



# The Cathedral Connection

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## “Come, have breakfast!” “Happy Birthday!”

We are in the midst of the joys and sorrows of the human living. Indeed, with our perspective as disciples of Jesus we are gifted with a specific insight into both joy and sorrow.

As the Easter Alleluia's were resounding throughout the world, having seen our beloved Shepherd of Rome, Francis, appear in his fragility and go out and greet us all in the Piazza, we then heard of his return to the Father's house.

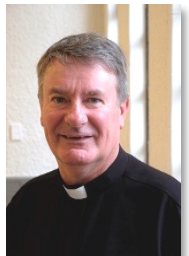
Did you feel sadness at his death, yet also the deep joy of knowing that his loving ministry was now complete, and that he would be with Jesus, whom he loved throughout his life?

In the scriptures today we see the early church coming to terms with what it means to follow Jesus after his death and Resurrection. We see disciples returning to what they knew so well, fishing. Now, they come to recognise that there is no 'going back'. Life for them has changed, not ended. They see in the very 'normal' aspects of life that Jesus is there, calling them to follow him still. They recognise that when they listen to his voice, the extraordinary catch of life is possible. They recognise that Jesus is calling to them, 'bring what you have', and he takes this, and blesses and shares. Having been nourished by his presence; his Word and Sacrament, as it were, the disciples proclaim their love, and in turn they receive a mission to feed others as they have been nourished.

In the ordinary moments of life, when we are attentive, we can feel Jesus' presence as we take time to listen, and to recognise. Yes, even those moments which are both extraordinary yet ordinary, such as birth and death.

Tomorrow, Archbishop Paul Martin, will come to breakfast a year older than he is today. We pray in thanks that Jesus has called him to be with us here in the Archdiocese, and we pray he knows he is loved by us and by the Lord.

As we come to the end of the nine days of mourning for Pope Francis, we turn our hearts and minds to pray for the election of a new bishop for Rome. May we support those entrusted with voting by our prayers. May the Cardinals listen to the Spirit calling to them. As they sit down together at breakfast, pranzo, and dinner, may they recognise Jesus, and recognise the one to whom Jesus is asking, as he did the first Peter, "Do you love me..."



With prayers, patrick

## Readings for the Week

### Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52; Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30



## 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).



'Today the Risen Christ invites us to a new impetus — everyone, each one of us — he invites us to dive into the good without fear of losing something, without calculating too much, without waiting for others to begin. Why? Do not wait for others, because in order to go towards Jesus, we need to *go out on a limb*. Am I capable of an outburst of generosity, or do I restrain the impulses of my heart and close myself off in routine, or in fear?'

Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 1 May 2022



**METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL  
OF THE SACRED HEART**  
TE AHUREWA O TE NGĀKAU TAPU



### PRAYING FOR THE CONCLAVE:

New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/litany-of-the-saints-for-conclave-2025/>

### NZ Livestream Solemn Requiems:

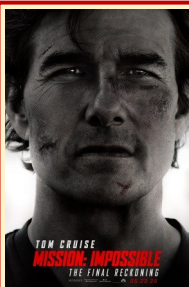
Pope Francis | From Palmerston North | Sunday, 4 May 6.00pm. [https://youtube.com/live/DI-RNOA\\_hQQ?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/DI-RNOA_hQQ?feature=share)  
 Bishop Owen Dolan | From Palmerston North | Tuesday, 6 May 1.00pm. <https://youtube.com/live/oGzofe9v7NM?feature=share>



Jesus Youth

### Hour of Mercy - Eucharistic Adoration

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



### 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 would like to thank our anonymous donors and sponsors: Brenda Cacho-Bevin, Ferns Travel, Lazy Juan. If you are keen to help make this fundraiser event special, please contact Joy at Mob 021 048 1216 or [mcsh.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.fundraising@gmail.com)

**Monday 5 May** - There will be a Requiem Mass for Patrick (Paddy) McElroy at 12 noon so there will not be the usual Rosary or Liturgy of the Word on that day. All are welcome to attend the Requiem Mass.

