



The Cathedral Connection

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Happy Birthday!

The church is more than 2000 years old but still is as beautiful as that time the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in the upper room; not perfect, but beautiful just the same.

In his book, *Divine Renovation*, Fr James Mallon speaks of its principles. First of which is 'Identity'. The church exists for mission. As Pentecost is the birthday of the church, then the mission *"to go and make disciples of all"* (The Great Commission - Matthew 28:19-20) is who we are, and not just what we do. In 'The Permanent Revolution', Alan Hirsch wrote *"It is not so much that the church has a mission but that the mission has a church"*. Our mission must be our identity, our posture, our culture.

"Me? Evangelise?" you may ask. It's daunting. Yes, but *"the task ahead of me is never as great as the power behind me"* (Charles Whitehead – Pentecost is Always for Living). The power of the Holy Spirit is clearly evidenced in the Book of Acts (of the Apostles). The first disciples were 'filled' or 'full' of the grace and power of the Holy Spirit from the day of Pentecost, facing the challenges of the early church, and even when facing death by stoning (Stephen – Acts 7:55).

In this Jubilee year, we pray that God's grace 'transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.' And that the 'grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.' Pope Francis (+) said that *"A renewal of preaching can offer believers, as well as the lukewarm and the non-practising, new joy in the faith and fruitfulness in the work of evangelisation."* (Evangelii Gaudium 11).

Like the Apostles on Pentecost, we received the same Holy Spirit on our baptism. Let's celebrate the church's birthday by living our identity as evangelisers of the Gospel and the truth of our Lord's Resurrection. In the Great Commission our Lord promised to be with us always, to the end of the age. What's stopping us?

A blessed Pentecost Sunday to all.

Randy Reyes



"There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor, who are a treasure for the Church and for humanity."

Pope Leo XIV

Address to members of the 'Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice' Foundation.

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 Otari (Wilton and Karori).

Readings for the Week

Sunday 8th – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16,23-26

Monday 9th

Genesis 3:9-15,20; John 19:25-34

Tuesday 10th

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday 11th

Acts 11:21-26,13:1-3; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday 12th

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1,3-6; Matthew 5:20-26

Friday 13th

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday 14th

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday 15th – The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15



**METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART**

TE AHUREWA O TE NGĀKAU TAPU

You are being called!

It's a year since the Cathedral re-opened. For all of us this has been a 'home coming', whether we have recently come to the parish, or have been here for many years.

Now is the time to look to ministries in our parish, and how each of us can participate in the life of the parish. No matter where we live, if the Cathedral is where we come to Mass, we are being called to take up ministries in the life of the parish!

The question to ask ourselves today is, "to what ministry am I being called?" Please fill out the Ministries questionnaire as you leave Mass or take one home and return it next weekend and place in the basket in the foyer.



Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Music

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Music on Sunday at 2pm on the 22nd of June. Jane Kelly has agreed to show us around our award winning Cathedral and talk about some of the challenges faced in the restoration project she led. Afterwards there will be a cuppa and a bite to eat and chat about where the group goes from here. Meet in the Cathedral foyer starting at 2pm and everyone is welcome.

Parish Council

We sometimes hear reference to the Parish Pastoral 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:

David McCaw

I was born and raised in Invercargill where I attended Convent and Marist Brothers' schools. I've spent much of my working life in Wellington and have regarded the Cathedral as my home parish - although I live in the eastern suburbs.

I work at RNZ Concert, recording and broadcasting live music, and over the years I've made many memorable recordings in the superb acoustics of our beautiful Cathedral. As a shift-worker, working frequent weekends, our 7pm Mass has best suited my Sunday routines.

I've found contributing to our liturgies through the Proclaimer of the Word ministry has been very rewarding. Preparing for this role has encouraged me to explore the Sunday readings more deeply, helping me gain more insights into the scriptures.

I've only recently joined the Parish Pastoral Council and I'm beginning to understand the many issues and tasks facing our small leadership team – things I've previously taken for granted!

I look forward to serving our parish and contributing to the team through this role.



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Divine Mercy Devotions

Sundays 6pm-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 every Tuesday evening from 6 pm until 6.45 pm in the **Parish Office**).

The Gospel scripture for the coming Sunday is read and discussed within a small group. Everyone gets the opportunity to express their views no matter what level of knowledge of the Liturgies. The discussion is deemed to be very beneficial in providing background to the Gospel when it is read in the next Saturday and Sunday's Masses.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursdays in the Cathedral from 7am until 7pm and Fridays 7.15am to 8am. 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 7pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome. For prayer requests and enquiries, please email mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com

Reconciliation

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

New to this parish?

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome

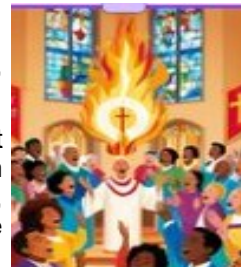
If you would like to become a member of our parish or know more about us, please complete the form at: <https://mcshwellington.org/join-the-parish/> or contact the parish office ph. 496 1700. We look forward to welcoming you.



Pentecost Sunday, 8 June 2025

Join us in celebrating the Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and Communities today, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June 2025.

