



# 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*

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#### St Anne

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#### St Francis de Sales

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#### St Joseph

Ellice Street, Mt Victoria. Tel: 385 0915  
**Office open:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:30am to 12:30pm

#### St Bernard

Taft Street, Brooklyn. Tel: 934 4099

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 August '19

### Becoming through the choices we make

Many different things can influence this journey of becoming: e.g. our physical environment, the people around us, economic opportunities or the lack of them, genetic inheritance, etc. But the biggest influence on what kind of person we become is the decisions we ourselves make.

We navigate through all the other influences by the choices and decisions we make in the midst of them all. The best evidence for this is people we admire, who in some cases become wonderful people against very big odds. Being disabled in some way, or being poor, didn't stop them from becoming the kind of persons we rightly admire. External circumstances did not take away their freedom to make good choices. Similarly, aid workers tell us about people who are starving and nevertheless live in quiet dignity and who are incredibly unselfish towards one another. So there are inner decisions that difficult circumstances can't stop us making.

Speaking of choice: you hear people talking about "doing God's will". God doesn't impose on you. In fact, your best hopes for yourself and God's best hopes for you are the same. When God chose you, God chose what you yourself most deeply want, because that's part of who you are. God "wrote" your personal calling into your "heart" and your talents. Your deepest longings and hopes, and even your concerns and anxieties, all point to something beyond what you already are.

God has also "written" to you in the circumstances of your life. God's will involves what you most need to do, and what the world most needs from you. The places where God calls you are the places where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. This means making decisions and choices. Every person's journey sooner or later meets cross-roads – when choosing one direction excludes other options. Don't get paralyzed by trying to keep all your options open! Freedom and fulfillment and peace of mind come through decision and commitment – not through trying to keep all options open.

Sometimes the options in front of us are big and sometimes they are small: e.g. when we choose between putting a little more kindness into the world or a little less kindness; more honesty or less honesty; more forgiveness or less forgiveness, and so on. Whether it's a big choice or just a little one, you can sometimes know which is the right choice by putting yourself at the far end of your life and looking back – the choices that will give you the most gladness then are the choices are right for you now.

Peter Cullinane  
Bishop Emeritus of Palmerston North

*This reflection is part of a series of chapters from his letter to senior students.  
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#### Psalm Response:

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

#### Gospel Acclamation:

*Be watchful and ready:*

*You know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

#### Prayers of the Faithful:

*E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.*

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses on Thursday 15 August in Wellington South:

- 8:30am @ St Joseph's
- 9:30am @ St Francis de Sales (with SFdS School)
- 10am @ St Anne's (with St Anne's School)
- 7pm @ St Francis de Sales

## No Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 13 August

There will not be a Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 13 August. Mass will instead be celebrated on Thursday 15 August at 8:30am.

## Vespers for the Feast of the Assumption

St Mary of the Angels, 7pm on Thursday 15 August.

Liturgy includes the singing of psalms and canticles, with their Gregorian antiphons and Palestrina's setting of Magnificat. This will be followed by a short concert of liturgical music.

## Winter Choir at St Francis de Sales - this Sunday!

No commitment, all ages, all voices welcome. Just turn up at 10am to learn the songs and sit together to sing during the mass. Come for one week or come for all three. Please sit near the piano at the front, we will start at 10am.

## Wanted: Clothes for baby boy 3-6months

Phone Sr Elizabeth on 389 2553 if you can help.

## The Common Good Newspaper - Copies available

in your church foyer. Price: free or donation.

## Sacramental Programme - First Eucharist

The Programme this Sunday at 10:15am at St Joseph's Church. First Eucharist will be celebrated in the different communities on Sunday 25th August.

## Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday 17th August

St Anne's Church, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12pm. For more information contact Family Life International NZ. Phone: 021 231 7954.

## St Joseph's Sunday Lunch Group

We have a booking at Shepherd Restaurant 1/5 Eva Street Te Aro for Sunday 25th August at 12.30pm. This is the Hannah's precinct between Dixon and Ghuznee streets. All are welcome. If interested please contact Kathleen on 027 665 8579 or 897 0925.

## St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue

is with Nada & Joe Kolich, The Parade Island Bay this week. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week.

## Christian Meditation

Our Lady's Home of Compassion Chapel at 7-8pm on Mondays and 11am-12pm on Thursdays.

## Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Thursday 15th August at 7pm at Connolly Hall, Thorndon. Theme: Palmerston North Retreat Testimony. Ring Steve Ready: 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

## Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

All ladies are invited to the next Dove meeting at Connolly Hall on Saturday 17th August @ 1.30pm. Silvana Abela, Director of ICPE Mission in Wellington will be our speaker. Queries to Shura 021 072 4042.