## 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 or other special events) 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 [mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com)

**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



## 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 revitalisation of the Spirit's presence. 'Join with us every Tuesday evening, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, from the 13th 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 [mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com)

ST MARY'S COLLEGE  
WELLINGTON



OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 20 MAY 9AM - 11AM



To register for Open Day  
visit our website: [www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz)  
OR phone 04 473 5554

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS 2026

The enrolment deadline for 2026 is Friday 20 June, 2025.  
To enrol, visit the enrolment page on our school website.



### The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Love is a Decision – register for the next available course to be held on consecutive **Sundays 8 & 15 June 10am-4pm**, St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie.

Spaces filling fast - please get in touch or register online through the website: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/>

Contact email [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### 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:

St Peter Chanel - with the late Bp Stuart O'Connell sm

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/04/24/st-peter-chanel/>

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



The Fourth Sunday of Easter (**Good Shepherd Sunday, 11th May 2025**) is the annual Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this Year of Jubilee, it is a special opportunity to pray for vocations and encourage young people to be open to the Lord's call.

In his message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis wrote: "A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service." Please pray for our seminarians **Kinh, Emilio, Gerson, Dyester** and **Kham**, and for all those discerning the call to priesthood and religious life.

Pray too that more young people will generously say yes to God's call. **Vocations are fostered within faith communities. So who can you encourage? Pray** for them | **Invite** them to consider priesthood or religious life | **Affirm** their gifts and qualities | **Encourage** them to be open to God's call.

**"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 will have them sent out to you this month. 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**

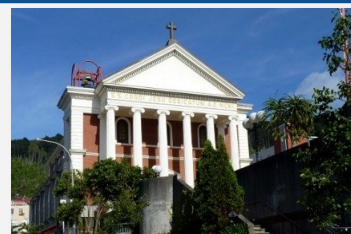
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Credit Card Donations can be made here: <https://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz/donation-form>

**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=305>



Ruth Doherty

Ira Hayes

John Owen

Concepcion Villanueva



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

Patrick (Paddy) McElroy RIP 28 April

### May Anniversaries:

6 May Josefina Pantaleon

22 May Eileen Romanos

23 May Paul Guerin

23 May Robert (Bob) Thomson

26 May Natale Carmana

26 May Eduardo Pangilinan

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

### Do You Love Me?



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter was a bit offended that Jesus asked him the same thing three times. After all, Jesus knew everything- so He knew that Peter loved Him.

But think back to a few weeks ago: on Holy Thursday night some people asked Peter if he even knew Jesus, and he said "No!" three times! Maybe Jesus was trying to show Peter that it's easy to say "I love you," but it's harder to really love Him.



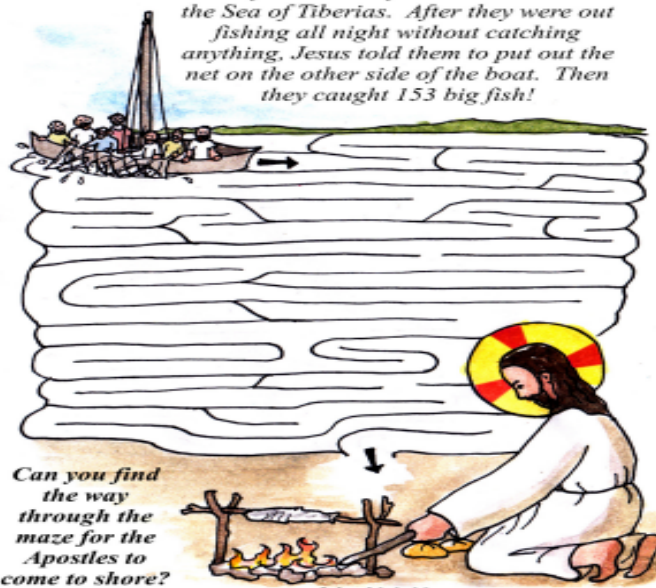
If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?" what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are you ready to show your love for Jesus?



### The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter  
May 4th, 2025

The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!



Can you find the way through the maze for the Apostles to come to shore?

John 21:1-19

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