



# The Cathedral Connection



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The Ascension of the Lord

## Ascension of Our Lord

We are coming to the end of the Easter season. For six weeks we have celebrated the joy and glory of Christ's resurrection. We have listened as Jesus revealed himself to his friends and disciples. He was truly present beside them, talking to them and sharing their lives. Now it is time for him to leave his friends behind and return to his Father. We mark his departure with the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord.

*'So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,  
was taken up into heaven  
and took his seat at the right hand of God.'* Mark 16:19

Mark's gospel continues...

*'But they went forth and preached everywhere,  
while the Lord worked with them  
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs'* Mark 16:20

Our lives can follow similar twists and turns, ups and downs, joys and sorrows. Each of these can bring new challenges, happiness, or pain. In this way our lives mirror the disciples' experiences - from the high of Christ's resurrection, lulled into a place of comfort as Jesus spent time with them, then the sudden loss. We can learn from the gospel of the day that Jesus did not leave the disciples and the same is true for us. He is still present with us, beside us, leading us - if we have faith.

The Ascension was not an ending but the beginning of something new for the disciples and it can be for us too.



Jane Kelly – Liturgy Committee Chair

## Readings For The Week

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May – The Ascension of the Lord

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

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 19:1-8, John 16: 29-33

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 20:17-27, John 17:1-11

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 20:28-38, John 17:11-19

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Acts 22:30,23:6-11, John 17:20-26

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Acts 25:13-21, John 21:15-19

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Acts 28:16-20,30-31, John 21:20-25

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11, Galatians 5:16-25, John 15:26-27,16:12-15

## Psalm Response:

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

## 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

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be.

Pope Francis, 9 May 2021



## EVENTS

### Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn.

**Monday 17, 24 and new: 31 May** 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/>  
For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

### St Mary's College Open Day 2021



All those interested in enrolling at St Mary's College in 2022 are invited to our Open Day on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 9am - 11.00am. Please look at our website: [www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz) for more information.

### Retreat Weekend with Raymond Pelley ('Waypoints to Freedom')

Friday 6 August start 8pm - Sunday 8 August end 12.30pm  
Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.  
In silence and through music, prayer and story, Raymond invites you to explore our responses to God in the realities of life at this weekend retreat. Residential and non-residential enquiries welcome. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

### One-Day Poetry Studio with Anne Powell

Saturday 12 June, 10am-3.30pm  
Venue: Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.  
Anne Powell, Cenacle Sister, will facilitate guided opportunities for reading, reflection, and writing at this one-day event. No writing experience necessary. Complimentary tea and coffee provided, further refreshments or lunch can be purchased from Cloister Café. There is no fee, however a koha is greatly appreciated.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED - contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

### SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MISSION 1, 2 & 3rd July 2021 at St Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt Reflecting on Pope Francis' letter for the Year of St. Joseph: With a Father's Heart. Led by Fr. John O'Connor.

Thursday 1st July 7 pm – Living at the crossroads  
Friday 2nd July 10:30 am – Grace is enough  
Friday 2nd July 7 pm – Do not be Afraid  
Saturday 3rd July 10:30 am – Inclusive & Creative Courage  
Saturday 3rd July 4 pm – Joy In the Shadows

Each session stands alone so come to one or come to all.

Please email Barbara Neho at [stjosephsuh1@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsuh1@gmail.com) for any enquiries.

**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=WlqwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09>  
Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914

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

### Adoration 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.

Thanks to the Otari Catholic Women's League for the beautiful flowers given out to Mothers at our Vigil and 10.30am Masses on Mother's Day.



## 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](http://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz) and please mention it to your friends too.

### Fiji mission

Otari CWL are delighted to announce, a very favourable surprise telephone conversation from our Mission Community in Nbala, Fiji, run by the Sisters of Our Lady of Nazareth. The communication has been very spasmodic and sometimes not at all. Anne Lumb has been able to reconnect with Sr. Ana Vuka, who used to be with the school and has since returned, and better communication has now resumed.

Hurricane Yasa made a hole in the convent roof and they'll need timber and paint to fix it; tiles for kitchen and carpet previously requested; there are 100 girls at the school and 2 Sisters; some of their girls are from single parent families and have only one school uniform which they wash every day and dry overnight. Otari branch will be applying for CWL Mission Education Grant for the school, but if parishioners would like to donate towards our Mission Community, a boost to what we can send them, would be most welcome. 'CWL Gift' 02-0500-0702770-000. Receipts will be issued, please contact Diane Glynan [Diane.Glynan@Blennz.school.nz](mailto:Diane.Glynan@Blennz.school.nz) 476 4385. Thanks everybody, Karen Saunders

## NLO Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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/>

Additionally, this set of full resources is on the NZCBC website: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021-resources/>



### Prayer for beatification of Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Everyone is invited to pray this at home and most especially at Masses on Suzanne's Feast Day in October.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Maori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognized in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification.

Amen.

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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)

### 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.



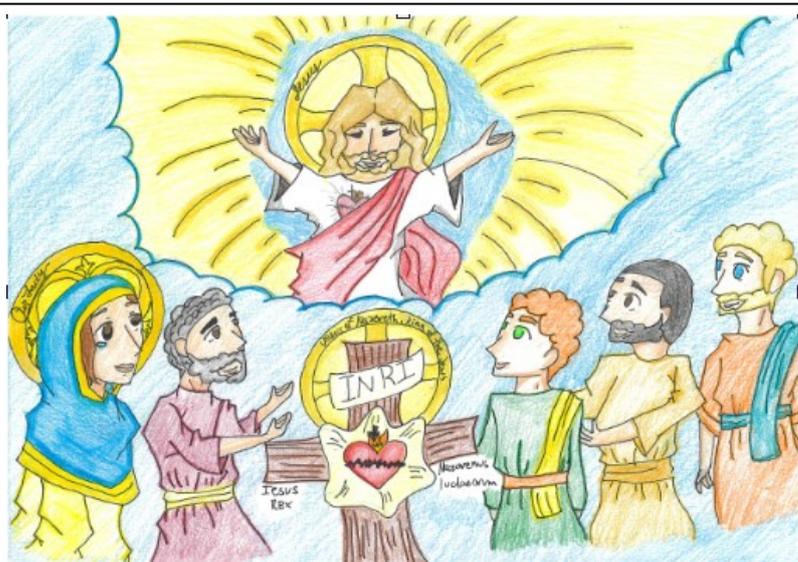
## Gospel Interpretation from Sacred Heart Cathedral School students

Mhielle, Jessica and T.J.

### Haiku

Jesus said to them,  
"Preach the gospel to people."  
And went to heaven.

So God has told us,  
"Preach the word to all who heed,  
And condemn evil."



### Reflection

This is the story about Jesus going up to Heaven. I think this story is about us knowing that Jesus is gone, but the thing is that even though he is gone he will always be with us in our hearts, and in our souls.

Another reason why I think that this story is important is because I thought, 'Oh no! Jesus is gone and no one will teach us the miracles of God, and what happens when no one on Earth knows about Jesus?'

But after a little bit of thinking, I knew that even if the Apostles die, we are also the disciples of God and we can learn and show the next generation of people God's plan for us by our words and our actions.

After learning about this story, I now know when I do something, I should never be scared because God will always be there for me and he will always cheer me up when I am down and don't feel 100 percent.

Contributions to this section are welcome. Please send them through to [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz) They can be poems, reflections, or inspirational words. **All offerings for the newsletter must be with the parish office no later than 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before publication.**