



The Cathedral Connection



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Pentecost Sunday

The Spirit is not confined

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The story, as told by Saint Luke in Acts, is familiar enough. It's perhaps easy to think that this was the end of the story, or at least that everything was sorted and that the disciples got on with things. It wasn't all sorted, of course. Differences and divisions didn't take long to arise. We read in Acts, for instance, of arguments about some groups of widows receiving less support than others, and of arguments about how closely Jewish law needed to be observed. There were, as Saint Paul makes clear, even factions around one person or another.

This week, in the Southern Hemisphere, was the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Week was first proposed in 1908 by an American Franciscan, Paul Wattson, and became more widely observed after 1948 when the new World Council of Churches adopted it, and still more with the greater emphasis on ecumenism in our own church after the Second Vatican Council. Whereas Wattson's view was that unity meant reabsorption of other churches into the Roman communion, in the 1930s a French priest, Paul Couturier of Lyons, suggested that the prayer should be "for the unity of the Church as Christ wills it, and in accordance with the means he wills".

I'd like to offer some ways of thinking about Christian unity. First, many of us have spouses or other close family who are members of other Christian communities and traditions. For us, Christian unity is a matter of daily life. Similarly, many if not most of us will have friends in other faith traditions, from whom we learn much. In other ways, too, perhaps the path to unity is (as the sportswear slogan says) 'just do it'. We can just pray for each other. There are opportunities at various times to share worship with our neighbours, which we might take up. In doing this, as well as in reading thinkers in other communities, we appreciate the unique gifts of each tradition. As we read in St John's gospel, the Spirit blows where the Spirit wants to.



Jim McAloon

Readings For The Week

Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost Sunday

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

Monday 24th – Genesis 3:9-15,20, John 19:25-34

Tuesday 25th – Ecclesiasticus 35:2-15 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday 26th – Ecclesiasticus 36:1-2,5-7,13-19, Mark 10:32-45

Thursday 27th – Ecclesiasticus 42:15-26, Mark 10:46-52

Friday 28th – Ecclesiasticus 44:1,9-13 Mark 11:11-26

Saturday 29th – Ecclesiasticus 51:17-27, Mark 11:27-33

Sunday 30th – The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40, Matthew 28:16-20

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)

Psalm Response:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Quote of the week

The Spirit does not want the memory of the Master to be cultivated in small groups locked in upper rooms where it is easy to “nest”. This is a terrible disease that can also infect the Church: making her into a nest instead of a community, a family, or a Mother. The Spirit opens doors and pushes us to press beyond what has already been said and done, beyond the precincts of a timid and wary faith... Come, Holy Spirit: you are harmony; make us builders of unity. You always give yourself; grant us the courage to go out of ourselves, to love and help each other, in order to become one family. Amen



Pope Francis, Homily for Pentecost 2020

EVENTS

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 May at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Afternoon of Choral, Pop Opera and Choir

St Mary of the Angels Church
Proudly presents
Afternoon of choral, pop opera & choir

Sunday 30 May 2021, 2pm
St Mary's of the Angels Church

The Fundraising committee of the St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre cordially invites Parishioners, family and friends to a musical afternoon of choral, pop opera, choir and a violinist.

We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. In true spirit of Trinity Sunday, the spirit of community gathering together through music and food will come alive with in the beautifully restored Church with live performances of talented singers and musicians who will raise your spirits and lift you up.

To commemorate the Year of St Joseph, we will hear for the first time a special song dedicated to St Joseph, Fr Chris Skinner will be releasing two singles on this day.

Entry for the afternoon is by donation/koha. Afternoon tea will be served after the performance in the Parish Hall.

The NZ Catholic Medical Association is holding a **Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners** at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event. Registration and details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 24 - and additionally 31 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-8/>
For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.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=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.

