closed.

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

Good Friday Holy Places Special Collection

Archbishop Paul has received a letter from Cardinal Gugerotti who is the Prefect of the Dicastery for Oriental Churches. His letter relates to the situation in the Holy Land and the plight of Christians there and the challenges for the holy places. As you can imagine things are very tough at this time and his letter is encouraging us to support this collection as we can.

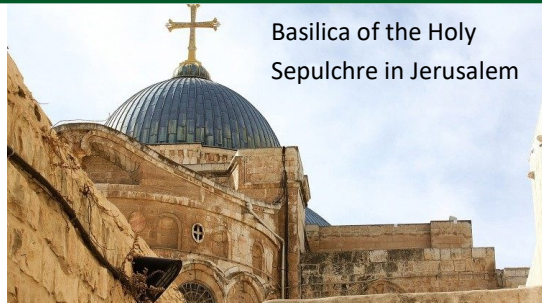
For those of you with 'giving envelopes' there is a brown coloured envelope in your envelope pack you can use with the details of the Special Collection on it. Please ensure you put your giving number on the envelope. If you give by cash in the plate, please place your cash in an envelope and write '**Holy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



Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem



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.



Jesus Youth

You are Invited!!!

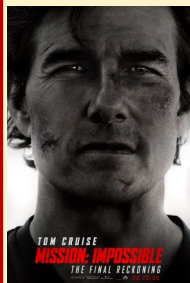
The Fundraising team continues to raise funds to support the final stage of restoration and refurbishment of our Cathedral with a movie fundraiser

"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 mcsf.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 Winners

Congratulations

1. James Copeland
2. Barbielyn Dela Cruz

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets and those who worked so hard to organise the raffle.

And big thanks to **Sacred Heart School** for the generous contributions towards the prizes.

"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://mcsfwellington.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.

 Sacred Heart Cathedral School The latest edition of our parish school newsletter is available at:

<https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=304>



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:

Leo Brett Kelly RIP 1 Apr

Bianca Cassino RIP 7 Apr

Lady Joan Gillies RIP 16 Apr



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

Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia!

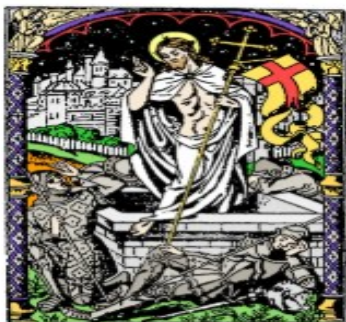


Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But He didn't just die- He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

Jesus had come back to life!



The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
April 20th, 2025



What are we celebrating on Easter?
Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks!

Alleluia!