



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



Easter Sunday

Sunday 4 April 2021

Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!

Pope Francis: Homily for the Easter Vigil, 2020

Now

Easter & the Resurrection

Coming Up

Final Vigil at St Bernard's

10 April 6pm

Clergy Assembly April 12 to 16

Fr Doug and Fr Cirilo attending

During this week Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be available.

Final Mass at St Bernard's

18 April 10.30am

Weekend Mass Times

Vigil Mass during Feb and March: St

Francis de Sales 3 & 24 April 6pm

St Bernard's Final Vigil 10 April 6pm

Sunday Mass: 9am St Anne's, 9am St Joseph's, 10.30am St Bernard's until April 18, 5pm St Anne's

Samoa Mass: Every 3rd Sunday 11am St Anne's

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales

Tuesday: 8.30am St Joseph's

Wednesday: 9am at St Bernard's School

Thursday: 10am St Anne's

Friday: 9am St Francis De Sales

Saturday: 10am St Anne's

From Emilio

Easter Sunday, the holiest Sunday of the liturgical calendar, God raises Jesus from the dead. On this Easter season, we rise with Christ, and we are invited to come out of the desert and enjoy living a grace-filled life. We will never be as happy as when we live our lives as the future saints. God wants us to show others what it means to live out the Gospel's joy.

As we enter into the mystery of Jesus' suffering and death, we are reborn to new life in Jesus. His resurrection is the only way of hope and joy in a world of violence, betrayal, suffering and pain. Our dying and rising to this new divine life of peace and hope is made possible in the love of God revealed in the death and glorious resurrection of Jesus.

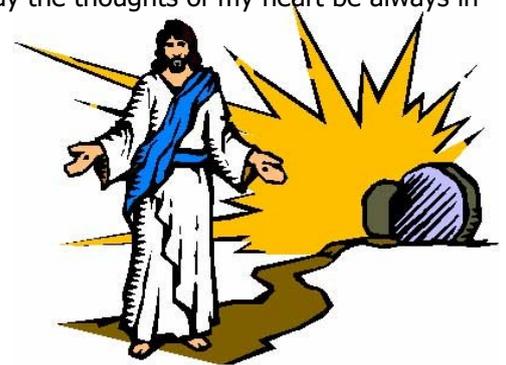
I meditated on Psalm 118, which is usually chanted while the ceremony takes place. It reminds me of my journey. The psalm also says that the word bestows wisdom, fills hearts with joy, and enlightens the eyes. I was grateful for having received all of these blessings from other people who have spoken the word to me. In John's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that He is risen! Let us anchor our hope against all the odds that we, too, rise with Christ. Like us, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and other apostles were confused, scared, and dismayed when they discovered that the tomb was empty. They wondered, "Where is the Lord?" Little did they know that Jesus had risen from the dead. Little did they know that having an empty tomb is the beginning of the Good News.

Being a seminarian, serving God means keeping His Word. We, too, are asked to tell and share the good news of our faith to others. Mary did not keep the good news to herself, but instead, she shared it with others. Let us go and proclaim with others our good news. Jesus has risen; death has been defeated. So, let us join in singing loudly, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad". For today, Jesus' resurrection to new life is offered to us.

This became a prayer for me, May the thoughts of my heart be always in your presence.

A Blessed Easter to all of you!

Nga mihi mahana nui
Emilio P. Capin, Jr.
(Seminarian)



Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

Gospel acclamation: Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Wanda Wheeler Anniversary: Michele Gaeta, Raffaele and Clelia Muollo, Luigi Mollo, Argentina Mollo, Salvatore Volpicelli, Giuseppina Volpicelli, Palma Aprea, Palma Mollo, Carmela Di Martina, Maria & Nicola Volpicelli, Giuseppina & Giuseppe Mollo, Liberato & Elisa Volpicelli, Fernando & Michele Petoigna, Maria Persico & Family, Pietro & Teresa Elenio, Antonietta Canzano, Maria & Abigail Lagrutta



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

St Bernard's Catholic Church, Brooklyn is closing after 110 years. The final Vigil Mass is on the 10th of April at 6pm and the Closing Mass on the 18th of April at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to these Masses, however space in the Church is limited, and we would like to accommodate people who have been part of the community or have strong links to the church. You may consider supporting the St Bernard's community in other ways including helping with hospitality and parking. For catering purposes, please contact office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org.

Celebration of Feast of Divine Mercy At St Anne Church, Reflection starts Friday evening 9 April at 6pm, then Saturday after 10 am Mass and the Feast Day on Sunday 11 April. All are welcome.

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and short talks on Thursday 15th April 2021 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start). New venue 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets
Speakers: Twin Testimonies – Marshall Garrett, Orlando Basabas

Lenten Appeal

Urgent update on our Lent appeal

Thank you for your support of the work of Caritas. We have seen a number of challenges this year, including a lockdown before and during Lent and the continued Covid restrictions. We are so grateful that despite all the challenges, you have continued to support us and our work. However, we have fallen far short of our Lenten appeal target which in turn has a knock-on effect to what work we can do. As you will be aware, the Lent Appeal supports Caritas in working with poor and vulnerable communities around the world, our engagement with Catholic schools in New Zealand, and our social justice work here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We want to remind you that we continue to take donations towards this appeal and that you can apply for 33% of your donation back in the form of a tax rebate. Thank you for your support! You can give through our website, <https://caritas.org.nz/donate>.

There are still plenty of envelopes left so please take one today

Readings for this week

Sunday 4th April: 1 Acts 10:34, 37-43; 2. Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Mon 5th April: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Gospel Matthew 28:8-15

Tues 6 April: Acts 2:36-41; Gospel: John:11-18

Wed 7th April Acts 3: 1-10; Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Thursday 8th April: Acts 3:11-26; Gospel Luke 24:35-48

Friday 9th April: Acts 4:1-12; Gospel John 21:1-14

Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion
Join us for our new weekly craft gathering. We will meet 12 noon on Wednesdays in the Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. For more information contact (04) 282 1953 or events@compassion.org.nz

Mass/Morning Prayer

All are welcome. Monday-Friday 8:30am and Saturday 9am. Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7769.

St Vinnies Looking for Donations.

Vinnies rely on the generous donation of goods from our local communities to continue providing welfare and support services to Wellington.

Not only are our op shops the main source of funding for services, they directly assist people experiencing hardship through the provision of quality furniture, clothing and household goods at no cost.

We are currently running low on quality donations, including furniture, homeware and clothing. You can book a free pick-up for donations by calling 04 389 7122, or book online via www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate-goods.

Thank you for helping Vinnies support your community.

Saturday 8th May Day of Reflection for Mothers – "Come away with me"

This Mother's Day weekend, give yourself the gift of time to find rest in the presence of the Lord.

10am-3:30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay. Please register by Monday 3rd May, with Lucienne Hensel at Family Ministry or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800 or l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Enrolments are now open for the 2021 Sacramental Programme.

This programme is available to all children who have been baptised into the Catholic faith and reached Year 4 or above in the primary school system.

During the course of the year, candidates work through the programme with the assistance and support of their families and the Parish to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Sessions are a mixture of home and parish-based learning.

This is a rewarding and deeply spiritual experience designed to give all those involved a closer relationship to God and a deeper understanding of our faith.

Contact the Parish Office for an enrolment form. office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org



Columban Calendars

There are still a few Columban Calendars left in the Office for \$12 each. Contact office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org.nz

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