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

"Every person shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God." Deut 16:17

There is a deep desire among our people to do more to bring the Good News to others, and to provide the services that our Archdiocesan ministries can offer. Cardinal John invites you to join him in providing financial support to these important Catholic ministries, to consider volunteering your time and to commit to pray for the work of the Archdiocese. For more information and ways to donate, pick up a Catholic Ministries Appeal envelope today or go to [www.givealittle.co.nz/0rg/cma2019](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/0rg/cma2019)

## St Joseph's Men's Book & Discussion Group

Tuesday August 13 at 7.30pm Family Room, Rita Angus Village, 66 Coutts St, Kilbirnie. Topic: First Half: Recent Reading - Second Half: Roger Havell on former Labour MP, John A Lee His life & Times. Contact John D 027 338 3576.

## Exploring the true meaning of loveableness

- a talk by Fr Kevin Connors

In his recently completed thesis called "A phenomenology of the Eucharist", Fr Kevin seeks to unveil the kindness of God's face in the Eucharist and in each other, and explores the true meaning of 'loveableness'. Come and listen to Fr Kevin on Tuesday 20th August, at 7pm at St Anne's Church, Newtown. All are welcome.

## Extraordinary Missionary Month

Pope Francis has designated October as the Extraordinary Missionary month. The Archdiocese is hoping to offer a 6 session programme on Developing a Spirituality of Service in parishes in October. For information please contact Chris Walkerdine at [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 496 1706.

## Food Basket Donations

- Thank you to all those who give generously each week. Every little bit helps! Please consider donating some food items when you can.



## St Catherine's College Enrolments

- Closing date 30th August - We are happy to answer any questions you may have, or if you would like to come and talk to one of our staff members. Contact us on: 939 8988 or office@stcatherinescollege.school.nz or [office@scc.school.nz](mailto:office@scc.school.nz)

## Pre-loved Sports Sale, St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie: 10am-2pm, Saturday 17 August

1 item - \$10, 3 items \$20 with a small selection of items at specially marked prices. There will be a gold coin sausage sizzle and tea & coffee. Got some gear to donate? Drop it at the college office or contact [parentsassociation@stpats.school.nz](mailto:parentsassociation@stpats.school.nz). Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for St Patrick's College.

## A Personal Experience of The Camino Ignaciano

with Msgr Gerard Burns. In May and June of this year Msgr Gerard spent 30 days walking the "Camino Ignaciano" [The Ignatian Camino] in Spain, beginning at the birthplace of St Ignatius in Loyola and ending at Manresa. Come and hear his reflections and experiences of what is one of the newer caminos in Spain. Tuesday 20 August, 7.30pm at Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre in Thorndon. To register please contact Brian Cummings SM on [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz) or phone 021 703 580.

## Passionist Family Groups

To join please give Mary Ellen a call on 027 333 6440.



# Pray the Word

Luke 1:46-55

Feast of the Assumption  
15 August

*And Mary said:*

*“My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults  
in God my Saviour;*

*because he has looked  
upon his lowly handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward  
all generations will  
call me blessed,  
for the Almighty has  
done great things for me.*

*Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches  
from age to age for  
those who fear him.*

*He has shown the  
power of his arm,  
he has routed the  
proud of heart.  
He has pulled down  
princes from their thrones  
and exalted the lowly.*

*The hungry he has  
filled with good things,  
the rich sent empty away.  
He has come to the help of  
Israel his servant,  
mindful of his mercy—according  
to the promise  
he made to our ancestors—  
of his mercy to Abraham and  
to his descendants for ever...”*

# Listening, discerning, living.....

The three aspects of vocation – “listening, discerning, living” – were present for Jesus and continue today for young people, according to Pope Francis....

“After his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his synagogue of Nazareth,” the Pope recalled. “There, he listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it...”

“In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.”

The Lord's call – let it be said at the outset – is not as clear-cut as any of those things we can hear, see or touch in our daily experience. God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.

We need, then, to learn how to listen carefully to his word and the story of his life, but also to be attentive to the details of our own daily lives, in order to learn how to view things with the eyes of faith, and to keep ourselves open to the surprises of the Spirit.

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things, in the apathy of those who fritter away their lives in their own little world. We would lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.

Jesus too, was called and sent. That is why he needed to recollect himself in silence. He listened to and read the word in the synagogue, and with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit, he revealed its full meaning, with reference to his own person and the history of the people of Israel.

Nowadays listening is becoming more and more difficult, immersed as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulated and bombarded by information. The outer noise that sometimes prevails in our cities and our neighborhoods is often accompanied by our interior dispersion and confusion. This prevents us from pausing and enjoying the taste of contemplation, reflecting serenely on the events of our lives, going about our work with confidence in God's loving plan, and making a fruitful discernment.

Yet, as we know, the kingdom of God comes quietly and unobtrusively (cf. Lk 17:21), and we can only gather its seeds when, like the prophet Elijah, we enter into the depths of our soul and are open to the imperceptible whisper of the divine breeze (cf. 1 Kg 19:11-13).

**Pope Francis - Message for 2018 World Day of Vocations**



**Parish Bank  
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## Our Vision Statement

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Sunday 11	9:10am 10:15am 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Sacramental Programme @ St Joseph's Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church	<b>Masses offered for</b> Paul Barnao (Waiheke Island - RIP) Esmeralda Cornelia(August 8) Filomena Catalan(August 10) Regina Sison (August 12) Maria Mollo (August 13) Rosita Badon(August 26) Giuseppina & Salvatore Volpicelli Mariantonia & Francesco Aprea Palma & Cataldo Aprea Antonio Ciminello; Raffaele Buonocore Cataldo De Gregorio; Nina, Assunta, Liberato & Pasquale De Gregorio Antonio & Ruffy Mollo Tina, Gennaro & Aldo Cuccurullo Antonino & Antonietta Basile Antonino & Ida Muollo
Monday 12	7pm	Meditation @ Home of Compassion	
Tuesday 13	1:45pm	Ladies Auxiliary @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery	
Thursday 15	10am 10:30am - 12pm	<b>Mass Times for the Feast of the Assumption - see below</b> Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church	
Saturday 17	5pm 6pm	Indonesian Mass @ St Joseph's Vigil Mass @ St Francis de Sales Church	
Sunday 18	9:10am 5-8pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Life Teen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church  Please remember in prayer all who are sick, those who are lonely, and those who have died recently and their families.	

## National Vocations Awareness Week

4-11 August  
Lives of Service  
Lives of Joy

Our baptism calls us to holiness. We live out this call through marriage, single life, priesthood or consecrated life. National Vocations Awareness Week (4-11 August) is an annual event set aside by the Bishops of New Zealand, focusing our attention on all forms of vocation in the Church.

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the places where vocations are first nurtured. Let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Please pray for all those in our Archdiocese who are discerning their vocation, including our three seminarians Alfred, Kinh and Matthew, and Emilio who is preparing to enter Seminary next year. May we all be open to God's call and respond with generosity and courage.

## Parish Consultation - 3 August - Thank You and Next Steps

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended and contributed to the Parish Consultation Session last Saturday afternoon. Your input, ideas and analysis regarding the choices and options facing the Parish in responding to Cardinal John's Directive are very valuable. Over the next few weeks the Parish Leadership Team and Parish Pastoral Council will be digesting and reflecting on that input and using it to help us develop more detailed options and choices which will be shared with all Parishioners for consultation.

### Winter Film Series at Home of Compassion

Come and join us for our Winter Film Series. Sr Sue Cosgrove will introduce each screening. The Cloister Cafe is open for coffee and light refreshments afterward. How Far is Heaven: 11am, Tuesday 13 & Saturday 17 August. The Story of Suzanne Aubert: 11am, Tuesday 27 & Saturday 31 August. Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Ryan Room. Entry by koha. RSVP and for more information - heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz

### "Loud Fences"

A movement has begun around the country called "Loud Fences". Coloured ribbons have been hung on fences to show solidarity with victims of sexual abuse and to encourage victims and survivors to appear before the Royal Commission. The Catholic bishops support survivors being able to place ribbons at church or school gates/fences as part of a valid and important way to work through the healing process. Removing the ribbons can be seen as disrespectful to survivors/victims and can be retraumatizing. This is an important opportunity for the Church to accompany survivors/victims through this journey.

**The Cardinal's lunch** will be held at The Intercontinental Hotel on Wednesday 28 August. Our lunch will feature Cardinal John Dew, sharing his vision for the future of the church being young, transformed and transformative. Cardinal John is optimistic for the future, encouraging the faithful to be outward looking, through the message at the 2017 synod of "Go, you are sent". Please join us on Wednesday 28th of August at the Intercontinental Hotel at 12pm as we break bread and share our Catholic values. To register on line <https://cl2019.lilregie.com> For more information phone Robyn 027 2018766

### Masses this week

**Monday 12th**  
9am @ St Francis de Sales

**Wednesday 14th**  
9am @ St Bernard's

**Thursday 15th**  
8:30am @ St Joseph's  
9:30am @ St Francis de Sales  
10am @ St Anne's  
7pm @ St Francis de Sales

**Friday 16th**  
9am @ St Francis de Sales

**Saturday 17th**  
10am @ St Anne's

### Weekend Mass Times

**Sunday Vigil Mass**  
Saturday 6pm alternating between

- St Francis de Sales every 1st, 3rd and 5th **Sunday** of the month
- St Bernard's every 2nd and 4th **Sunday**

**Sunday Mass**  
9am Mass St Anne  
9am Mass St Joseph  
10.30am Mass St Francis de Sales  
10.30am Mass St Bernard  
5pm Mass St Anne

**Reconciliation** Saturday 10:30am @ St Anne and before/after weekend Masses

### This week's readings

Sunday Wisdom 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2.8-19; Luke 12:32-38  
*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Monday Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5.10-14

Wed Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20  
*St Maximilian Kolbe, martyr*

Thursday Apoc 11:19. 12:1-6. 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56  
*Solemnity - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Friday Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday Jer 38:4-6.8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53  
*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*