



The Cathedral Connection

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Held in His Hand

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says:

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from my hand." (John 10:27–28)

There's something quietly profound in these words. Jesus speaks not of crowds or categories, but of relationship. We are not just part of a flock. We are known, known by name, by story, by struggle. And because we are known, we are loved. Held in his hand, nothing can tear us away.

That reassurance is deeply comforting and deeply personal. Jesus adds, *"They follow me."* Being a disciple isn't just about belonging; it's about choosing. Choosing to listen, to trust, to follow even when the path is uncertain.

In the first reading from Acts, Paul and Barnabas show us what this looks like. Rejected by some, they don't retaliate or retreat. Instead, they remind themselves of their mission:

"I have made you a light to the nations, so that my salvation may reach the remotest parts of the earth".

That same call extends to us. Being light doesn't mean having all the answers. It means showing kindness where there is bitterness, speaking truth where there is silence, and carrying hope where there is despair.

Revelation offers a glimpse of where this leads: a great crowd, from every nation, standing in joy before the Lamb. No more hunger, no more tears. Just peace. And the Lamb himself is Jesus their Shepherd.

That's the promise. But it begins now. It begins in the way we listen for his voice, and in the courage we find to follow it.

So this week, let's take a moment to pause, to listen, to be still. Let's remember:

We are known by God, called to be light, and held in love.

And let us pray for ears to hear his voice wherever it may lead.

Ajith Nissangaratchie - Parish Pastoral Council Chair



Habemus papam!

We give thanks to God that the Cardinal Electors have listened deeply to the Spirit and have brought to the church and the world a new Shepherd, with the same heart as Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

As fellow disciples of Jesus we support him with our prayers as he begins his new ministry as the Bishop of Rome. He is the second Pope coming from the America's, the first to be a citizen of Peru and the USA, and the first to be an Augustinian friar. His emotion was clearly visible, his initial words so heartening. May God's blessing pour down upon Pope Leo XIV in abundance.

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).

Readings for the Week

Sunday 11th – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 12th Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

Tuesday 13th Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wednesday 14th Acts 1:15-17,20-26; John 15:9-17

Thursday 15th Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Friday 16th Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Saturday 17th Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Sunday 18th – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; John 13:31-33,34-35



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

A Blessed Mothers' Day!

Jesus came to life in Mary's womb. The one we know as truly human and truly divine grew like you and me, in his mother's womb.

Theotokos, Mother of God, is a title therefore given to Mary. And all mothers participate in the divine gift of bringing forth life into the world. Giving of their very selves so that we might have life!

Today we give thanks for our Mums, those here with us, those away from us, those we have not known, and those who now enjoy the eternal banquet in God's presence.

Dear Mums, thank you for being you. Thank you for giving us life. Life that may have seen the light of heaven, rather than the light of day, or life that may have been long, 'three score years and ten'. We may have known you every day of our life, or we may not have had that privilege. We give thanks to God for you, today and always. Thank you, Mum.



Jesus Youth

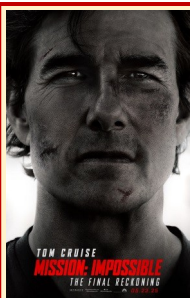
Hour of Mercy - Eucharistic Adoration

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



Bake Sale Sweet Profits Thank you for supporting the recent bake sale! We are grateful for your unwavering generosity. We collected approximately \$1,975.

Parish Office Closed The Parish Office will be closed next Tuesday 13 May for an Archdiocesan Parish Secretaries/Administrators meeting. The office will reopen as usual at 10.00am on Thursday 15 May.



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

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



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



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

New Vacancy at Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa - Lower Hutt

Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain (Part Time 0.6FTE)

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa - Hutt Hospital, Health New Zealand -Te Whatu Ora, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley. Anyone who is interested should have enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology. Please only apply via the Seek website.

