



# 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 September 11**

## 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Are we accustomed to being a Church which has a single sheep in her flock and we let the other 99 get lost on the hill?

*Pope Francis: Homily 12 June 2015*

**Now**

### Exaltation of the Cross

Wednesday 14 Sept

### Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday 15 Sept

### Ecumenical Prayer Service

St Anne's 3pm 25 September

## Coming Up

### Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday 1 October.

11am St Anne's

### Day of Celebration for

**Suzanne Aubert**

Sunday 2 October

**10am MASS at St Francis de Sales**

### Support for Life Sunday

9th October.

### 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 followed by Divine Mercy prayers.

**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

## Gospel Reflection

If there is one word that could sum up Pope Francis's vision for the Church of our times, it might be Mercy. Today's readings are rich with images of God and they evoke the quality of mercy strongly. What is your image of God? Maybe you have more than one. How helpful is it in cultivating a close friendship with God?

In my 20s I was involved in a car accident which could've taken my life. It made me think that if the collision had happened differently, I wouldn't be here to write this. To me, it was a God moment giving me an image of God as a merciful protector.

In Exodus 32: 7-14, God was very angry but relented from the punishment that He had in mind for the Israelites. In a fit of anger, we know how hard it is to avoid saying or doing what fills our heart, but our God is merciful. In 1 Timothy 1: 12-17, the apostle Paul acknowledges the 'inexhaustible patience' and mercy shown him considering the bad way he had treated the followers of Jesus before his conversion.

Today is the second Sunday in the Season of Creation and we are encouraged to 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'. Diverse creatures of the earth as well as earth elements feature in the Luke 15 gospel. The three parables contain some enduring images of God's love, forgiveness and mercy. In the first, Jesus is portrayed as the Good Shepherd who is willing to leave the ninety-nine sheep behind and hunt high and low for a missing one. Jesus's wish is that not one should be lost, and He compared the joy of finding what was lost to the joy in heaven over 'one repentant sinner'. In the second parable, God is imaged as a woman who wouldn't give up until she had found the missing coin and how she rejoiced over-the-top after finding it. The third parable about the lost son describes God as a father whose tender-hearted patience and mercy was expressed by treating him as if he had done nothing wrong.

Recent severe weather events in New Zealand and in Pakistan remind us of the ongoing call to make a practical response to 'Climate Change'. What is your mercy response?

How helpful is your image(s)? Whatever it is it won't do justice to the God of mercy found in these parables.

**Steve Ready**



**Responsorial Psalm:** I will rise and go to my father.

**Gospel acclamation:** God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Sepo Sa'e

**Anniversary:** Edward Richards, Victor Clive George Savill, Nicolas Catalan, Frederick Savill, Ivy June Savill, Teodora Talavera, Luigi Ruocco, Elaine Thomson, Anthony Noaro, Nawab.



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



**Celebrate Suzanne Aubert Day**  
with Wellington South Parish and the  
Home of Compassion.

**Sunday October 2 at 10am**  
at St Francis de Sales Church.

A whole of Parish Mass at 10am  
followed by a shared morning tea. On  
that weekend there will be no 9am  
Mass or 6pm Vigil. Please bring a plate.  
Everyone is encouraged to be there.

Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, founded the **Soup Kitchen**  
121 years ago to provide meals to "serve all those in need" in  
the Wellington community. Today her mission continues, and  
we ask for your support this September for the Compassion  
Soup Kitchen's Annual Appeal, so we can continue serving  
meals with warmth and aroha.

To donate visit [www.soupkitchen.org.nz](http://www.soupkitchen.org.nz).

**GRANDPARENTS DAY** at St Francis de Sales School will  
start with a Parish Mass at 9.15am on Monday 26  
September. The tamariki will be sending out invitations to  
their grandparents - all are welcome.

**BAPTISM:** If you are interested in getting your child baptized  
through the school at St Francis de Sales please contact  
madeline.smith@sdfs.school.nz

**St Mary's College Chapel blessing**  
**Tuesday 27 September 10am**

Fr Ron Bennett will bless the Chapel,  
which contains the sacred items from  
St Bernard's Church so generously  
donated to St Mary's College.  
We invite parishioners especially from  
St Bernard's in Brooklyn to join us for  
our Mercy Mass celebration.  
We hope to see you there!



Want to support the young people in your community?  
Spread the word and invite them to **XLT**. Even better – offer  
to give them a ride!  
Don't underestimate how your invitation can impact their faith.  
**Friday 16th Sept, 7pm, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria**

**St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue** is with Raquel Direnzo.  
Contact the Parish Office for info.

#### Readings for this week

**Sun 11 Sept:** Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1Tim 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32  
**Mon 12 Sept:** 1Cor 11:17-26,33; Lk 7:1-10  
**Tues 13 Sept:** 1Cor:12:12-14,27-31; Lk 7:11-17  
**Wed 14 Sept:** 1Num 21:4-9; 2Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**Thurs 15 Sept:** Hebrews 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27  
**Fri 16 Sept:** 1Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3  
**Sat 17 Sept:** 1Cor:15:35-37,42-49; Lk 8:4-15



From St Anne's liturgy Committee:

**Celebrating the 2022 Season of Creation ;  
Listen to the Voice of Creation**

Each Sunday until 2 Oct there will be a **recycling table** in  
the foyer. Please bring an item(s) that you no longer need or  
want but may be useful for someone else. Leave it on the  
table. There may be an item on the table that you want.  
Please feel free to take it.

Please join Elizabeth Julian for half an hour of prayer:

**Topic: Season of Creation prayer**

Time: **7pm Mondays** Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4539387031?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4539387031?pwd=N2RmQ3haT09IOEljeVJMeUxrRnhndz09)

[pwd=N2RmQ3haT09IOEljeVJMeUxrRnhndz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4539387031?pwd=N2RmQ3haT09IOEljeVJMeUxrRnhndz09)

Meeting ID: 453 938 7031

Passcode: frw384

The Zimbelstern Foundation is delighted to invite you to our  
**Organ Plus+ Festival.** Three free Concerts.

1. Chanson D'Amour: Douglas Mews, Chris van der Zee  
(2pm, Sunday 18th September)

2. As the Winds Blow:

Paul Rosoman, Sharon Lehany, Gordon Lehany  
(2pm, Sunday 2nd October)

3. Sound the Trumpet: Paul Rosoman, Andrew Weir,  
Stephen Mosa'ati (2pm, Sunday 16th October)

Come along and see what the pipe-organ can do - you'll be  
surprised! Old St Paul's, 34 Mulgrave Street, Pipitea St.



**Baptisms:** Last weekend Blaire Metibogun (in white)  
was Baptised at St Francis de Sales Church.  
Her family are from Malaysia.

#### Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday 1 October  
12pm to 9pm All welcome

#### Divine Mercy prayers will

be held every Sunday after  
the 5pm Mass at St Anne's

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

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St Anne's

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