

Catholic Parish of Wellington South

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

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 ākongā harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti*

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9:30am to 12:30pm

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Office open: Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30am to 12:30pm

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 2017

Dear Parishioners

In our first ever meeting of ministers of different Christian denominations in Wellington last Wednesday night, one minister expressed disappointment at how the media can easily paint a negative image of the whole Church from an isolated incident. As a consequence, people turn their attention away from the full image of the Church. As Flor McCarthy, SDB says "A single tree falling in the forest creates more noise than an entire forest as it grows in silence."

The Church is also filled with good, holy men and women whose lives and deeds go unnoticed, like myriad trees in the forest growing in silence. There were those whom we are privileged to know whose integrity, goodness, and generosity gave life to Christ in our difficult and confusing times. There were those who did nothing to become famous but who knew how to love in an extraordinary way. These are the very people we recognize and honour as we celebrated the Feast of All Saints.

This is really our wish for our parents, grandparents, and all loved ones that they be like saints, sharing eternity in glory with God in heaven. That is why we offer the Mass on the following day for all the faithful departed or more commonly known as "All Souls' Day." Our Catholic faith tells us that our Masses, prayers, almsgiving, indulgences, fasting, sacrifices and other works of piety can be offered on behalf of our loved ones that they may eventually enjoy eternal bliss with God.

Hence, let us be encouraged to follow in the footsteps of the many Saints and track the same road marked by their feet. As we commence on this journey, we are aware that the church accompanies us and we also know that we are in communion with and supported by the multitude of Saints who have travelled this way before us.

Fr Dennis Nacorda

Psalm Response:	<i>In you, Lord, I have found my peace</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>You have one Father, your Father in heaven you have one Teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
Prayers of the Faithful:	<i>E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.</i>

November - the Month of All Souls

Throughout this month we remember our dearly departed in prayer. You are welcome to put the names of your deceased loved ones in the November Intentions box in front of the Altar at St Francis de Sales and St Bernard's. Candles will be lit for them at the weekend Masses. At St Anne's, those who wish to add a photo to the November display are welcome to do so.

St Francis de Sales School Liturgies

A class Liturgy will be celebrated at the School Library on Thursdays 9th, 16th and 23rd November, at 9:15am. Parishioners are welcome.

Altar Server Training @ St Francis de Sales

Training will be held next Sunday 12th November directly after 10:30am Mass. If your child is interested in serving please contact Lucienne at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue will be with Nada Kolic, 50 The Parade, Island Bay. Please consider having the Statue in your home for a week.

Christian Meditation

Every Monday, at 7pm at the Home of Compassion.

Samoan Mass

Fr Petelo Mauga will be celebrating Mass with the Samoan community on Sunday 19th November, 11am at St Anne's Church, before he retires. This will be followed by luncheon in the hall. All are welcome.

Samoan Community will be having their Christmas Variety and End of Year party on Saturday, 2nd December at 5pm onwards at St Annes Hall.

Keen to belong to a family group? The leadership team is looking at reviving Passionist Family Groups in the parish. Focused on building relationships, it is hoped that members would create bonds which can be opportunities for friendships, fun, acceptance and support, and quite simply and joyfully experience Christian life with others. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Dennis Nacorda at den.nacorda@me.com.

Parish Christmas Novena

A Christmas Novena will be held at St Joseph's Church from 15th to 23rd December. Mass will be celebrated every evening at 7:30pm. Please keep these dates in your diaries.

The Rising Tide: What about me and my dreams?

Hosted by Young Church Ministries at the Catholic Centre, Thorndon on Monday 20th of November. Doors open at 6.00 and event starts at 6.30. The evening will discuss '*Are my desires and ambitions from God or for my own fulfilment?*' For more information contact Joshua Nerona 496 1701 j.nerona@wn.catholic.org.nz

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Our last meeting for the year on Thursday 16th of November at 7:30pm. Come and join us at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Speaker: Pauline Griffiths, a clinical psychologist on "How have I responded to influences received from my parents" Want to know more? Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or 021-107-8538 or email: ijnjtaylor132@gmail.com

Training for new Eucharistic Ministers and Proclaimers for the St Anne's Community

Sunday 5th November @ St Anne's Church
1pm-2pm - Training for Proclaimers
2pm-3pm - Training for Eucharistic Ministers

St Joseph's Sunday Lunch Group

We will be having a shared Christmas Lunch on Sunday 3rd December at Moira Pearce's home, Upper Majoribanks Street at 12.00pm. All welcome, for further details please contact Kathleen 0272484297 or 048970925

St Joseph's Working Bee - Saturday 25 November

To ensure the church and garden are looking their best for Advent and Christmas we are having a working bee on Saturday 25 November. Come along at 9am, and spend a couple of hours working in the friendly company of your fellow parishioners. Re-fuel with our legendary morning tea and the 5 minute quiz! We hope to see you there!