To be considered, please submit the following:

- CV
- Cover letter
- Application form

All applications must be in by 4pm, Wednesday 21st May 2025 <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/83926805?ref=cm-ui>



Privacy Week 2025

12-16 May

privacy.org.nz

Privacy
on
Purpose



The **Office of the Privacy Commissioner** is hosting 22 free, one-hour webinars over Privacy Week 2025 to educate and raise awareness about privacy. Please have a look at webinars listed at the following link and register for any webinars that catch your interest. This is an opportunity to hear privacy experts discuss topics such as AI, biometrics, Māori data sovereignty, local government, media, and health ethics. To register, see : <https://www.privacy.org.nz/news/events/privacy-week/>



2 Rhine Street (off Murray Street), Island Bay, Wellington

All events held at the Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion.



Morning Prayer / Mass

Come along - contemplative morning Mass to start the day.

All are welcome.

Wed, Thu, Fri 8:30 am

Saturdays 9am



Christian Meditation

Join us for an ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply rooted in the teachings of the early Christian traditions.

Mondays 7:00 pm

Thursdays 11:00 am



Miha Māori / Māori Mass

Attend our weekly Mass in

Te Reo Māori

Sundays 11:00 am



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 at mcs.h.prayergroup@gmail.com

JOSHUA Catholic Men's Fellowship

Come and join other men at Joshua this coming Thursday 15th May from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start.

Note: Venue change for this month only – St. Joseph's Mt Victoria 152 Brougham Street.

Speaker: postponed from April; Michael Powell on "Power to do good in Jesus' name"

Want to know more?

Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

"You, young people... are called to set out on that path, together with the Holy Spirit, who awakens in you the desire to make your lives a gift of love."

Vocation Sunday
Pope Francis,
2025

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.

2024-25 Tax Receipts The donation and planned giving tax receipts for the 2024-25 Financial Year are now being emailed out. If the parish office doesn't have an email address for you then the receipt will be posted out in the coming weeks. Many thanks for your continued support of the Cathedral and Parish.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL 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:

Lady Joan Gillies RIP 16 Apr

Patrick (Paddy) McElroy RIP 28 April

William (Bill) McCaw RIP 6 May
Father of David McCaw

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

29 June Esperanza Chiok

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.

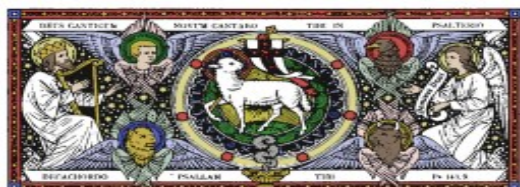
CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

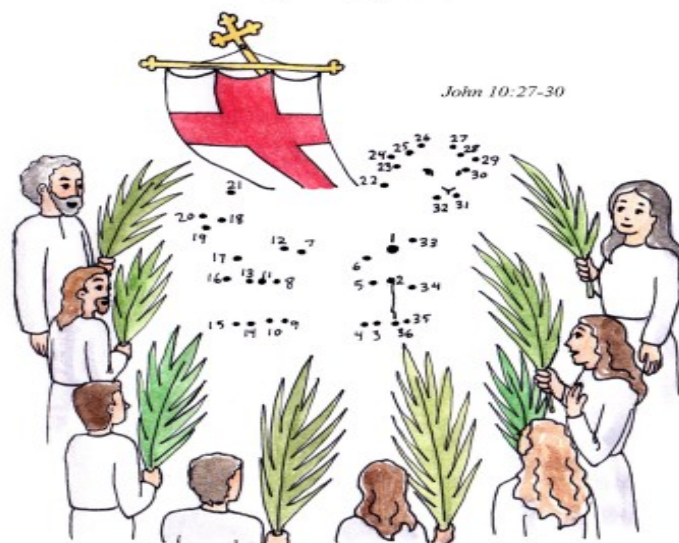
Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



Answer to Word Puzzle: GOOD SHEPHERD

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11th, 2025



In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.