



# 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 harikoo, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



## Sunday May 8

### 4th Sunday of Easter

He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God. And the Church is called to carry on this mission of Christ. Aside from those who participate in our communities, there are many people, the majority, who do so only at particular moments or never. But this does not mean they are not God's children: the Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone.

*Pope Francis: Angelus for Good Shepherd Sunday, 25 April 2021*

## Now

**Day of prayer for Vocations**

**Seminary Collection**

Sunday 8 May

**Mothers Day**

Sunday 8 May

## Coming Up

**Youth Week** 7 to 15 May

**Anniversary of the Ordination of Archbishop Dew**

Tuesday 31 May

### 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

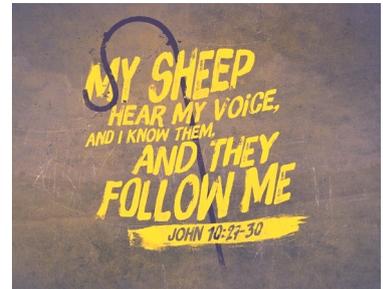
Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

## From Sr Elizabeth

Really? Who would have thought! Research apparently shows that a sheep can remember as many as 50 human faces for two years! (I bet the latter are maskless, though.) And all these years I've been thinking sheep were rather silly, mindless creatures.



Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year the gospel reading comes from John 10 where Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd. In today's short gospel we learn something about the relationship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and his sheep (that's us). Jesus says:

'The sheep who belong to me listen to my voice.' First, do I belong to Jesus? Is turning up for Sunday Mass enough to show this or is more evidence required? Could I be expelled like Paul and Barnabas for preaching the Good News? What if I had to endure persecution for my faith like those in the Second Reading? If I asked my neighbours if they thought I belonged to Jesus, what would they say?

Second, how do I listen to Jesus' voice? Jesus can speak to me through Scripture, the sacraments, creation, the needs of others and events. For example, what are the real needs of the families whose children used stolen cars to ram raid shops in search of toys? Or the real needs of the drunken and abusive teenagers on Saturday night in Stoke St? Does satisfying my needs without much thought negatively affect them in any way?

Third, Jesus the Good Shepherd says, 'I know them.' Does this statement challenge, comfort or raise questions for me? Can I take some time to be still, to sit silently with Jesus? To let the enormous reality sink in that I can't hide anything from Jesus? Maybe I just need to rest in his love.

Fourth, Jesus the Good Shepherd says, 'They follow me.' Am I following Jesus or trying to run away from him? Apparently, sheep walk in single file so as not to trample or waste the grass they want to eat. Am I following Jesus by trying to walk lightly on the earth in all aspects of my daily life?

Finally, the Good Shepherd says, 'I give them eternal life.' What does this mean? Later in this gospel Jesus prays to his father, 'And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent (17:3).

**Elizabeth Julian RSM**

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel acclamation:** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Piero Azzarelli (Funeral at St Francis de Sales Sat 1pm)

**Anniversary:** Patricia Kendrick, Mary Dolan, Herman Heemskerck



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

## Sale of St Bernard's Church

We have recently been advised by the General Manager of the Archdiocese of Wellington that they have now completed the sale of the Brooklyn Church complex. Settlement will be on 30 September 2022.



It has been purchased by RFR Projects Limited Partnership on behalf of Taranaki Whānui Ltd.

At the time of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi (6 February 1840) the iwi (tribes) living in the Wellington Harbour area originated from the Taranaki region of the North Island. The collective name given to these iwi is Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Taranaki Whānui). Their occupation at the time and continued residence attributes them the rights and duties of mana whenua – traditional guardians of the Wellington Harbour and associated lands.

The Brooklyn property disposal is the Archdiocese's first journey through the new sales process, and there has been much learning for us all on our way through this first trip. Our Finance committee encountered significant communication delays and setbacks during this process. This new process required the Parish to follow the below guidelines.

"Before considering the sale of any land, the vendor must first engage with mana whenua about the history of the land. This consultation must be by way of a genuine conversation (not cursory notification) to ensure the values embedded in Māori spirituality are respected, the history of the land understood, and where appropriate, measures agreed to reflect that history – this may include offering mana whenua the option to purchase the land.

If the Archbishop is uncertain as to the extent of consultation, he may require that further consultation with mana whenua take place."

### What happens now?

The Parish of Wellington South will continue to look after the Church and Presbytery in Brooklyn and pay the associated costs until 30 September.

Barring any unforeseen developments, the money will be transferred into the Catholic Development Fund on settlement day (30 September 2022). Once this has been realized the Parish can begin a consultation process to decide next steps.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 8 May:** Acts 13:14,3-52; Apoc 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Mon 9 May:** Acts 13;1-12; Jn 10:11-18

**Tues 10 May:** Acts 13:13-52; Jn 10:22-30

**Wed 11 May:** Acts 14:1-20; Jn 12:44-50

**Thurs 12 May:** Acts 14:21-28; Jn 13:16-20

**Fri 13 May:** Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

**Sat 14 May:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17



## Vocation Sunday – 8th of May 2022

Pope Francis says, "Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives."

Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Deacon Alfred, our seminarians, Matthew, Kinh, Emilio, and Gerson and for all those discerning the call to priesthood.

Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest?  
Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood.

**Empower Youth Ministry Training:** Life Teen Aotearoa and the ADW Young Church are working together to bring Empower Youth Ministry Training to Wellington!

The weekend training will be held from 10am – 7pm Saturday 14th and 10am – 5pm Sunday 15th of May. If you're a youth minister, thinking about doing youth ministry, a chaplain, a priest who wants to engage young people, a youth leader or junior youth leader this is for you!! Get excited, save the dates, invite your friends, priest, teens who you want to invite to leadership, and anyone else who might be interested and register by emailing [l.lloyd@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.lloyd@wn.catholic.org.nz) We hope to see you there!

### 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.

**Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on Thursday 19th May 2022 starting 7:30pm sharp followed by a cuppa. Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets

Activity: Small group study

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555

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### Tax Receipts

By now most parishioners will have received their Donation Tax Receipt via email or your Receipt will be waiting for you in the foyer of the Church. Contact the Office for any inquiries.

**St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue** is with Nada Kolic.

### Nau mai haere mai

Māori Mass is resuming at the Home of Compassion Chapel each Sunday at 11am. It is said in Te Reo and English (the homily). Followed by tea/coffee. All are very welcome.

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

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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales