



# The Cathedral Connection

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## CHRIST IS RISEN

It seems appropriate to give the front page, this week, to our beloved Pope Francis. The following are extracts from his homily for Easter Sunday 2025, read for him by Cardinal Angelo Comastri. You can read the whole at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2025/4/20/pasqua.html>

Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world, or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb.

We must look for him without ceasing. Because if he has risen from the dead, then he is present everywhere, he dwells among us, he hides himself and reveals himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us.

Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever.

The Jubilee invites us to renew the gift of hope within us, to surrender our sufferings and our concerns to hope, to share it with those whom we meet along our journey and to entrust to hope the future of our lives and the destiny of the human family. And so we cannot settle for the fleeting things of this world or give in to sadness; we must run, filled with joy. Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends.

Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again.

† Francis, Bishop of Rome.



Jim McAloon

## 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

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Sunday

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

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr - Feast

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Mark 1:14-20;

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15;

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21;

### Thursday May 01<sup>st</sup> - Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36;

### Friday May 02<sup>nd</sup> - Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15;

### Saturday May 03<sup>rd</sup> - Saints Philip and James, Apostles - Feast

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14;

### Sunday May 04<sup>th</sup> – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19;





**The Divine Mercy Feast** will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street this 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.



**JUBILEE for WORKERS**

Mass for St Joseph the Worker- St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria at 9.30am on Sunday 4th May. Come and join in this Jubilee Year Mass and reflect on the importance and value of work and the needs of all workers. Catholic teaching encourages us to take actions that support and respect the dignity human person, the common good and the importance of work. There will be a 15-minute conversation after Mass for those who would like to consider possible actions.



**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](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

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



**Holy Hour for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life**

**Tuesday 29th April, 7:30 - 8:30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon**

**all are welcome**

**A very special invitation**

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance ; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest Human Achievement. – St. Augustine of Hippo.

The life in the Spirit Seminar invites us to gather and prepare for a very personal “Pentecost” and experience a new release and revitalization of the Spirit’s presence. Join with us every Wednesday evening from the 13<sup>th</sup> of May to 24 June 2025 and able to experience the abundant life that Jesus offers in the Gospel.

Please register by 7 May 2025 at [mcsch.prayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mcsch.prayergroup@gmail.com)



**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://mcschwellington.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**

Held in person every Tuesday at 6pm for 40minutes. This is an opportunity to come together to pray with and discuss the scripture for the coming Sunday. Meeting 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 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 [mcsch.prayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mcsch.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

## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Bible Stories - What do they mean? with Beate Matthies

Sunday, 04 May 2025, 5-6pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-13/>

## Luther's Wedding with Dr Nicholas Thompson

Monday, 28 July 2025, 7-8.30pm

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/luthers-wedding/>

## YouTube Recording - Muffin Talk:

Ecumenical Good Friday Walk - with Charles Grinter:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/04/11/ecumenical-walk-muffin-talk-with-charles-grinter/>

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



## A reminder – Cake Coffee and Chat

Our monthly cake, coffee and chat gathering is this week.

When: next Friday – May 02, 2025

Time: 10.30 a.m -12:00 noon

Where: Cathedral Foyer

All Parishioners are welcome to gather in a relaxed environment.

Do please come and say 'hello'!



## Any enquires:

Monica Franklin 021 464 783

Maureen Sweeney 021 050 614



## Hour of Mercy - Eucharistic Adoration

Between 10am and 2pm on the following Fridays: 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!!!

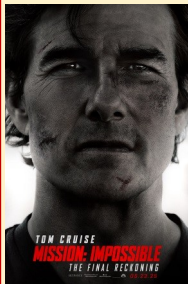
The Fundraising team continues to raise funds to support the final stage of restoration and refurbishment of our Cathedral with a movie fundraiser

### "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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

**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 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=305>



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

### Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

*Jesus, I Trust in You!*

1 true 2 false 3 false 4 true 5 true 6 false 7 true  
Answers to True or False:

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

## The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27th, 2025



John 20: 19-31

What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other?

Look in the mirror to find out!