



The Cathedral Connection

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Remain in me

Today's Gospel invites us to consider how we "remain in" Jesus, the true vine. The allegory of the vine and the branches stresses the unity that exists between Jesus and his disciples. The vine and the branches need each other. The vine cannot bear fruit without the branches. The branches cannot have life if separated from the vine. For a vine to bear good fruit it needs to draw sustenance from the roots through the vine to the branches. Jesus is the vine; we are the branches. It is we the branches that bear the fruit. Jesus depends on us, his disciples to produce fruit in the world.

Discipleship is not a rush of enthusiasm, a one-off event. It is a long-term commitment to follow Jesus, to collaborate with Jesus, to have a relationship with God our Father through Jesus.

Growing our discipleship often involves moving out of our "comfort zone", to "opening ourselves up", and that often results in some pruning. It is in these, generally uncomfortable, experiences that we are provided with opportunities to recognise and reflect on our connectedness to God and acknowledge His hand in our lives. Discipleship involves trusting in Jesus, trusting that through our challenges and our pruning, more abundant fruit lies ahead. Just as the branches need the vine, we need Jesus.

Just as the passionfruit vines are currently shedding copious amounts of fruit and providing delicious sustenance, we are called to be hospitable communities bearing copious fruit. Sustained through the sacraments and united in our bond with Jesus, we show care and love for one another, individually and as a community of Christians proclaiming the Good News and doing good works.

In every long-term relationship there are periods where we need to re-focus, replenish, restore, and reconcile. What in your life is calling for sustenance; is a little pruning required? What in your daily life helps you to "remain in Jesus" so that you can reach out to others?



Debbie Matheson – *Parish Leader / Lay Pastoral Leader*

Readings for the Week

Sunday 2nd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter –

Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, Jn 15: 1-8

Monday 3rd – 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday 4th – Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14: 27-31

Wednesday 5th – Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 6th – Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

Friday 7th – Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 8th – Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

Sunday 9th – Sixth Sunday of Easter –

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

Psalm Response:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

OUR MISSION & VISION

To joyfully share God's love.
To be a missionary people
united in the hearts of Jesus
and Mary.



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART

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)

Quote of the week

Each one of us is a branch of the one vine; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ and in the Church.

Pope Francis, 2015



EVENTS

Adoration on every Thursday –

There is now Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every Thursday from 8.30am after the 8am Mass up until 7pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel. We would encourage everyone to take advantage of this very special time. Come and spend a few minutes or longer if you are able, to increase your intimacy with our loving God. It is an opportunity to come away to a place of quiet reflection away from the busy-ness of life. All are welcome.

Come away with me..



A day of reflection for mothers of all ages...

This Mother's Day weekend, give yourself the gift of time to find rest in the presence of the Lord.

Come away with me to a quiet place and rest a while...

Mark 6:31



Saturday 8th May 2021

10am - 3:30pm

Home of Compassion, Island Bay

To register, contact Lucienne Hensel at:

Family Ministry

Archdiocese of Wellington

l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

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Rosary - Mondays from 11:30am in the Connolly Hall Chapel (Not on Public Holidays)

Divine Mercy Devotions

Sunday 6:00pm to 6:30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel

Scripture Meditation Tuesdays 5:00-5:30pm by Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlgwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

Prayer Group meetings 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Cathedral foyer at 7:30 pm

Bake Sale 15 & 16 May

The Cathedral Restoration Fundraising bake sale will be back on the weekend of 15 and 16 May after the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass; 10:30am and 7.00pm Sunday Masses. Lots of home-made goodies will be on sale plus roti and curry! Beef Roti Wraps and Veggie Roti Wraps will be available after 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 15 May. Pre order is essential! Look out for posters with details on how to place your order. Sri Lankan Chicken Curry and Rice available on Sunday after Mass while stocks last.

Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral



The 2021 AGM will be held on **Saturday 8th May 2021 at 11:00am** at **Wellington Girls' College**

Music Rooms* 20 Pipitea Street, Wellington, for the following purposes:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
2. To receive and consider the Report of the President
3. To receive and consider the Report of the Treasurer and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021
4. To elect Officers
5. To transact any other business.

All members are invited to attend.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS: Nominations/ expressions of interest are invited from members who wish to stand for election to the Committee, or who wish to nominate another member or non-member. Nominations/expressions of interest should be directed to the Secretary, Anne Williams, at: FSHCM.Secretary@gmail.com.

Steve Haultain – **President** Phone: 021 961 913

APPEALS

SPONSORSHIP - We are inviting businesses and firms to support the Parish newsletter, and other communication efforts, by advertising in our new, enlarged newsletter. If you are a parishioner in business or offer goods and services that would interest our parishioners, you may like to take up this opportunity. For further information, please contact Frank in the parish office.