Healing Service at St Teresa's Church Karori

Wednesday 26 May at 7.30 pm
"They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover" Mark 16:18

Liturgy Workshop – Proclaimers of the Word

Where: Ss Peter & Paul Church, Knights Road, Lower Hutt
When: 2pm, Saturday 29th May 2021
Tea & Coffee available from 1:45pm

Liturgy Workshop – Communion to the Sick

Where: St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria
When: 7pm, Thursday 17th June 2021
Tea & Coffee available from 6:45pm

Register: Contact Chris Walkerdine: (04) 496 1706 or email: c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz
Presenter: Fr Patrick Bridgman - Liturgy Advisor Archdiocese of Wellington

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.



Thank you! Many thanks to the very generous person who answered the request to support Stephen Sison with his piano lesson costs.

NOTICES

The Passionist Family Group are having a social event on Sunday 30th May at The Lanes Bowling on Wakefield Street. We are meeting at 5:45pm for a 6pm kick-off. All are welcome, we would love to have some new families join us for this fun social evening. Please contact Kaye-Maree on kaye-maree.corkill@synoptix.co.nz or Frank at the office for more info.

Parish AGM: Please mark in your diaries that our Parish AGM will be held immediately after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 27 June 2021. You are all encouraged to attend as we look at the past year and plan for the next.

Music Review Update: Recently in this newsletter Jane Kelly highlighted the music review currently taking place in our parish. The review committee is seeking input from fellow parishioners and would like to hear your thoughts about how music enhances our worship, what you value of what we have been doing, and what we might do better in the future, including representing in our music the cultural diversity within our parish. Please bring your ideas to a short meeting following the 10.30am Mass at St. Thomas More, Wilton on Pentecost Sunday (this Sunday) 23 May.

Winter Special: Hand-knitted Slippers & Beanies at Craft Sale This Weekend:

Please stop by the table this weekend and you might find a deal. Featuring hand-knitted woollen slippers and beanies – perfect for winter. Adult sizes have almost sold out, but your children will love padding around the house in their cosy woollen slippers. Some costume jewellery and glassware are also available.

Filipino Variety Show: Please come and support the upcoming Filipino Variety Show "Tunog Pinoy - Original Filipino Music". Performers from Palmerston North and Greater Wellington Region will be showcasing a variety of original Filipino music. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington (Cathedral Restoration Project) For tickets, please message Bing Fernandes on 021-2797474. Thank you.

Let Yourself Be Useless

by Henry Nouwen

Prayer is not a way of being busy with God instead of with people. In fact, it unmasks the illusion of busyness, usefulness, and indispensability. It is a way of being empty and useless in the presence of God and so of proclaiming our basic belief that all is grace, and nothing is simply the result of hard work. Indeed, wasting time for God is an act of ministry because it reminds us and our people that God is free to touch anyone regardless of our well-meant efforts. Prayer as an articulate way of being useless in the face of God brings a smile to all we do and creates humor in the midst of our occupations and preoccupations.

Thinking about my own prayer, I realize how easily I make it into a little seminar with God, during which I want to be useful by reading beautiful prayers, thinking profound thoughts, and saying impressive words. I am obviously still worried about the grade! It indeed is a hard discipline to be useless in God's presence and to let him speak in the silence of my heart. But whenever I become a little useless, I know that God is calling me to a new life beyond the boundaries of my usefulness.



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Please keep in your prayers

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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.

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



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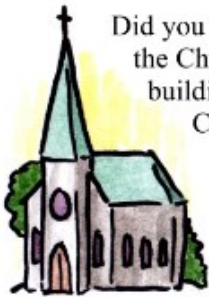


Mario P. Ubaldo
 RIP 17 May - Philippines
 (Luis Ubaldo's father)

Ashokbhai Patel RIP 17 May

Francisco Famorcan, Jr - Anniv. 24 May
 (Brother of Bing Fernandes)

Happy Birthday, Church!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



Answer to Word-Find: native language:
 Answer to puzzle on front: The Holy Spirit.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday
 May 23rd, 2021



Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday?
 Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames:
 go around the Apostles clockwise,
 skipping every other letter. Start at Mary's.

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