The afternoon programme will be held in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street. Beginning at 2.30pm, the event 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.



Hope and Renewal Summit – Come Together

3 & 4 October, Palmerston North

Don't miss out – Early bird pricing ends 15 June!

The Hope and Renewal Summit is coming this October to Palmerston North. Come with your parish teams to be inspired, equipped, and renewed for the mission of the Church.

Earlybird \$180 (Standard \$280)

Register now to save: www.hoperenewalsummit.com

Jubilee Family Pilgrim Walk - Saturday, 28 June

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Jubilee of Families, Grandparents, and the Elderly

8:30 am Mass - Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and of Saint Mary His Mother, 40 Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington

10:00 am Rosary - St Mary of the Angels Church, National Shrine of Aotearoa New Zealand, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central, Wellington

11:30 am Closing Liturgy - St Joseph's Church, 152 Brougham Street, Mount Victoria, Wellington

VACANCY – CATHOLIC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Catholic Social Services seeks a qualified person who has a passion for bringing hope and peace to people to be a Catholic Hospital Chaplain at Wellington Regional Hospital. The successful candidate will join a cross-denominational team providing for the pastoral, spiritual, ethical and religious needs of staff, patients and whānau who come from a diverse range of cultural and faith backgrounds. They will come from a committed Catholic ministry background, and demonstrate the maturity and resilience required to be a chaplain. They will have undertaken ongoing formation and had at least two years of pastoral ministry experience. This is a permanent, part-time (15 hours per week) position.

Download the job description: <https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/2025/06/03/vacancy-catholic-chaplain/>

To apply, send a cover letter and CV to Chris Ward at reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz For any questions, contact Chris Ward, Director CSS, 021 374 373.

St Thomas More Society, Wellington - Mass and Dinner

Friday 13 June 2025. The St Thomas More Society's annual Mass and dinner is an opportunity for members of the Wellington legal community (including non-lawyers) and law students to gather and celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of lawyers. This year, Mass will take place at 6pm in the Cathedral Chapel.

Drinks and dinner will follow at the Wellington Club. Guest speaker this year is Bishop John Adams, Bishop of Palmerston North Diocese. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please email thomasmoresoc@gmail.com or call Monica Devine on 021 299 1138.



Thomas More
SOCIETY

An Afternoon of Mozart

Resonance Choir presents "An Afternoon of Mozart" including the beautiful Missa Brevis and audience favourites such as Regina Coeli, Laudate Dominum and Verum Corpus.

Guest soloists include Barbara Paterson, Rose Aldridge, Jamie Young and Joe Haddow. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of choral music at St Andrew's on the Terrace, 2.30pm Saturday 28 June.

Tickets \$25, or \$20 for 10 or more tickets.

Tickets available on Humanitix: <https://events.humanitix.com/an-afternoon-of-mozart> Door sales also available.



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 11am



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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)

8am & 12.10pm Tuesday to Friday

Saturday 8.30am

(Anointing Mass every 2nd Saturday of the Month)

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30pm

Sunday 10am & 7pm


RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday & Friday: From 11.50am until noon.

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=310>



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



June Anniversaries:

4 June Anthony Wilson

13 June Loreto Irinco

13 June Geraldine Mollo

14 June Mick Robbers

21 June Francesca Chechile de Ragone

25 June Brian Dunn

25 June Martin Murray

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



Come Holy Spirit!

The feast of Pentecost came nine days after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. The disciples and Mary were praying together when the Holy Spirit suddenly came with the sound of a huge wind and what looked like flames of fire coming down on each of them. The apostles went right out and began to preach and teach people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and lives in us whenever our souls are in a state of grace (when we don't have any serious sins.) He comes into us more whenever we receive a Sacrament, especially Confirmation. He helps us do what is right and serve God using all the gifts He gives us. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, draws us closer to God the Father and Jesus.

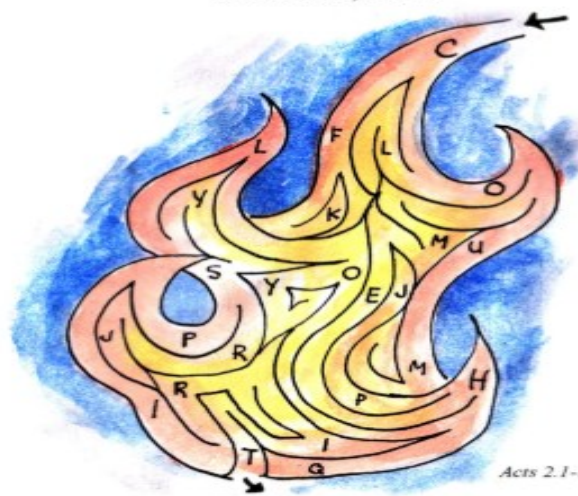
Pray to the Holy Spirit every day to help you to do everything for God. Then see how your life changes!



Answers to maze puzzle on front: Come Holy Spirit!
Across: 1. Spirit 5. amazed 6. Heaven 7. began
8. us 9. separated 12. tongues 13. as 14. sitting Down: 1. speak 2. one
3. languages 4. Pentecost 6. house 10. does 11. his

The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday
June 8th, 2025



Acts 2.1-11

Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire.

Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?