



# 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



**Sunday August 21**

## 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Do I believe that to love is to reign, and to serve is power? That the purpose of my life is Heaven, paradise? Or am I concerned only with worldly, material things?" *Pope Francis, Angelus 15 August 2022.*

## Now

### Samoan language Mass

Sunday 21 August 11am St Anne's

### Next meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 24 August

## Coming Up

### Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thursday 1 September

### Social Justice Week Racism Workshop

Sunday 4 September  
2-4.30pm St Anne's Hall

### Fathers Day

Sunday 4 September

### Weekend Mass

#### Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

#### Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

**Samoan Mass** every 3rd Sunday 11am

### Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

## From Fr Cirilo

Dear Parishioners, Peace!

God opens doors. We have this image of a father, a saviour whose activity could be captured in opening doors. We can see this in the first reading from the book of prophet Isaiah — a vision of how God works. And it is addressed primarily to Israel — the chosen people. Imagine us as part of the chosen people, separate from the rest. We occupy the special spot, a spot that cannot be replaced. And it cannot be reached by anyone else. We are God's own and that is only for us. Well it is true. Israel is elected by God.

Yet, it is also God's intention that doors be opened to other nations. Isaiah is reminding the chosen people that they are not the only ones to whom God opens doors. God, likewise wants to open doors towards salvation, eternal life and relationships with him to other nations. It must have been a shock to Israel who had exclusive claim to God's favour. God opens the door to all the nations. In fact, God through the prophet Isaiah, even said that, through this people from different nations, with different languages — meaning outsiders who do not belong to the chosen ones, the inner group.

From the outsiders, from the fugitives, God will send missionaries to other nations. So that they could invite others to God, to Jerusalem, to Mount Zion, to the holy city. So the holy city of God would not only be holy for Israel, but for all. Jerusalem's doors will be opened to all the nations. They will bring offerings the way Israel brings offerings to God. So all the other nations can bring offerings to God and maybe they would even invite the Israelites. The "outsiders" will invite the Israelites to "come home" to God. So from the outsiders, there might be someone chosen by God.

I am always amazed by the gifts and talents of the community of Wellington South, such diversity is so enriching. There is a danger in labelling one as an outsider, because there is no such thing. In so doing we lose the chance to be God's missionaries and lose the chance to open and hold the door to God.

### Arohanui, Cirilo

Parishes and dioceses around the country took part in the local phase of the Synod, which will culminate in a Synod of Bishops in Rome in October next year. The NZ bishops have now published the **National Synod synthesis document**. This document has been sent to Rome as one of the many such documents from the Catholic world as part of the Synod process. The document, a summary of its contents, and an outline of the process are online at: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nz-synod-synthesis/>

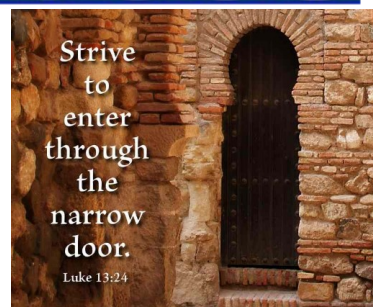
**Responsorial Psalm:** Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

**Gospel acclamation:** I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

#### RIP:

**Anniversary:** Efren Rodulfo, Rosalia DeGregorio, Owen Dolan, Rosina Moleta, Adelina Barnao, Joan Killen,



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



Fr Cirilo celebrated a School Mass at St Bernard's this week for the Feast of the Assumption. Our Rosary statue can be seen on display in the foreground. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, we remember our Mother, who is in Heaven and who loves us very much.

**Social Justice Week**- Sunday 4th Sept to Saturday 10th Sept, focuses on the topic of racism in Aotearoa New Zealand.

*Whakakāhoretia te kaikiri. Kotahi anō tātou i roto i te Karaiti /* say no to racism. We are one in Christ. The NZ Bishops want us to reflect on the question, 'How are we becoming one in Christ?'

Log into <https://www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week> to look at/ download the material

#### **Social Justice Week Racism Workshop**

The combined Social Justice group of SMOA and CPWS invites you to the workshop:

**Topic:** 'Recognising racism and taking personal responsibility'

**Date:** Sunday 4th Sept

**Venue:** St Anne's Hall

**Time** 2.00 – 4.30pm

**Presenter:** Danielle Webb. Danielle is a former Archdiocesan staff member and member of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission.

To enrol contact CPWS office or John Feeney: 04 3864956 Elizabeth Julian: 3892553, Or see them after Mass. You can also just turn up on the day but we are just wanting an indication of how many people may attend.

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

**Sun 21 August:** Is 66:18-21; Hew 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**Mon 22 August:** 2Thess 1:1-5,11-12; Mt 23:13-22

**Tues 23 August:** 2Thess:2:1-3,14-17; Mt 23:23-26

**Wed 24 August:** Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

**Thurs 25 August:** 1Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

**Fri 26 August:** 1Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

**Sat 27 August:** 1Cor:26-31; Mt 25:14-30



#### **From Cardinal John**

St Mary of the Angels is already a sacred place and has been for one hundred years. Last Sunday it took on new meaning as our National Shrine, and it is wonderful! There is a theory that we do not create or make our own sacred places. The holy place, the holy ground chooses itself rather than being created by us – in other words it is the grace of God at work. One religious historian in reflecting on this idea wrote, "in actual fact, the place is never chosen by men and women, it is merely discovered by them." Somehow the sacred place reveals itself to us. St Mary of the Angels, our National Shrine of Mary the Mother of God Assumed into Heaven is here, ready to be discovered by everyone. On the Feast of the Assumption we gave thanks that Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven makes clear to us that there is room for our humanity in heaven too.



#### **Young Church Mass** is back in August!!

The Young Church are excited to be joining Cardinal John and Life Teen Petone for Young Church Mass on Sunday 21st August 5.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Petone. Come and bring your friends along.

You are invited to come to a **Holy Hour** on Tuesday 23 August 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 prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

**National March for Life.** You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: [www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

**Mass for Life.** You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit [fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

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

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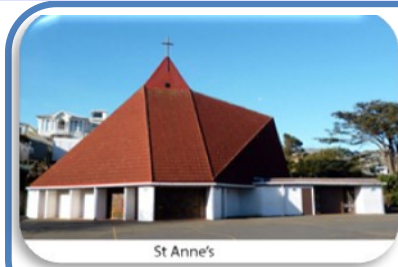
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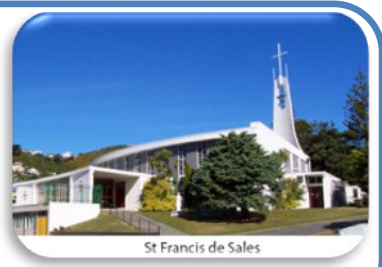
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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales