



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 May 22

5th Sunday of Easter

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

A prayer for our earth - Pope Francis: Laudato Si'

Now

5th Sunday of Easter

Coming Up

Next Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 24 May

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

29 May to 5 June

World Communications Day

Sunday 29 May

Day of Prayer for migrants and refugees

Sunday 19 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

The promise of the Paraclete

From Easter to Pentecost our readings focus on the early Apostolic preaching of the GOOD NEWS of Salvation and on the PROMISES of Jesus to His disciples, especially His promise of the HOLY SPIRIT. Today's readings explain who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are and how we can experience Him in our daily lives. They show us how the Spirit worked in the everyday activities of Jesus' first FOLLOWERS.

The first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped Philip, the Deacon to preach powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers. It also explains how the Baptised Samaritans received a fresh Anointing of the Holy spirit through the imposition of hands by the Apostles Peter and John.

In the second reading, Peter shows us the God-fearing lives the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us believers to live, in the midst of opposition and persecution.

Today's Gospel, taken from the "Last Supper Discourse" describes the GIFT Jesus will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit, WHO will live as the Paraclete, the Divine Advocate in those who obey Jesus' Commandments, especially the commandment of LOVE. The RISEN Jesus continued his presence in us and in the Church through the HOLY SPIRIT. It gives meaning and purpose to all we ARE and all we DO in His NAME. As the Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' Doctrines and illuminate our minds to receive deeper KNOWLEDGE of our FAITH. We will be able to recognise Jesus in the POOR, the Sick, the Homeless, the Marginalised, the Outcast, the Drug Addicts and even the Criminals. So we become Agents of Healing and Reconciliation in a BROKEN and DIVIDED world.

Therefore, the Holy Spirit GIVES us Life, STANDS by us, STRENGTHENS us and CONSOLES us. Jesus assures His Disciples that, they will not be left as Orphans. The Indwelling Spirit of God nourishes us each time we receive the Sacraments, each time we Pray and each time we read the Scripture.

We need to be open to the Holy spirit. Our Paraclete. The Holy Spirit will help us grow towards Maturity and Wholeness. We all have Blocks within us and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. The Holy Spirit lives in us always. Let us open our minds and hearts to HEAR Him and OBEY His PROMPTINGS. How are we to continue to carry on maintaining the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Build and maintain a relationship with God through others. Welcome the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. BE A JOYFUL DISCIPLE!!!

Maureen B & Koleta T.K.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Anne Shirley Jeffcott

Anniversary: Mike Tindall,

Giuseppina Mollo, Palma & Cataldo Aprea, Guiseppina Volpicelli,

Antonietta Amitrano, Francesco & Mariaantonia Aprea, Cataldo De Gregorio



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Eight Days of Prayer section of the resource for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is now available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website. The Week is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. This year's Week is 29th May to 5th June. Please visit: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022/>

You are invited to come to a **Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 May** at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We will also be praying for peace in the world and especially for peace in Ukraine. Included in the hour will be prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

St Bernard's



he ara ki te ao

St Bernard's School Whole School Masses for the rest of this term will be Wednesday 8th June to celebrate Pentecost and Wednesday 6th July to conclude our term. Please put these dates in your diary. We would love to have parishioners join us. Both masses start at 9am in the school hall.

Children's Liturgy and Family Masses Workshop

Presented by Fr Patrick Bridgman. This workshop is aimed at everyone who is involved in Children's liturgy or organising Family Masses. Those people who are just curious are very welcome to attend as well. St Joseph's, Mt Victoria. June 9th at 7pm.



Hand knitted scarves by Yelena Babalich will be on sale in the foyer after 9am Sunday Mass at St Anne's Newtown-grab one for the Winter!"

Hauropi Mariana – Marian Integral Ecology

Tuesday 24 May, 7.30-8.30pm Online seminar:

Fr Peter Healy will introduce a developing Marist ecological spirituality linking Mariology, sustainable gardening practices and care of our common home. Registration: Please email Lisa Beech at l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz for registration. A Zoom link and some background reading will be forwarded before the online seminar.

This seminar is hosted by the Integral Ecology Committee of the Archdiocese of Wellington Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. All welcome

Readings for this week

Sun 22 May: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14; Jn 14:23-29

Mon 23 May: Acts 19:8-20; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tues 24 May: Acts 19:21-20:6; Jn 16:5-11

Wed 25 May: Acts 20:6-38; Jn 16:12-15

Thurs 26 May: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Fri 27 May: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23

Sat 28 May: Acts 22:1-29; Jn 16:23-28



Youth Week 7—15 May

Last Thursday at the St Francis de Sales Hall, an event was held for young people as part of Youth Week. There were lots of games and food, and a fun evening was enjoyed by all.



The newly refurbished Hall is available for Hire. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

College Open Days

St Marys - 31 May 9 to 11am

www.stmw.school.nz

St Catherine's - 8 June 2 to 6pm stcatherinescollege.school.nz

St Patricks - 14 June 10 to 11.30am www.stpats.school.nz

St Bernard's - 28 May 10 to 2pm www.sbc.school.nz

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

Reconciliation available Saturdays 10.30 @ St Anne's



St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales