



# The Cathedral Connection

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## Our Lady, Help of Christians

This Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, is the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians.

This feast day has particular meaning here in New Zealand as the country was dedicated to Our Lady at the very beginning of the practice of the Catholic faith in our country. During the first Mass celebrated on New Zealand soil in 1838, New Zealand was offered by Bishop Pompallier in honour of Mary, Mother of God. Six years later in 1844, he declared Mary, Help of Christians, the principal patron of New Zealand. This historic connection to Our Lady continues through our Cathedral with its dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his Mother Mary at its opening in 1901.

What does this mean to us today, 180 years after that dedication. Mary is still a treasured advocate and example to each one of us, a real presence in our lives. Through the Gospel we have the story of her experiences, the hardships, sorrows and joys. She becomes real to us through her very human worldly experiences; just like any mother watching her son grow and take his place in the world. All can identify with the worry and anguish she must have felt throughout Jesus's life from the moment she was called to be the Mother of God's Son till she stood at the foot of the Cross.

Her greatest gift to us is the example of trust in God shown through her acceptance of the invitation to be the Mother of Jesus and the faith that guided her life from that moment on.

May each of us look to the example set by Mary, to treasure "all these things" in our hearts and trust that the power of Jesus will transform our lives, even when we do not understand.



God Bless, Jane Kelly



*"With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."*

*Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 18 May 2025.*

## 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 - May 25<sup>th</sup> – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

**Saturday - June 1<sup>st</sup> - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56;

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53



## Yes, the time is nigh!

Jesus spoke these words. "You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

We are all chosen, chosen by the Lord. Chosen to be his sisters and brothers, and to be his caring hands, his feet moving out, his voice proclaiming hope, here, and in the world.

Before our Vigil and Sunday Masses this weekend, there will be a slide show highlighting the ministries in which parishioners respond to Jesus. These ministries within the Mass enable us all to give praise and worship to God. These ministries and other roles help our Cathedral Parish to flourish. Next week and the week following you will be asked to accept your appointment as a minister, chosen by the Lord.

You are a parishioner if you are often at the Cathedral for Mass, not just because you live locally. You may feel nervous or unworthy. Perfect. This means you are the one who is needed! Please consider which ministry you will accept. Abundant life comes through participating; through together answering his call to serve.



## Your Parish Council

We sometimes hear reference to the Parish Council, but who are they?! In the coming weeks, we are including in the newsletter a brief bio on the members of the council.

Each parish in the Archdiocese has a parish council, who, with the pastoral team, help provide direction to the life of the parish. As we look to ministries in the parish, are you being called to be a member of the Parish Council as well?

## INTRODUCING:

I am Alex Mino, a previous parishioner of St Francis of Assisi in Johnsonville. I am part of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and glad to be a part of various ministries of the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Presently, I am working for JACOBS NZ in the field of design and consultancy. We are originally from the Philippines and have been residing in Wellington, New Zealand for the past 10 years.

I believe that we are called to serve and to acknowledge that we can serve and be part of wider things in our little ways - time, talent, and treasure. These 3 words are a good indication of how we can choose to take part and give back on what we have and what we can give in return for the greater glory of God.

I look forward to continuing to serve our parish community and building connections with the Sacred Heart parishioners.



## REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

### 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** - 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

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)

### Reconciliation

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Wednesday & Friday - 11.50am to 12.00 midday and Saturday after the 8.30am Mass and by appointment.

## 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.





## HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 May at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



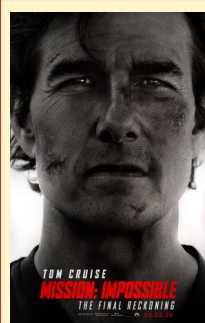
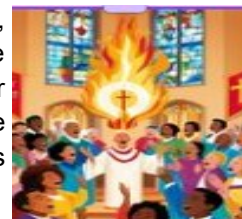
Jesus Youth

### Hour of Mercy - Eucharistic Adoration

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



**Pentecost Sunday, 8 June 2025:** Join us in celebrating the Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and Communities on Pentecost **Sunday, 8 June 2025**. The afternoon programme will be held in the **Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**, Hill Street. Beginning at **2.30pm** and includes a shared dinner (please bring something to share) and will finish with **7pm Mass** celebrated by Archbishop Paul. If you are interested in more information or contributing to the day, please contact: Bern McCabe **0211655463**. This event is part of the Archdiocesan Celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.



### THANK YOU very much for your support

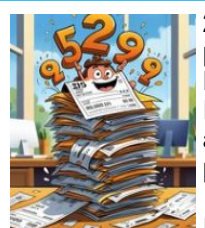
Our movie fundraiser Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning is now sold out. There won't be any door tickets sales at Lighthouse Cinema on May 25th.

There are still some tickets available for the raffle and these will be for sale after the Vigil and 10.00am Masses this weekend.

**We will be selling raffle tickets and will be drawn at 4:45pm before screening time at 5:00pm.**

We would like to thank our anonymous donors and sponsors: Brenda Cacho-Bevin, Ferns Travel and Lazy Juan. If you are keen to help make this fundraiser event special, please contact Joy at Mob **021 0481216** or [mcsf.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:mcsf.fundraising@gmail.com)

**SOLD OUT**



**2024-25 Tax Receipts** The donation and planned giving tax receipts for the 2024-25 Financial Year have now been emailed out. If the parish office doesn't have an email address for you then the receipt has been posted out.

If you have not received your receipt please contact [cathedral.accounts@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.accounts@wn.catholic.org.nz) or contact the Parish Office. Many thanks for your continued support of the Cathedral and Parish.



**Silent individually guided retreats 2025**  
- Mary McKillop Center, Auckland

8 day - 20 July (7PM) - 28 July (12:30PM)

6 day 17 August (7PM) - 23 August (10AM)

6 day 21 September (7PM) - 27 September (10AM)

30 day 9 November (7PM) - 12 December (10AM)

Email: [info@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:info@ignatianspirituality.nz)

### WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY - 25th May 2025

On this day of prayer for children, we are reminded that Jesus always welcomed the little ones. Children, wherever they may be, have a right to meet Christ and to know His love. Christ put them at the centre, pointing out to us that we need to be like children to enter the Kingdom. World Children's Day invites us to celebrate children and to see in them a living Gospel.



2 Rhine Street (off Murray Street), Island Bay, Wellington  
Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion

#### Drift crosses exhibition

A Pilgrim's Rest 2025, a collection by local artist David Krsticevic, has been created using materials such as driftwood, rusted metal and shells, as part of a series of pilgrimage-themed displays throughout this Jubilee Year of Pilgrimage until 8 June 2025.



#### Morning Prayer / Mass

Come along - contemplative morning Mass to start the day.

All are welcome.

Wed, Thu, Fri 8:30 am

Saturdays 9am



#### Craft Group

Join Sister Josefa for our weekly craft gathering. Bring your handheld craft and enjoy conversation, creativity, and the ambiance of the Cloister café.

Wednesdays 11:30AM



#### Miha Māori / Māori Mass

Attend our weekly Mass in Te Reo Māori  
Sundays 11:00 am





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## Office Hours:

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## Parish Pastoral Council Chair:

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## Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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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=308>



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

Sr Stephanie Kitching RSM RIP 9 May

### 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

30 May Evelyn Collera

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 Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



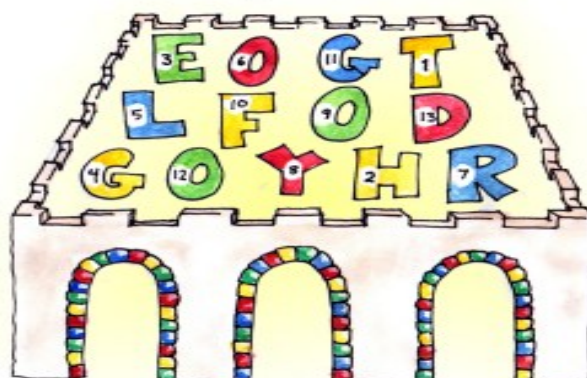
After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



## The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25th, 2025



Today's second reading tells about the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city. Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks...

The city has no need of sun or moon because

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13  
will be its light.

Rev.21:22-23