

Catholic Parish of Wellington South

From the coast to the harbour

St Anne's
St Bernard's
St Francis de Sales
St Joseph's

We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message

Ko tātou tetahi hāpori o ngā ākonga harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti

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9:30am to 12:30pm

St Bernard's
Taft Street, Brooklyn. Tel: 934 4099

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July 2017

Two things occurred to me, a non-gardener, as I reflected on today's Gospel.

One was that I can't tell always tell a 'weed' from a 'plant'. Sometimes weeds are rather lovely, and perform a useful purpose wherever they are. Borage for example, a weed to some, has beautiful blue flowers that attract the bees necessary for a crop's pollination. Or puha – growing wild around our city and seen by many as a weed – is well known to others as good greens. And dandelions, the scourge of many a lawn, have leaves that make a healthy brew. I've heard weeds referred to as "simply a plant out of place" – something not planted by choice, and seen as a nuisance when the focus is on another crop. Often all these will be uprooted, because they're not useful to the gardener's immediate purpose.

The other thing I noticed, as I listened to the weather forecast and other newsworthy woes, is that amongst the weeds of crisis there was always some goodness to be found, some 'wheat' also awaiting harvest. When we needed to stay indoors while our landscapes were battered, others were turning out to help reopen roads, rescue stock, and restore power. In the face of increasing homelessness, Auckland's Te Puea Marae is preparing to open its doors again as winter shelter. Everywhere I looked, I could see a crop of goodwill and commitment growing, defiant amidst the tangles of human distress, refusing to be smothered. So, when woken up by the sound of a helicopter overhead in the wee small hours, I found myself having to remember that someone's life was depending on that noise. While we were sleeping, others were at work.

At what stage is it best to do the weeding? Not until all fruit is showing, according to today's parable. Only at the harvest will we recognise what is 'weed' and what is 'wheat'. At harvest time we can make the decision about what to reap, and what to discard. Perhaps that choice will not be quite as clear cut as we expect.

Clare Fussell

Psalm Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Prayers of the Faithful: E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Combined Mass of Catholic Parish of Wellington South

Sunday 27th August 2017 in St Patrick's College Hall
10am. More information to follow.

Welcoming Strangers in a World of Global Migration

Thursday 27 July 7pm Lecture. 6.30pm refreshments. Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Thorndon. Hear Julianne Hickey, Director of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand speak on global migration, Kiwi immigration policies, as well as the biblical obligation to welcome the stranger. This lecture is part of the Keeping Faith in Politics 2017 election series.

'The Reformation: Is it Over?', a day seminar by the Wellington Theological Consortium (WTC) 9 September, Saturday, from 9.30am- 4.30pm at The Salvation Army Wellington City Corps, Vivian Street, Speakers: Dr Nick Thomson, Br Kieran Fenn, FMS, Dr Joe McGarry and Rev. Rob Yule. To register david_wardie@nzf.salvationarmy.org. For more information: Maya Bernardo m.bernardo@tci.ac.nz

Family and home go together. It is very difficult to bring up a family without living in a house. I invite everyone — persons, social institutions, authorities — to do everything possible so that every family might have a home.
Pope Francis, 2013

Seasons for Growth is an education programme which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. Using the imagery of the four seasons, the programme is a safe and proven way to help people process and adjust to changing experiences. Bridgett Parkin will run a programme of six weekly sessions, starting on Sunday 30 July, 2.00 – 4.30pm, at KAC Church Offices, 8 Fancourt Street Karori. Cost \$25 for the workbook. For more information or to register please contact Bridgett on 934-1811 or email: baparkin@clear.net.nz.

RAISING HAPPY CONFIDENT AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

The Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral School has teamed up with Jenny Hale from The Parenting Place to present Raising Happy, Confident and Resilient Children.

This seminar is on Tuesday 1 August at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm), in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon. This is a fundraising event, with all proceeds going towards the new school playground.

Tickets are \$25 and are available online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/raising-happy-confident-and-resilient-children-tickets-35336832417>

What is it to be a Prophet in Today's World

Speaker Monsignor Gerard Burns

Thursday 3rd August 2017, 7-8.30pm. At St Anne's Church Hall

Organised by Wellington South Social Justice Group.