Accommodation sought

A professional couple moving back to Wellington in early January seek a short term rental / house sit for a few months. Please contact Steve on 027 315 7313.

4 October-10 December

Set Apart: An Exhibition of Fibre Art by Merrilyn George
Inspired by the Life of Suzanne Aubert, this exhibition of quilts by a leading fibre artist is a powerful expression of Suzanne's story and best appreciated in person. Set Apart is on display in the Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street (off Murray St), Island Bay. Opening hours: 10am-3pm Mon to Sat; 12-3pm Sun

Become a volunteer at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay.

Information session Tuesday 14 November
Become part of the story of Our Lady's Home of Compassion. 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 regular and occasional roles are available including greeting, guiding and Chapel guardians. Our next Compassion Volunteering information session is on the evening of Tuesday 14 November. To register your interest in volunteering, contact Deirdre Hanlon, Visitor Experience Manager, heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz or phone 282 1953.

Keen to be involved in social activities for men?

The leadership team is keen to organise social activities for men of all ages in the parish. This is to bring men together to have a great time socialising with one another and form bonds of friendship, acceptance and support. If you are interested to be part of the organising committee, please contact Fr. Dennis Nacorda at den.nacorda@me.com.

Have you ever thought about becoming a homestay?

Is your spare bedroom gathering dust and collecting clutter? It could be making you money, and housing a new international friend. Become a host family and enjoy the benefits of cultural exchange and earn an income from home. Find out more by visiting our website www.hostfamilies.co.nz

National March for Life: CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to offer accommodation for 1 or 2 nights for people travelling to Wellington for the March for Life on the 9th December. If so, we'd love to hear from you
TXT: 021 231 7954 or Email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz

Parish Stewardship Day

led by Cardinal John Dew
Saturday 18th November
@ St Anne's Hall, Newtown
1:30pm to 4:30pm

When we talk about Stewardship we talk about a spirituality, a way of life. The essence of Stewardship is that we are called to a life of holiness, that our Baptism calls us into a life with Christ and that daily we are encouraged to reflect on what it means to be an intentional disciple of Christ, and what we are called to be and do as a result of that discernment.



To register please contact the Parish Office, or visit our Facebook page: Catholic Parish of Wellington South



Summary of recent meeting of the Pastoral Council

Proposal to Renovate and Reconfigure Parish Property at 150 Brougham St, Mt Victoria

The Council was briefed on the proposal of the Finance Committee to renovate and reconfigure the vacant Brougham St property. The building is a significant Parish asset and a Parish legacy so it is right to maintain custodial ownership. Renovation costs are not trivial, but rental income will contribute significantly to funding the pastoral activities of the parish. The Council unanimously endorsed the proposal, which requires the approval of the Archbishop before proceeding. If approved, renovations should be complete by mid-2018; the premises are not fit for accommodation until then.

Synod Feedback

A special Lift Out in WelCom on the "Directions and Priorities for the Archdiocese of Wellington" was discussed. Councillors will study the document and discuss at the next meeting. The document will be made available on the Parish website and advertised in the newsletter.

Stewardship Day – Saturday 18 November

The Parish Council is hosting this event, which Cardinal John is leading. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Social Justice Group Feedback

The Parish is encouraged to make more effort to address social housing concerns in our area. Some possibilities are being considered.

Finance Committee

A request has been made to highlight the successful planned giving campaign that was undertaken earlier this year. This will be included in the newsletter.

Briefing from Leadership Team

- The recent workshops for musicians and liturgy committees on preparing for Advent and Christmas were well attended, with some good learning.
- Two adults have expressed an interest in being leaders in the new Scout Group.
- An invitation will be coming from the Home of Compassion for seniors in the Parish to attend a special Advent gathering.
- A communal Reconciliation Service is planned for 7pm on Wednesday 13 December at St Anne's.
- Training for new altar servers is being arranged.
- New liturgical ministers will be commissioned on the first Sunday of Advent.
- A parish App is being developed.
- Work continues with promoting and planning for the establishment of Passionist Family Groups and a Men's Group.
- A special Parish Day at the Home of Compassion will be held in early 2018.

