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# **Catholic Parish of Wellington South**



In the spirit of Suzanne Aubert

We are a community of joyful disciples growing tagether 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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## Sunday June 19

## **Corpus Christi**

Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion and to share what we are with him and with our neighbour. Our life will then be truly fruitful.

Pope Francis: Homily on the feast of Corpus Christi, May 2013

Now

Feast of Corpus Christi 19 June

Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees Sunday 19 June

Suzanne Aubert's birthday Sunday 19 June

# Coming Up

### Matariki Friday 24 June (Public Holiday)

**Feast of the Sacred Heart** 

Friday 24 June

### **Peters Pence Collection**

Sunday 26 June

### 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

#### 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

## **Body & Blood of Christ**

Who are we going to feed today and how are we going to do it? That's the gospel challenge from today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

When I made my First Holy Communion in the little church of St Peter Chanel in Otaki about 65 years ago, I was taught to look up during the elevation of the host and say, 'My Lord



and my God.' The priest had just said the words of consecration: 'This my body... This is my blood...Do this in memory of me.' But what does the this actually mean? It means we are to be taken, blessed, broken and shared, that is to live as Jesus did, in the service of others. Jesus consecrated his whole life for us, symbolised by the bread and the wine. Jesus fed the people as today's gospel describes, or rather, he asked the disciples to do it themselves.

This story of the loaves and fishes is the only one in the gospels told six times. Each version says that the disciples didn't have enough to feed the people; that Jesus asked them to give everything they had; that when they did that, there was more than enough. So, Eucharist commits us to the poor. It was the poor Jesus identified with when he said, 'I was hungry and you fed me.' Today's gospel foreshadows the Last Supper as it repeats the formula that

Jesus took, blessed and broke the bread to feed people. He taught the disciples how to give all they were and all that they had, just as he himself did. That was enough. It will be enough for us.

So today he again tells us, 'Give them something to eat.' But grain for bread can't leave Ukraine and thus millions are starving in Africa. Everything is connected!

Paul speaks harshly about behaviour that leaves people hungry. In today's second reading he gives us the oldest Eucharistic account. Just before this passage he criticises the wealthy Corinthians for gorging themselves at the communal meal while the poor only have the leftovers. He says their behaviour is so bad they are repeating Jesus' crucifixion!

Today's feast and gospel rightly link prayer and action. Yes, we recognise and adore the Body of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament but at the same time remember that we are the Body of Christ. True devotion means we must recognise the Body of Christ in others, especially the poor. So, who are we going to feed today and how are we going to do it? Did you notice the food basket is in the foyer?

Elizabeth Julian

**Responsorial Psalm**: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Gospel acclamation**: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

#### **Remembering the Holy Souls**

RIP:

Anniversary: Gino Di Leva, Grace Tindall



Matariki : Matariki is a cluster of many stars. This cluster of stars signifies a framework upon which Māori life and the whole yearly cycle of life, was built. The appearance of Matariki signifies the end of one year, and the beginning of the new year with all its promise, hope, and goodness.



There will be a special **Matariki Prayer Service** on Friday 24 June 10am St Annes Church Please bring finger food to share with a cuppa afterwards. Anyone wanting to help please contact Sr Elizabeth

> **Divine Mercy Prayers** Sunday July 3rd at after 5pm Mass

Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday 24 June at 9am at St Francis de Sales Church



Following the invitation to have "a heart as big as an artichoke, and so big that everyone can have a leaf of it", we will celebrate on **Sunday**, **19th June**, the 187th birthday of Meri Höhepa Suzanne Aubert.

The celebration will take place with a Commemorative Mass at Our Lady's Home of Compassion at 11:00 am, which will feature music by St Mary College. Afterward, attendees will enjoy refreshments in the Heritage Centre.

The invitation is open to all and is a time to reflect on the life

A big thank you to Shane Connolly who hopes to finish after ten years as the **data projector operator** at the 9am Mass at St Anne's. So far five young people have generously volunteered to help: If you would like to be part of the team too, please contact Shane who is happy to provide training.

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or know of someone else who would like to, or would just like someone to visit you, please contact: Koleta Konise 027 3644548 Sherry Hughes 02102467151 Sr Elizabeth 027 6805002

or the parish office

Fr Cirilo

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with St Francis de Sales school. Contact the Parish Office for info.

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

Sun 19 June: Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26;Lk 9:11-17 Mon 20 June: 2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15: Mt 7;1-5 Tues 21 June: 2 Kings 19:9-11,14-21 Mt 7:6,12-14 Wed 22 June: 2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20 Thurs 23 June: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29 Fri 24 June: Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5-11; Lk 15:3-7 Sat 25 June: Lam 2:10-14.18-19; Mt 8:5-17



The Religious Diversity Centre was established to foster understanding and respect for the religious diversity in our country.

The 2022 Programme invites our diverse religions to support this call for each local religious community in NZ to take some action in the face of the **Climate Crisis** and to share their story on a dedicated website. We invite each local religious community to send their climate action story, maybe with a photo, to



admin@rdc.org.nz. Planting trees, cleaning a stream, building a bicycle rack - every action - large or small matters. The stories will be added to a Climate Actions section on the RDC website, www.rdc.org.nz

The RDC Climate Action Workgroup The Religious Diversity Centre of Aotearoa NZ admin@rdc.org.nz



The year 7 & 8 children of St Francis de Sales school and their families raised \$2,680.00 at the Mission Fair last Wednesday. This money will be donated to Caritas.

Great effort everyone. Photo by permission

Collection 2022



Sunday 26 June. Envelopes available in the Foyer "A small amount, if given with love, never ends,

but becomes a source of life and happiness."

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOLY FATHER

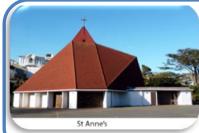
Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry

2022 Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants. Today we pray for Migrants and Refugees in our community. Pope Francis reminds us that we should be fostering relationships and welcoming all with open arms. We should no longer be thinking in terms of "us and them", but rather as "we", celebrating connections rather than concentrating on differences. We are one human family.

#### Meditation in the Chapel

Every Thursday, 11am Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. ALL are welcome.

Reconciliation available Saturdays 10.30 @ St Anne's



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