

Catholic Parish of Wellington South

St Anne
St Bernard
St Francis de Sales
St Joseph

From the coast to the harbour

*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 Joseph's

Ellice Street, Mt Victoria. Tel: 385 0915
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9:30am to 12:30pm

St Bernard's

Taft Street, Brooklyn. Tel: 934 4099

5th Sunday in Lent

18 March 2018

Jesus walks to his death boldly...

In the ashram in India I woke in the middle of the night thinking of Anne, and of just before she became unconscious: her arms were wrapped around my neck, my arms were linked under her shoulders – helping her move up in the bed. Then she stretched up and gave me a kiss!

Reflecting in the dark of the lotus flower shaped chapel, the Blessed Sacrament light shining from its 'cave', I realised that it was a 'goodbye kiss'.

When I'd booked the trip to India I was 'running away' – from Anne's death, from grief. It came to me, "I'm done with running, time to stand up and confront (get on) with life". And it started by leaving the ashram and working out India!

Pope Francis tells us not to 'be closed in on yourself, don't be stifled by petty squabbles, don't remain a hostage to your own problems. These will be resolved if you go forth to help others resolve their own problems, and proclaim the good news. You will find life by giving life, hope by giving hope, love by giving love'.

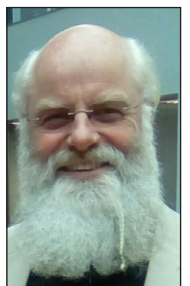
And as we move steadily toward the Easter event, the death and resurrection of Jesus, we can see this in his life.

He would have known he was going to be executed, it was the way problems like him were resolved by Rome, yet he devoted himself to the problems of others (like the woman at the well, the man born blind and Mary and Martha on the death of their brother Lazarus).

Jesus didn't run away. He might have wept, prayed, taken a bashing, cried out, been crucified. But in all this he stepped forth boldly, and in doing so gave us life, hope and love beyond our imagination.

All we have to do is grab it and live it. That's the challenge!

Joe Green
Lay Pastoral Leader



Psalm Response:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation:

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord and where I am, my servant will also be.

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Maureen Laws (RIP)

Maureen was a parishioner at St Anne's for many years, and made a huge contribution to the life of the St Anne's community. We remember her loving service and commitment and thank God for her presence. A Vigil Service for Maureen will be held at 7pm in St Anne's Church tonight, Sunday 18th March. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11am tomorrow, Monday 19th March at St Anne's.

Sacramental Programme Session 2

This Sunday at St Joseph's Church at 10:15am.

Working Bee at St Francis de Sales Church

Can you spare a couple of hours to tidy the church for Holy Week and Easter? Saturday 24th March starting at 9am, and including morning tea. A great way to do something extra for Lent and spend time together.

No Liturgy @ St Joseph's on Fridays

There is no longer a Morning Liturgy on Fridays at St Joseph's. Liturgies continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:15am.

St Joseph's Women's Book Group - 20th March

Trish Cuttance is hosting women's book club at 1/28 Ottawa St, Ngaio. from 7:30pm. All are welcome.

St Catherine's Retreat

St Catherine's Year 9 Retreat at St Joseph's on Tuesday 20th March and Year 12 Retreat will be on 23rd March.

40 Days for Life

Please keep the prayers up for the abortion vulnerable, the abortion wounded and those promoting and providing abortions in our city. Vigil Hours outside Wellington Hospital: Tuesday to Friday 8am to 4pm; Mondays and Saturdays 8 am to Noon and Sundays 1 to 4 pm. Please come out and show your support for life. Sign up for an hour at www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or Text: 027 511 2205.

Pentecost Liturgical Workshop

Thursday April 19th 6.45pm-9.00pm at the Catholic Centre. This will be an interactive workshop, with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor. Fr Patrick will help us unpack Pentecost seeking ways to be truly culturally inclusive within our liturgies and gatherings. Workshops are open to all, being particularly relevant to members of Liturgy teams, Children's Liturgists, Parish Pastoral Leaders and Directors of Religious Education. Please register with Ann Williams before Friday 13th April at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz Check out the poster on the Church noticeboard!

Visit the Home of Compassion and take the Parish Day Challenge

Following our Parish Day, parishioners are invited to return and explore more of the Home of Compassion. Visit before 29th March and ask for the "Parish Day Challenge". Answer a short set of questions as you take a look around the cloister, Chapel and Resting Place of Suzanne Aubert, and the Suzanne Aubert exhibition. Then go in the draw to win a prize of a great selection of books and gifts from the shop. The visitor spaces are open 10am-3pm Monday to Saturday, 12noon-3pm Sunday. The Cloister Cafe is open Wednesday to Sunday at the same times. Contact heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz or 282 1953 for more information.

Parish Rite II Reconciliation

Everyone is welcome to our parish Rite II Reconciliation on Wednesday 21st March at 6.30pm at St Anne's Church.

Parish Pastoral Council

Elisapeta Elama and John Price have completed two years service as members of the Pastoral Council and have elected to stand down. Owen Lynch who joined more recently is also no longer available to serve on the Council. The process for new members to join the Council will begin shortly. The Parish is very grateful to Elisapeta, John and Owen for their contribution and service to the Parish through membership of the Pastoral Council.

Holy Hour - Tuesday 20th March

Holy Hour beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Includes prayers, hymns, Scripture, times of silence and Benediction followed by supper. All are welcome.

Teaching Night @ St Francis de Sales Hall

Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Wednesday 21st March, at 7:30pm.

Speaker: Fr John Rea on the gift of Faith.

Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue will be with St Francis de Sales School. Please consider taking the Rosary statue into your home for a week.

Camerata - Haydn at St Mary of the Angels

Join us for a short and reviving concert of early Haydn and sumptuous Dvorak pieces for a small chamber orchestra. On Friday 23 March from 7pm - 8pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. Admission by koha, to fundraise for our ongoing seismic strengthening project - all are welcome, regardless of means. The musicians include professional performers, tertiary music students and amateurs. Camerata seeks to make beautiful classical music accessible to all.

Position Vacant

The Prison Chaplaincy Service of Aotearoa New Zealand is seeking a fulltime Office Manager. See their website www.pcsanz.org/vacancies.php

World Down Syndrome Day - Garden buy/sell/swap in aid of the Wellington Down Syndrome Association at 58 Derwent Street, Island Bay this Sunday 18th March, 3:30pm. Gold coin entry. Call Annette Moffat on 971 6380 or 027 227 5058 for information.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Note change of date: Saturday 24th March 1:15pm at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon. Speaker: Fr John Rea on Lam 3:22-24, our theme of hope, with ministry. All women welcome. Contact Shura 021 072 4042, 389 9938, or email: shuraprice@hotmail.com.

Caritas Lenten Reflection Booklets

Available in your Church foyer.

Wellington South Parish App

Have you downloaded yours yet? Download 'ChurchAppsNZ' for free from your App Store, then search "Wellington South Catholic Parish".



Pope Francis' Message of Mercy

From "The Church of Mercy - A vision for the Church" by Pope Francis

"I am always struck when I reread the parable of the merciful father; it impresses me because it always gives me great hope. Think of that younger son who was in the father's house, who was loved; and yet he wants his part of the inheritance. He goes off, spends everything, hits rock bottom, where he could not be more distant from the father. Yet when he is at his lowest, he misses the warmth of the father's house and he goes back.

And the father? Had he forgotten the son? No, never. He is there, he sees the son from afar; he was waiting for him every hour of every day. The son was always in his father's heart, even though he had left him, even though he had squandered his whole inheritance, his freedom. The father, with patience, love, hope, and mercy had never for a second stopped thinking about him, and as soon as he sees him still far off, he runs out to meet him and embraces him with tenderness, the tenderness of God, without a word of reproach: his son has returned! And that is the joy of the father. In that embrace for his son is all this joy: he has returned! God is always waiting for us; he never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence, hope—always! A great German theologian, Romano Guardini, said that God responds to our weakness by his patience, and this is the reason for our confidence, our hope (see Glaubenserkenntnis [Würzburg, 1949], p. 28). It is like a dialogue between our weakness and the patience of God; it is a dialogue that, if we have it, will grant us hope.

I would like to emphasize one other thing: God's patience has to call forth in us the courage to return to him, however many mistakes and sins there may be in our life. Jesus tells Thomas to put his hand in the wounds of his hands and his feet and in his side. We too can enter the wounds of Jesus; we can actually touch him. This happens every time we receive the sacraments with faith. St. Bernard, in a fine homily, said: "Through the wounds of Jesus I can suck honey from the rock and oil from the flinty rock (see Deut. 32:13), I can taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (On the Song of Songs 61:4). It is there, in the wounds of Jesus, that we are truly secure; there we encounter the boundless love of his heart. Thomas understood this. St. Bernard goes on to ask: But what can I count on? My own merits? No. "My merit is God's mercy. I am by no means lacking merits as long as he is rich in mercy. If the mercies of the Lord are manifold, I too will abound in merits" (61:5). This is important: the courage to trust in Jesus' mercy, to trust in his patience, to seek refuge always in the wounds of his love. St. Bernard even stated, "So what if my conscience gnaws at me for my many sins? 'Where sin has abounded, there grace has abounded all the more' (Rom. 5:20)" (61:5).

Maybe someone among us here is thinking, My sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable; my unbelief is like that of Thomas. I don't have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people. But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him. How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, "Father, I have many sins"? And I have always pleaded, "Don't be afraid, go to him, he is waiting for you, he will take care of everything." We hear many offers from the world around us; but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love. For God, we are not numbers, we are important; indeed we are the most important thing to him. Even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart."

Praying with the Word of God

Psalm 36 - Sunday 18th March, Morning Prayer

Hearts of stone cannot hold the living waters of God's love. Through the Death and Resurrection of Christ, we will be given new hearts, washed clean in the tears of Christ.

I shall pour clean water over you,
and you will be cleansed;
I shall cleanse you of all your
defilement and all your idols.