Mother's Day Raffle

Every mother is special. But yours could be further blessed by that special gift hamper for Mother's Day. We have two special hampers kindly donated by friends of the parish as part of the Cathedral Restoration Fundraising effort. Raffle tickets are available at \$5 each or \$10 for 3 tickets and will be drawn on 4 May. There will be two draws, so each ticket has two chances to win. Tickets are available after all Masses. We appreciate all your support.

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral strengthening, and restoration campaign can be made to bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025** **Particulars:** Your surname & initials **Code:** Your phone number. **Reference:** REOPEN. Check the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign website: www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz and please mention it to your friends too.

NOTICES

Planned Giving

If you are not yet registered for planned giving, and would like to financially support our parish then please contact Frank in the parish office (04) 496-1700. Many thanks for your continued support. You and your parish working together.

Parish Office Hours Change – To best accommodate the needs of our parishioners and as part of the “settling in” period of the new Parish Office structure, the Parish Office hours will now shift to 12:30pm to 4:30pm. Of course you are welcome to email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz or leave a message on (04) 496-1700 at any time and Frank or Debbie will get back to you as soon as possible.

Reflection on St. Joseph the Worker

Joseph should be the patron saint of shy backroom players who say little but do a lot

In being tender, open to the demands of faith, obedient, creatively courageous, and humble, Pope Francis says St Joseph is a model for all of us.

There are only five episodes involving Joseph in the gospels: The Annunciation; the Nativity, the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple; as a refugee to Egypt; and the loss and discovery of the boy Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. One can see why the earliest Church may have been slow to make a fuss of him. He is not recorded as ever saying anything in the New Testament – not a word.

Joseph is a dreamer: that's how God communicates with him. In the gospels, Joseph has a quartet of dreams: when he is told not to fear taking the pregnant Mary as his wife; when he is warned to flee to Egypt to escape Herod's plan to kill Jesus; when he is given the all-clear to return to Israel; and finally, when he is told not to settle in Judaea but to go to Galilee.

Today we often dismiss belief in dreams as a fad of the new age. This is a mistake. God speaks to us however he needs to. If God has given us an unconscious and subconscious life, of which dreams are a sign, then God has a purpose for this gift, and it can be used for good. Long before Carl Jung, dreams were understood to be a gateway to our inner life and the mystical world, with St Joseph as their champion. If we refuse to take our dreams seriously, if we decide that God cannot or does not talk to us through our subconscious, then we will never realise their potential.

Even though the flight into Egypt is a theological story, it portrays Joseph's transformation from being a dreamer into being one of history's most famous refugees, fleeing a murderous dictator and saving the Saviour of the world.



Just as Matthew draws parallels between the dreams of the Joseph in Genesis with the dreams of Joseph of Galilee, we can see the parallels in our own lives too. Like the Scriptures, dreams need careful interpretation and discernment, but Joseph, the silent partner within the Holy Family, is testament to how a few words and great actions can save ourselves, our family and even the world. When Pope Francis announced the Year of St Joseph, he also gave us a new prayer:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

From a reflection by Richard Leonard SJ in The Tablet (UK)

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays (Except Public Holidays)

8:00am Monday to Friday

12:10pm Tuesday to Friday

12:10pm Monday *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

All in the Connolly Hall Chapel

Saturday

8:30am – Conolly Hall Chapel

5:30pm (Vigil for Sunday) -

St. Thomas More, Wilton

SUNDAY

10:30am - St. Thomas More, Wilton

7:00pm – Connolly Hall Chapel

Reconciliation: Saturday after

8:30am Mass, or by appointment

Baptism by appointment. Contact the Parish Office.

Please keep in your prayers



Paddy McElroy
Gabriel McLeavey
Brian and Moira Dunn
Ken Matheson
Bob Thomson
Nicholas Dyne
(Graham Taylor's grandson)

Food bank request

Please continue to support the food bank, with donations of non-perishable foods or toiletries and sanitary or laundry items.



Collection boxes are beside the doors in the foyer of St Thomas More and the Cathedral Chapel. Thank you.

Jesus is the True Vine

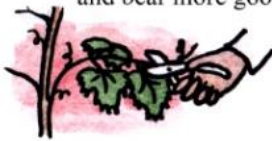
Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit.

Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

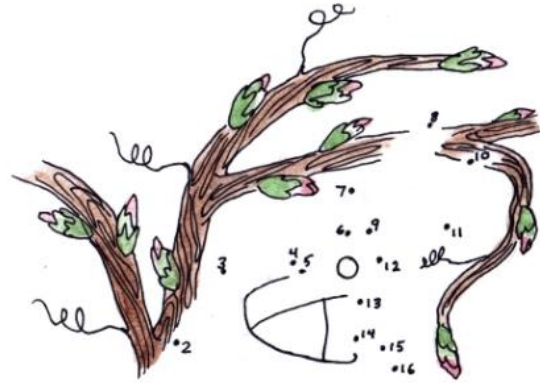
Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



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The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2nd, 2021



Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches. But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

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

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