



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 June 26

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

Let no one rob us of the joy of following Jesus Christ and the courage to propose it to others as a way, truth and life. Let us conquer our fears! It is time for young people to dream and the elderly to prophesy. Let us arise now! It's time to move!

Pope Francis: Message to Pastoral conference, 2017

Now

Peters Pence Collection

Sunday 26 June

Next Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 29 June

Feast of St Peter & Paul

Wednesday 29 June

Coming Up

Divine Mercy prayers

Sunday 3 July

Day of Prayer For Seafarers

Sunday 10 July

Grandparents Day

Sunday 24 July

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

From Fr Cirilo

Dear Parishioners, Peace!

In Today's Gospel we hear the radical demand of Jesus to let go of everything - the same as Jesus' ultimate commitment to his mission that required the letting go of everything including his life. How ready are we to do the same? Freedom. This we can find in the discipleship.

In the first reading, from the prophet Elijah, he was told by God to make Elisha his successor. Elijah came to Elisha. The prophet came to the farmer. And Elijah did something symbolic by throwing his cloak to Elisha, telling him that "you are being appointed as my successor." Now here enters the drama of freedom: will he be free to say yes or will he say no? Elisha told Elijah he would go home first to his parents, then he killed the oxen, burned the yoke and prepared food for his parents. These symbolise Elisha's desire to shift from one way of life to another. He was declaring his freedom to follow, to follow a master. In the interior response something exterior happens.

St Paul, in the second reading, picks something as freedom. For him, freedom is not just the sense that I am free, I could do what I want, what I desire. Paul signals to us the danger of freedom of choosing the flesh — sinfulness — that is not true freedom. That is why he tells the Galatians to beware. Jesus already set us free but don't fall back to slavery by a false sense of freedom. True freedom is being available to serve other people out of love. Not self-directed.

Freedom is true if it is directed towards others and is motivated by love. That is why Paul says when we give in to our flesh, to our instincts and desires, we fight each other. We destroy one another rather than serve one another.

Jesus, in the Gospel, insisted on going to Jerusalem where he knew that he would be treated badly. No danger would prevent him doing the will of the Father. His relationship with the Father makes him free to proceed to Jerusalem. He was rejected on his way in the Samaritan town. No fight. He is there to serve rather than to destroy. Even those who want to destroy him. That is interior freedom. The question for us: are we free? Free for what purpose? Are people free around us?

Arohanui, **Fr Cirilo**



Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Geradine Mollo

Anniversary: Raffaele Muollo, Teresita Rodulfo, Frenesita Dela Cruz, Bartelo Barnao, Stanley Hoy, Kath Greenwood, Peter Hoskins



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellington.southcatholic.org

Suzanne Aubert's 187th Birthday Celebration



Last week a Commemorative Mass was celebrated at the Home of Compassion Chapel. Afterward, attendees enjoyed refreshments and a special cake in the Heritage Centre. It was a time to reflect on the life and legacy of our patron Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert.



Presbytery News

Painting of all the exterior windows at the Presbytery in Island Bay has now been completed, and new carpet has been laid on the stairwell and downstairs foyer. This is good news for the three Priests who live there. The Presbytery has been in need of updating for many years and the Finance committee is slowly working through the major maintenance issues.

Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday July 3rd at after 5pm Mass

Holy Mass to commemorate the 100th Death Anniversary of Blessed Mary Theresa Ledochowska, Foundress of the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver. Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 10.00am St. Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay. Refreshments after the Mass.

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 Fr Cirilo
or the parish office

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

Readings for this week

Sun 26 June: 1 Kings 19:16,19-21; Gal 5:1,13-18; Lk 9:51-62
Mon 27 June: Amos 2:6-10,13-16; Mt 8:18-21
Tues 28 June: Amos 3:1-8,11-12 Mt 8:23-27
Wed 29 June: Acts 12:1-11; Paul 4: 6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Thurs 30 June: Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Fri 1 July: Amos 8:4-6,9-12 Rom 5:5-11; Mt 9:9-13
Sat 2 July: Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17



Prayer Trek for Ukraine:

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Prayer Trek for Ukraine last



Saturday at Red Rocks. Some came on foot and some came on horseback. The wild and rugged terrain was an appropriate backdrop for prayer and contemplation.

Holy Hour: You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 28 June beginning at 7.30 pm in the Connolly Hall 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.

Collection 2022

PETER'S PENCE



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

SYNODALITY- What now?

Stage One of the Synod has finished. Thank you to the 1,500+ people who took part in submitting their thoughts and dreams. The completed Wellington Diocesan Synthesis is now available on our website at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/>. This synthesis along with the five other archdiocesan Syntheses and the NZ Bishops' submission will go to Rome for the Synod in 2023. What now? Please take some time to read the submission. What are one or two things that really stood out for you, that could be implemented now at a parish/community level? How could you help your parish council discern which changes your parish could start making now? Be part of the change.

Reconciliation available Saturdays 10.30 @ St Anne's

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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales