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The Cathedral Connection

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



MOTHER'S

Fr Ron Bennett – Parish Moderator

## Readings For The Week

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Acts 16:11-15, John 15:26-16:4 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Acts 16:22-34, John 16:5-11 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Acts 17:15,22-18:1, John 16:12-15 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Acts 18:1-8, John 16:16-20 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Acts 1:15-17,20-26, John 15:9-17 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Acts 18:23-28, John 16:23-28 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – 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.



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 Thursday from 8.30am after the 8am Mass up until 7pm Connolly Hall Chapel. We would encourage everyone to advantage of this very special time. Come and spend a few m or longer if you are able, to increase your intimacy with our God. It is an opportunity to come away to a place of quiet refl away from the busy-ness of life. All are welcome.	in the take inutes loving ection <b>Divine Mercy Devotions</b> Sunday 6:00pm to 6:30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel <b>Scripture Meditation</b> Tue 5:00-5:30pm by Zoom
St Patrick's College Open Day Tours   The Open Day tours for those interested in entheir son at St Patrick's College for 2022 will bon Tuesday 15 June between 9.30 to 11.00am from 12.00pm to 1.30pm and again on Thursd June between 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm.   To make a booking please either email admin@stpats.school.rg   On the front page of our website you will see 'Open Day'. Opsection and select "Open Day Booking Form" (an online b form). Enter your details and make your selection regarding dat A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.	e held h and ay 17Prayer Group meetings 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Cathedral foyer at 7:30 pmDpmCATHEDRAL 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.en this ookingThree choices of Roti available, Curried Vegetable (\$4), Curried Beef (\$5) and Savoury Beef (\$5).
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	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.
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@sbc.school.nz	

#### 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

## 14214276566 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 longterm 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. NOTICES **First Holy Communion** Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-16-23-may/</u>

## 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 Laurenson 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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#### **Sacred Heart Cathedral School**

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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)

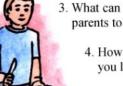
## Love One Another

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 grandparents to show you love them?

4. How do you show your friends you love them?

What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

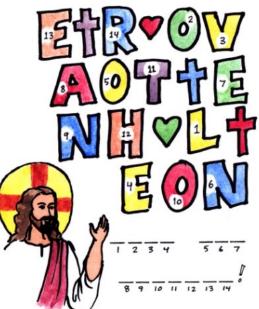
When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



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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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