When people work together looking for each other's good, the world reveals itself in all its beauty.

Pope Francis, 22 October 2017

**Parish Bank
Details:
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Our Vision Statement

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Sunday 5	9:15am 1pm-3pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Liturgy Training @ St Anne's Church Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's	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 Fr John Berry (RIP) Fr John Heijnen (RIP) Sr Theresita (RIP) Gaynor McLean (RIP) Leo Buchanan (RIP) Rose Nelson (RIP) Francis Wong (RIP) Amy De Vos (RIP) Hugh Kearney (RIP) Fr Eric Ulrich (RIP) All the Holy Souls
Monday 6	4:00pm 7:00pm	Prayer Group @ St Francis de Sales Church Meditation @ Home of Compassion, Island Bay	
Thursday 9	9:15am 9:45am	Class Liturgy @ St Francis de Sales School Library Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery	
Saturday 11	2:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm	Couples for Christ Seminar @ St Francis de Sales Hall Portuguese Mass @ St Joseph's Church Vigli Mass @ St Bernard's	
Sunday 12	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	

Expressions of interest - Director, National Liturgy Office

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) is seeking expressions of interest in the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. In addition to a background in liturgical studies/ministry, the successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills, strong administrative and managerial experience. While currently based in Auckland there is flexibility on the location of the role. For enquiries or a job description contact James van Schie, Executive Officer, NZCBC – jvanschie@nzcbc.org.nz - including a current CV and an outline of your motivation for the role. Final date for acceptance of applications is Monday, 20 November 2017

Final chance to speak directly to Pope Francis before 2018 Synod

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard. Visit and complete the Synod 2018 survey before 30 November 2017 by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

History of NZ Catholic Charismatic Renewal

"The New Day that Dawned" – a history of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand. \$20 per copy plus \$6.50 p&p. - margaretpaton@xtra.co.nz or (09) 298 4409

God hears us wherever we are, whether we are on the land or the sea, without our moving our lips. We can prayer to Him in our heart without uttering a word.

Suzanne Aubert

Christmas Crib or Nativity scenes for sale

This tradition began in 1223, in the Italian town of Greccio, where Saint Francis of Assisi, with the help of a local landowner, brought into the hearts and minds of the people, that first Christmas night. He did this in order to help them better understand the poor surroundings in which Jesus was born and to make the wondrous event of the Incarnation more real to them. The people came with candles and torches to attend Holy Mass by the crib and seeing the scene were reminded of God's love for us in sending His only son to be born in the poverty of a manger. 794 years later, the tradition continues and each Christmas we see again the Child born to save mankind. We would like to help you keep this age-old tradition alive by offering a selection of beautiful nativities that will bring Christ to your mind, hearts and homes this Christmas. Visit us online at catholicgifts.co.nz or call us on (09) 629 0820

Elastic Man: religion and gender

Wednesday 15 November, 7pm at the Salvation Army Citadel, 92 Vivian St. Entry by koha, all welcome. Speakers: **Jewish:** Sue Esterman, Temple Sinai **Christian:** Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Presbyterian Church **Muslim:** Rehanna Ali, Islamic Women's Council *In this ever-changing world, as Women's role(s) have been and are constantly re-defined, they impact and revise the role of Men. What do our religions (continue to) make of gender?*

Do you know a child who would benefit from being in a smaller class?

St Bernard's School Brooklyn has places available immediately in years 1-8 for both Catholic and non-Catholic children. Our average class size is 16 and children of all abilities achieve excellent academic results. We are not zoned. Before and after-school care is available on-site. For more information, please contact us on principal@stbernards.school.nz or 389 9377 or visit us at 40 Taft St, Brooklyn.



Masses this week

Monday
9:00am 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 Mal 1:14-2: 2. 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, Matt 23:1-12
Monday Rom 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday Rom 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24
Wed Rom 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
Thursday Ez 47:1-2. 8-9. 12; 1 Cor 3:9-11.16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday Rom 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday Rom 16:3-9.16.22-27; Luke 16:9-15
Sunday Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13