I shall give you a new heart,
and put a new spirit in you.

I shall remove the heart of stone
from your bodies and give you
a heart of flesh instead.

I shall put my spirit in you,
and make you keep my laws and
sincerely respect my observances...



Parish Rite II Reconciliation

Wednesday 21st March
6:30pm @ St Anne's Church



Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday

7:30pm @ St Anne's
7:30pm @ St Bernard's
7:30pm @ St Joseph's

**Please note: No Holy Thursday
Mass @ St Francis de Sales**

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

9am @ St Anne's
11am @ St Bernard's
10am @ St Francis de Sales
10am @ St Joseph's

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3pm @ all four Churches

Easter Vigil

7:30pm @ St Anne's
7:30pm @ St Francis de Sales
7:30pm @ St Joseph's

**Please note: No Easter Vigil
@ St Bernard's**

Easter Sunday

9am @ St Anne's
9am @ St Joseph's
10:30am @ St Bernard's
10:30am @ St Francis de Sales
5pm @ St Anne's

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

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Sunday 18	9:15am 2pm / 6pm 11am 5pm 7pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Samoan Mass @ St Anne's Life Teen @ St Anne's Church + Hall Vigil Service for Maureen Laws @ St Anne's Church	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 Maureen Laws (RIP) Joan Donnelly (RIP) Elsma Moffitt (RIP) Jacobus Johannes (John) Masseurs (22 March) Laura Mollo Raffaele Volpicelli Giuseppina & Salvatore Volpicelli Giuseppina & Giuseppe Mollo Ferdinando & Michael Petagna
Monday 19	11:00am 7:00pm	Requiem Mass for Maureen Laws @ St Anne's Church Meditation @ Home of Compassion	
Wednesday 21	6:30pm 7pm 7:30pm	Parish Rite II Reconciliation @ St Anne's Church Lenten Reflection Group @ St Joseph's Teaching Night @ St Francis de Sales Hall - see notice for details	
Thursday 22	9:30am 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @ St Anne's Church Lenten Reflection Group @ St Anne's Meeting Room	
Friday 23	6pm 7pm	Stations of the Cross @ St Anne's Stations of the Cross @ St Francis de Sales	
Saturday 24	6pm	Vigil Mass @ St Bernard's Church	
Sunday 25 PALM SUNDAY	9:15am 2pm / 6pm 5pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Life Teen @ St Anne's Church + Hall	

Inner Peace in Divine Love

An Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life based on a programme developed by Australian, Michael Hanson SJ. Participants meet weekly, under the guidance of trained guides, to pray and share in small groups their experience of prayer. The retreat is open to all and will be held at the church of St Peter and Paul, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville over five Thursday evenings - 12, 19, 26 April and 3 and 10 May, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. To book or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 389 1038 or 021 0814 4424 sarahdench@yahoo.com

"If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."

Pope Francis: Message for Lent 2018
Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

A Wedding is a day, a Marriage is a lifetime

Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends for couples preparing for marriage. For more information please contact: Kate & Simon Olsen on 801 6192 Email: simonolsen@gmail.com

Christian Meditation

Day of recollection on Saturday 24th March at 82 The Parade, Paekakariki from 10 am to 2.30 pm. All welcome. Please bring a lunch and a donation of \$10 for expenses. Contact : Elspeth Preddey on 472 3369.

St Bernard's School Movie Fundraiser

"Peter Rabbit" showing on Sunday 25 March at 4pm at the Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn. Please come and support the school. Tickets are \$20 Adult, \$15 Child or \$65 for a family pass (2 adults and 2 Children). Every ticket includes a sweet treat and the chance to win spot prizes. To buy tickets please phone 04-389 9377 or email office@stbernards.school.nz

Caritas Lenten Appeal

This year's Lenten Appeal will support the response of Caritas to the Rohingya refugees crisis and the famine in South Sudan, as well as development work in Timor-Leste and advocacy work in New Zealand and abroad. Envelopes are available in your Church Foyers.

St. Bernard's School Brooklyn

prides itself in helping students to be empowered in their learning within a Catholic community. Our class sizes support individual learning and foster academic development. St. Bernard's School is a pathway to the world. Contact Mr Andrew Pozniak on 389 9377.



Easter Sunrise Service

6:30am on Easter Sunday at the Mount Victoria Lookout. Hosted by the Wesley Wellington Methodist Parish.

Masses this week

Monday
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday
8:15am St Joseph's

Wednesday
9am @ St Bernard's School

Thursday
10am St Anne's

Friday
9:00am St Francis de Sales

Saturday
10am St Anne's

Weekend Mass Times

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

Reconciliation Saturday 10:30am @ St Anne's and before/after weekend Masses

This week's readings

Sunday Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; John 12:20-33
(Year A) (Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45)
5th Sunday in Lent

Monday 2 Sam 7:4-5.12-14.16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22;
Lk 2:41-51 Feast of St Joseph

Tuesday Nu, 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wed Dan 3:14-20.24-25.28; John 8:31-42

Thursday Gen 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sunday Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47
Palm Sunday