Become a volunteer at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay: information session Saturday 5 August

We are seeking volunteers who would like to share the story of Suzanne Aubert and the Sisters of Compassion, and the charism of Compassion. A range of roles are available from greeting to guiding tours to providing a presence in the Chapel. Our next Compassion Volunteering information session is on the morning of Saturday 5 August. To register your interest in volunteering, contact Deirdre Hanlon, Visitor Experience Manager, at heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz or phone 282 1953.

Step out and Vote

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' 2017 Election Statement

Our Bishops have provided a statement which outlines principles and topics to consider when you are deciding how to vote in the upcoming election. You are encouraged to take one with you after Mass today. It is also available online at www.catholic.org.nz under "Bishops' Statements".

We embrace the bicultural nature of Aotearoa New Zealand. We ourselves are growing in our understanding that this is much more than questions of language. Bicultural partnerships and participation enrich any group because they anticipate an expansion of understanding of the fundamental elements of human society including land, people and purpose. Every absence of bicultural partnership is an impoverishment of our society. We welcome the completion of iwi treaty claims and rejoice in the renewed mana that these agreements unleash.

Catholic and Anglican Housing Forum – 9 August

Cardinal John Dew and Bishop Justin Duckworth are hosting a housing forum at the Anglican Cathedral on Wednesday 9 August at 6.30pm

Please come and hear:

- Christian perspectives on our current housing crisis
- Stories from people in the community
- Responses from political parties

Music and light refreshments available from 5.45 pm.

The Wellington JPD Commission would also like to offer the following quote for inclusion in parish newsletters this week:

Nowadays it is sad to see that land, housing and work are ever more distant for the majority. It is strange but, if I talk about this, some say that the Pope is communist. They do not understand that love for the poor is at the centre of the Gospel. Land, housing and work, what you struggle for, are sacred rights. To make this claim is nothing unusual; it is the social teaching of the Church.

Pope Francis, 2014

Celebrating the Feast of St Anne

The beginning years of St Anne's Parish 1839 – 1920

Before the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi very few Europeans had settled in Wellington. So when the New Zealand Company's ship the Tory arrived in September 1839 problems arose between Maori and settlers who wanted land to build their homes. Eventually 217 acres in the greater Wellington area were administered by a Trust. Of this agreement 36 acres became Newtown by 1847.

Wellington had been divided into two Catholic Parishes – St Mary's Cathedral in Hill St and St Mary of the Angels in Boulcott St. With the increasing Catholic population, especially in Newtown by 1885, it was evident that a Church building was needed. A fundraising project resulted in having a Parish school in a rented two storeyed house in Adelaide Rd. The Sisters of Mercy who lived at St Mary's Convent Guilford Tce were asked to staff the school of approximately 100 pupils. "The school was blessed and opened by Fr Kerrigan SM" (The Catholic Times 1890)

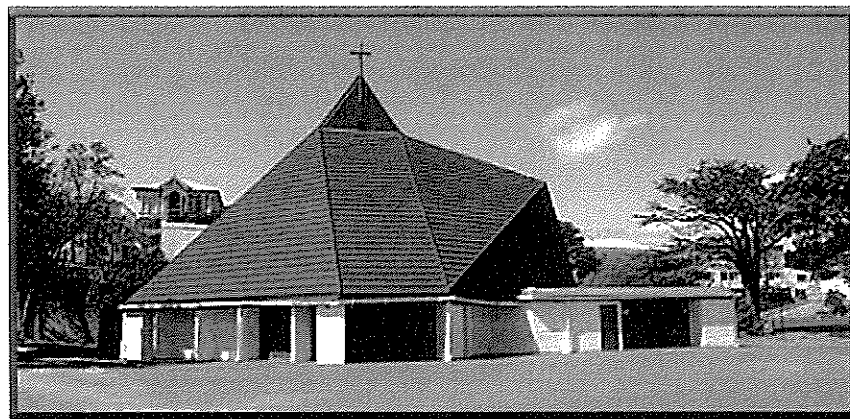
However, increasing numbers by 1892 meant buying two acres of land between Green and Daniell St. A new school was built and blessed by Archbishop Redwood SM in April 1893. Two apartments built near the school were for the Sisters use.

A small Chapel opened in 1897. By 1900 this Chapel was too small for the parishioners.

In the meantime a two storeyed Convent had been built for the Sisters of Mercy who until then had been travelling three miles (4.8 kms) from St Mary's Convent Guilford Tce. Some of the pioneer Sisters were Srs: Camillus Tracey, Chanel Burton, Imelda Aisher and Aloysius O'Shea.

