



# Catholic Parish of Wellington South

In the spirit of Suzanne Aubert

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



Thirtieth Sunday

in Ordinary Time - Year A  
Sunday 25 October 2020

## A PRAYER TO THE CREATOR

*Lord, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.  
Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world,  
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.  
May our hearts be open  
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.  
May we recognize the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us,  
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,  
and shared dreams. Amen.*

FRATELLI TUTTI

## Now

**Labour Day:** Monday 26 October

**World Stroke Day:** 29 October

**Grandparents Week:**

27 Oct—1 Nov

## Upcoming

**November - The Month of the  
Holy Souls**

### Weekend Mass Times

**Vigil Mass:** 6pm St Francis De Sales every 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month.  
St Bernard's every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

**Sunday Mass:** 9am St Anne's, 9am St Joseph's, 10.30am St Francis De Sales, 10.30am St Bernard's, 5pm St Anne's

### Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales  
Tuesday: 8.30am St Joseph's  
Wednesday: 9am at St Bernard's  
Thursday: 10am St Anne's  
Friday: 9.15am St Francis De Sales  
Saturday: 10am St Anne's

## From Fr Cirilo

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus giving the greatest commandment, you shall love YOUR God with all YOUR soul, with all YOUR mind, and with all YOUR strength, and love YOUR neighbour as you YOURself.

But who can love God? How can we love God? What if the God we try to love is generic/abstract God? That cannot be. We are called to love a personal God. God made a covenant with us. The same way he did with the People of Israel. I belong to God and God belongs to me. It has to be a covenantal Love. In this covenant God can give HIS mind, HIS soul and HIS love.

But what if there is a wall, a hindrance, a block that stops the person from loving the Lord with all their soul, mind, strength and love of neighbour. What if there is some kind of emotional hangs up/baggage that somehow slows down the person's journey in the understanding of the greatest commandment?

It is a privilege to be one of the priests-on-call at Wellington hospital. One day I was called in to see someone. Upon introducing myself and the normal hi-hello, she mumbled these words, "There is a feeling of pain and suffering and also a feeling of abandonment." Then continued saying, "God seems far away, he is nowhere to find." I could feel the clamour of a person longing for God's love, his abiding nearness. Then she continued again, "I cant seem to find God, I used to be okay talking to God, telling him my problems and everything. But now being here in the hospital and with this pain, I don't know where God is." And this last line what really moved me deeply, "I find it hard to cry." Covenantal love seems hard to see and feel in this situation.

But, like the people of Israel, God never forgets nor abandons his covenant. It is a covenant made out of love. We are his people. We belong to God. Remember God saying, "You are mine and I am yours." We try to love him with all OUR strength.

To love God is not just a commandment to obey, it is a covenant of love. And in that loving there are highs and lows, turning away and coming back. Also, in this covenant we are called to love MY neighbour — MY poor sisters and brothers, MY vulnerable friend, MY lonely people I meet on the street regardless of colour of the skin, status in life. We are one Christian community. OUR Christian community made out of a covenant of love with God and with other people. *Arohanui*

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel acclamation:** All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.



### Remembering the Holy Souls

Mass has been offered for: Margaret Hayes (nee Lanigan) RIP  
Anniversary: Purificacion Arizabal, Nazaria Arizabal, Salve Saffiogi, Brian Gifford, Munziata Famularo, Iris Albrecht, Pietro Teresa & Antonietta Elenio, Cotaldo Aprea, Maria Lagrutta, Petar Dodic, Salvatore Ruocco and deceased members of the Ruocco & Basile families.

For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](http://wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

Continuing the Investigation into the separation of St Josephs from the Catholic Parish of Wellington South. Anne Dickinson has been appointed by the Cardinal to carry out this investigation. She will meet with

**the St Anne's Church Community after 9am Mass Sunday 1 November.** All welcome.

**Holy Hour:** You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 October beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction & supper.

**SEEK – EXPLORE YOUR CALL:** Sunday 8th November, 1pm to 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. An opportunity for young adults (18+) to explore different vocations as Catholics. How are you called to serve God with your talents & gifts? What does vocation look like in 2020?

The afternoon will conclude with a Young Church Mass at 5pm. To register please email [youth@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:youth@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**YOUNG CHURCH MASS 2020** with Cardinal John Sunday 8 November @ 5pm at the Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay. All young people are welcome!

**Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood:** Prayer cards are available, which can also be used as bookmarks. Please take one home and pray for more vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. Our seminarians are Alfred Tong, Matthew White, Kinh Nguyen and Emilio Capin. Gerson Badayos is preparing to enter Holy Cross Seminary in February 2021.

Visit the website [wellingtonpriests.org](http://wellingtonpriests.org) to see a video of some of our seminarians and priests speaking about their call to priesthood.

#### **St Francis de Sales school Playground Upgrade**

We are going to have a launch celebration at 5pm on Thursday 19 November where Father Doug will bless the Playground. We will have the first slide ride and there will be a free sausage sizzle for our school whanau!

**Wellington Candlelight Vigil** Sunday 1 November 7.30pm. Riddiford Street outside Wellington Hospital. We grieve for the thousands of babies who have lost their lives to abortion this year. Join us in a prayer of reparation for this grave injustice, for the babies, abortion-vulnerable women in our community, those who are wounded, and for an end to abortion in our land. This is a peaceful prayer vigil and not a protest. Organised by Family Life International. 0212317954.

#### **Readings for this week**

**Sunday 25 Oct:** 1 Exodus 22:20-26, 2 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

**Mon 26 Oct:** Ephesians 4 :32-5:8, Gospel Luke 13:10-17

**Tues 27 Oct:** Ephesians 5:21-33, Gospel 13:18-21

**Wed 28 Oct:** Ephesians 2:19-22, Gospel Luke 6:12-16

**Thurs 29 Oct:** Ephesians 6:10-20, Gospel Luke 13:31-35

**Fri 30 Oct:** Philippians 1:1-11, Gospel Luke 14:1-6

**Sat 31 Oct:** Philippians 1:18-26 Gospel Luke 14:1,7-11

**Sun 1 Nov:** 1. Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14, 2 John 3:1-3, Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

## **What's happening in our Parish**

**Saturday 24 Oct:** 10am Baptism at St Francis de Sales  
10.30 Reconciliation at St Anne's Church  
11.30 & 2pm Baptisms at St Anne's

**Sunday 25 Oct:** 2pm Marian Medjugorje group at St Anne's  
11.30 St Bernard's community meeting after Mass  
4pm Life Teen in the Hall at St Anne's  
6pm Divine Mercy St Anne's Church

**Tuesday 27 Oct:** 2pm Funeral at St Anne's (Patricia Ford)  
4pm Legion of Mary St Anne's Church  
7pm Parish Council meeting

**Thursday 29 Oct:**  
10.30am Eucharistic Adoration St Anne's Church  
6.30pm Samoan Community Choir Practice St Anne's  
7.30: Jesus Youth at St Anne's Church

#### **Friday 30 Oct:**

6pm Samoan Legion of Mary at St Anne's

**Sunday 1 November** 10am St Anne's community meeting  
2pm Legion of Mary ACIES in St Anne's Church  
4pm Life Teen in the Hall at St Anne's  
6pm Divine Mercy St Anne's Church

**St Joseph's Spring Working Bee** - Saturday 31 October  
This will be St Joseph's only working bee this year, so please come along and help to spring clean the church and tidy the grounds. We would be particularly grateful for vehicles to help take garden refuse to the dump. This is always a marvellous opportunity to get to know each other better. We'll start at 9am and pause later in the morning for a magnificent morning tea, as usual.

**St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue** is with St Bernard's School in Brooklyn. Contact the Parish Office for info.

#### **Fr Chris Skinner in Concert:**

Saturday 31 October 2pm  
St Marys College Hall, Thorndon  
To support the strengthening of the Cathedral  
Tickets \$25 Contact Frank 496 1700



**Passionist Family Group Mass** for the Parish of Wellington South will be held on 8th November at 9am Mass at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. Come see and hear how we can continue to build community in the Parish of Wellington South. Everyone is welcome and we'd love you to join us for a Sausage Sizzle afterwards.  
Phone or text Sarah Simmons (Parish Coordinator) if you have any questions 021433933



#### **Baptisms**

We welcome into our Parish family  
*Ysabelle Pajarillaga*

Who was Baptised at St Anne's last weekend.

**Parish Bank Details ADW-CPWS: 02-0576-0064832-00**

**Reconciliation available** Saturday 10.30 @ St Anne's

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