



The Cathedral Connection

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Love is a word that is used a lot these days, and yet we don't seem to be especially loving as individuals, as a group, a nation, or as a world. It has become a trite word, almost meaningless.

Love needs to start with God, who is Love itself. 'God loved the world so much that he gave us his only son.' (Jn 3/ 16). Today's readings offer the opportunity for a profound and transcendent reflection on love.

Love is such a powerful and profound emotion in human beings that it is easy to perceive of it as being rooted in ourselves. That is why the reading from 1 John is so striking: 'this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us'.

For Christians, God's love for humankind is the foundation of all human experience of love.

Theologically all love has its origin in the mutual love of the three persons of the Trinity, and that love invites all to enter into, and share of, that love.

A human child learns love by being loved, and if deprived of love as an infant, the effect can be devastating. Even more so human beings are able to love simply because they have been loved first – loved into existence. God manifests love through our love for each other. But we cannot 'just do it.' We need to experience love if we are truly to give love! The best way is to experience and be part of God's love. That is a gradual process. We can do that especially through prayer and just spending time in God's presence. The joy of nature, the goodness of people, gratefulness for all we have received, are also pathways to God's love. Reflecting of the scriptures, learning from others, are also important.

Today, Mother's Day, we think of how God has first love us through our own mother's. That began well before we were born and has continued as long as our mothers have been alive. We thank God for the gift of our own mother, all mother's, and the gift of motherhood.

Happy Mother's Day



Fr Ron Bennett – Parish Moderator

Readings For The Week

Sunday 9th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter –

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

Monday 10th – Acts 16:11-15, John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 11th – Acts 16:22-34, John 16:5-11

Wednesday 12th – Acts 17:15,22-18:1, John 16:12-15

Thursday 13th – Acts 18:1-8, John 16:16-20

Friday 14th – Acts 1:15-17,20-26, John 15:9-17

Saturday 15th – Acts 18:23-28, John 16:23-28

Sunday 16th – The Ascension of the Lord –

Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 4:1-13, Mark 16:15-20

Psalm Response:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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

Love is more than just a series of benevolent actions. These actions have their source in a union increasingly directed towards others, considering them of value, worthy, pleasing and beautiful apart from their physical or moral appearances. Our love for others, for who they *are*, moves us to seek the best for their lives.

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti paragraph 94



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.

St Patrick's College Open Day Tours



The Open Day tours for those interested in enrolling their son at St Patrick's College for 2022 will be held on Tuesday 15 June between 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm and again on Thursday 17 June between 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

To make a booking please either email admin@stpats.school.nz with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see 'Open Day'. Open this section and select "Open Day Booking Form" (an online booking form). Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time. A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

Healing Service

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Road, Karori on Wednesday 26 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Enquiries Ph 022 389 7460

St Bernard's College Open Day

St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 29 May 2021 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college.

www.sbc.school.nz 183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250 Email: office@sbcschool.nz



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 Tue 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

CATHEDRAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT

Roti orders - please place your orders for Roti at the Saturday Vigil Mass on the 8th May for collection after Mass on Saturday, 15th May.

Three choices of Roti available, Curried Vegetable (\$4), Curried Beef (\$5) and Savoury Beef (\$5). Please contact Sandra on **021 189 2291** if you wish to place orders.

CATHEDRAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT Mother's Day Raffle Results

Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets in our recent Mother's Day Raffles and congratulations to our winners: **Angelo Sepnio and Jayne Sutherland.**

Total raised: **\$725.00.**



Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and a talk on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start). Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Speaker: Jayne Sutherland on "Mary's influence on her husband's conversion to follow Jesus"

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready **027-356-9555** email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

This weekend, we honour and remember all mothers including those who are also in a mothering role, though may not be mothers themselves.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: [Proverbs 31:28](#)

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.

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.

Can you help?

Stephen Sison, a talented teenager is keen to learn piano, but his family needs help to fund his lessons. The 2x per month lessons cost \$110. A sponsor for half his fees has been found already. For \$55 per month this young man can fulfil his long-term wish to learn piano. Stephen is already familiar with guitar chords and is wanting to hone his piano skills. He is happy to serve in our Parish whenever he can and help support our worship. Please contact Josie Godinez [0210 668538](tel:0210668538).

NOTICES

First Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 16th May at the 10.30am Mass - There will be a blessing and presentation of the children as they start their preparation to receive their First Holy Communion.

Ethan Nicholls, Hazel Buck, Isabella Yap, Isabella Garce, Lucy Clark, Noah Tana, Pierre Munro, Rory Curtin, Thaddeus Brillo, Xavier Millin, Yoshi Potanin, Zoe Millin



Experienced Social Worker

Full time role – 37.5 hours per week

Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to increase our team based in Wellington. For a copy of the job description or additional information, please email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 04 385 8642. Applications close at 3pm on Tuesday 8th June 2021. Please email your CV and covering letter to reception@wn.catholic.org.nz

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 16 – 23 May

The National Liturgy Office has published a new page of helpful resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 16 May (Ascension Sunday) to 23 May (Pentecost). The week is an ecumenical Christian observance celebrated internationally every year, co-ordinated by the Catholic Church's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches. The days between Ascension and Pentecost enable Christians with differing views to join together united in prayer. Get the NLO resources here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-16-23-may/>

Music Review

The leadership team met last week with the group of parishioners that has been brought together to look at the review of music in the liturgy for the Cathedral Parish. The group is made up of representatives of all three Masses.

David McCaw has agreed to chair the group which includes David Hobbs, Josie Godinez, Graham Taylor, Sr Marie Gore, Sadie Laurensen and Randy Reyes.

This group has been commissioned to consult their fellow parishioners and other interested parties as part of a process of putting together a proposal for music in our Cathedral Parish. As part of this, their brief is to consider a number of different aspects including the Vatican II guidelines on liturgy, the role of music to lead the assembly in worship, the function of our Cathedral as the seat of the Archbishop in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the recognition of the cultural make-up of the parish and Archdiocese.

It is hoped that the Music Review group will report back to the parish leadership teams with a proposal in the next 4 to 6 weeks. We will keep you updated on the process.

Jane Kelly - Parish Liturgy Chair

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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
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)

Mass will be offered for



Mari Ammal (RIP 2 May)
(Grandmother of Sheebah Tipple)

Pakiri Samy (RIP 5 May)
(Grandfather of Sheebah Tipple)

Fr. Michael O'Dea
(Anniversary RIP 17 May 2020)

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?



3. What can you do for your grand-parents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Answer to Word-Find: Love one another!
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The Kids' Bulletin

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What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

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