The Sisters of Mercy continued their teaching and pastoral ministry in St Anne's Parish when they moved from Green St to 42 Rintoul St in 1989.

Land was bought in Wilson St in 1898 for the first presbytery. In September 1902 Fr John Ainsworth SM was appointed administrator of the new Parish of St Anne's which included Island Bay, Kilbirnie, Miramar and Seatoun. Later, in 1906 the Daniell St presbytery was built.



By April 1903 with a pupil roll of 300 a larger school building was needed. Once more fundraising efforts enabled that to be built by June 1903 when it was also used as a church. (It was replaced by the present school in 1984.) In 1904 a Chapel, music room and two more classrooms were added to the ground floor of the Convent. The classrooms became St Joseph's High School for fee-paying pupils. It was a source of income for the Sisters' living needs.

Sr Augustine McDonald taught music as another source of income.

In 1906 another school in Tasman St was opened for 70 infants (Primers 1 & 2). By 1911 it was closed and the site taken over by the Marist Brothers who moved from Boulcott to Tasman St. Br Justin was principal of the school with a roll of about 200 pupils. From 1893 Catholics used the Buckle St Church for Sunday Mass until the school was enlarged. The new additions could be used for classes and for Sunday Mass. This was the normal practice until the first St Anne's Church was built.

The Marist Priests administered the Parish until 1920. They were Frs John Ainsworth SM 1902 – 1907, Archdeacon Thomas Devoy SM 1908 – 1920, Alfred Thomas Herring SM 1908 – 1915 Hospital Chaplain.

Sr Patricia Clarke RSM July 2017

Acknowledgements:

From The Four Winds by Cecily McNeill
Sisters of Mercy Wellington Archives
by Sr Stephanie Kitching RSM

Right to Life Petition

The Legion of Mary in the Wellington diocese is tasked with gathering signatures to oppose legislation that is being considered to officially legalise abortion, and up to full term. If this is passed it means that any woman may legally kill her baby up until the day of birth. Members of the Legion of Mary are going around our Wellington South Parish church communities to solicit the signatures of those who would like to support this very important cause and are very grateful for the tremendous response to date. For more information on upholding the sanctity of life contact Right To Life NZ on www.righttolife.org.nz



**Parish Bank
Details:
ADW - CPWS
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Our Vision Statement

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Sunday 23	9:00am 9:15am 2pm / 6pm 5:00pm	Celebration of St Anne's Feast @ St Anne's Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Life Teen @ St Anne's Church & Hall	Please remember in prayer all who are sick, those who are lonely and worried, and those who have died recently and their families. Masses offered for Papali'itele Petelo Savali-RIP Koreti Mavaega Tiumalu-RIP Giuseppina Mollo RIP Katie Lynch Raffaele Volpicelli (14 July) Giuseppe Mollo (16 July) Raffaele Mollo Aldo Cuccurullo (23 July) Kathleen Cavanagh
Tuesday 25	6:30pm	Pastoral Council Mtg @ St Francis de Sales	
Thursday 27	6:00pm	Synod participants Mtg @ St Anne's Meeting Room	
Friday 28	2:30pm	Adoration with Missionaries of Charity @ St Anne's	
Saturday 29	6:00pm	Vigil @ St Francis de Sales	
Sunday 30	9:15am 11:30am 2pm / 6pm 5:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales St Bernard's Community Meeting Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Life Teen @ St Anne's Church & Hall	

PARISH GIFTING SUNDAY

Sunday 30th July

Your talents and gifts are important to our Parish. Without them, we are not all that we could be. **Parish Gifting Sunday** is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the talents, abilities and resources God has given us, and how we can better use them in service of others in our Parish community.

Next weekend's newsletter will include a report from the Parish Finance & Property Team with up to date figures from the last Financial year.



Laudato Si'

Quotes for reflection

When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (#117)

We cannot presume to heal our relationship with nature and the environment without healing all fundamental human relationships. (#119)

Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God. Otherwise it would be nothing more than romantic individualism dressed up in ecological garb. (#119)

How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? (#120)

The "use and throw away" logic generates so much waste, because of the disordered desire to consume more than what is really necessary. (#123)

It is troubling that when some ecological movements defend the integrity of the environment, rightly demanding that certain limits be imposed on scientific research, they sometimes fail to apply those same principles to human life. (#136)

Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. (#139)

We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature. (#139)

Ecology also involves protecting the cultural treasures of humanity in the broadest sense. (#143)

**Ā, KEI TE HONOHO NO I NGĀ MEA KĀTOA
And everything is connected**

If you'd like to read more, follow this link to a summary by NZ theologian, Neil Darragh
<http://www.tuimotu.org/a/21AVy72>

This week's readings

Sunday	Wis 12:13.16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Matt 13:24-43
Monday	Ex 14:5-18; Matt 12:38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 4:7-15; Matt 20:20-28
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-5. 9-15; Matt 13:1-9
Thursday	Ex 19:1-2.9-11; Matt 13:10-17
Friday	Ex 20:1-17; Matt 13:18-23
Saturday	Ex 24:3-8; Jn 11:19-27
Sunday	1 Kg 3:5.7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Matt 13:44-52

Masses this week

Tuesday	8:15am St Joseph's
Wednesday	9am St Bernard's School
Thursday	10am St Anne's
Friday	9am St Francis de Sales
Saturday	10am St Anne's

Sunday Vigil Mass

Saturday 6pm alternating between St Francis de Sales every 1st, 3rd and 5th **Sunday** of the month
St Bernard's every 2nd and 4th **Sunday** of the month.

Sunday Mass

9am Mass	St Anne's
9am Mass	St Joseph's
10.30am Mass	St Francis de Sales
10.30am Mass	St Bernard's
5pm Mass	St Anne's

Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 March 2017

Catholic Parish of Wellington South			
Profit and Loss Summary for the year ended 31 March 2017			
	2017	2016	Variance
<u>Income</u>			
Offertory Collections	274,771	285,336	-10,565
Donations - Devotional, Koha and Other Appeals	12,610	11,446	1,164
Other Revenue (Interest Rec'd, Sales of Publications)	34,711	30,405	4,306
Donations from Specified Collections	15,283	24,200	-8,917
Unconditional Grants- Bequests and Legacies	10,800	36,702	-25,902
Other Revenue (Rent)	127,150	131,911	-4,761
Total Income	475,325	520,000	-44,675
Plus Other Income	5,186	1,442	3,744
Less Cost of sales	19,094	52,717	33,623
	461,417	468,725	-7,308
<u>Less Operating Expenses</u>			
Levy for Support of Clergy	80,596	90,252	9,656
Levy for Archdiocesan Costs	90,929	87,505	-3,424
Archdiocese-Parish Insurance	37,140	39,409	2,269
Sunday Mass Supply for Parish	10,480	27,084	16,604
Parish Operating expenses	38,716	49,963	11,247
Pastoral Services	12,634	21,201	8,567
Personnel Expenses	82,705	72,855	-9,850
Depreciation	10,624	9,833	-791
Property - rates	27,072	25,755	-1,316
Property - repairs and maintenance (including grounds & Presbytery)	101,967	34,739	-67,228
Travel- vehicle Running Costs	10,249	10,852	603
Total Expenses	503,112	469,449	-33,663
Net Profit / Loss	-41,695	724	-40,971

Catholic Parish of Wellington South has a net operating loss of \$41,695 for this fiscal year. Total operating income is lower than the prior year by \$44,675. The offertory collections are down by approximately 4% from the previous year. The income from other donations, bequests, gifts and grants and fundraising projects are helping the keep the Parish in a fair financial position.

Operating expenses are higher than the prior year by \$33,663. The major increase in expenses is in repairs & maintenance costs on properties, which amount to \$101,967 versus \$34,739 for the

previous year. The major expense item was repainting the exterior of the St Anne's Hall and its roof (\$50,000), which was long overdue. Other expenses included updating the steps at St Joseph's Church (\$7,600) and maintenance work on St Bernard's Presbytery.

Our Profit & Loss account does not show our spending on capital projects, including Seismic strengthening of our St Francis de Sales Church (\$10,120) and improvements to our Parish administration facilities and meeting rooms at St Anne's (\$10,000).

Other major expense items are personnel costs \$82,705, Parish Insurance \$37,140, property rates \$27,072 and Archdiocesan levy and support costs \$171,525.

The repairs to the Island Bay retaining wall will be covered by EQC and our insurers, other than our excess of \$14,000. The cover includes the temporary protective fence.

The Parish is running a lean cost structure. Future growth will require increased giving and/or new sources of income. The Parish operates only on the participation and generosity of our congregation. Thank you.

