



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



Feast of the Assumption

Sunday 15 August 2021

Mary does not let herself be paralyzed by fear or pride. Mary is not the type that, to be comfortable, needs a good sofa where she can feel safe and sound. She is no couch potato!

Pope Francis: Message for World Youth Day 2017

Now

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 15 August

First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday 15 August

Coming Up

2nd COVID Vaccination Event

Saturday 28 August

Cnr Constable & Daniell St
St Francis de Sales Church

School/Church Mass

Sunday 29 August

10.30am St Francis de Sales

Season of Creation September

Weekend Mass Times

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 Times

Monday: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales

Tuesday: 10am Liturgy St Anne's

Wednesday: 9am St Bernard's Hall

Thursday: 10am St Anne's

Friday: 9am St Francis De Sales

Saturday: 10am St Anne's

From Joe Green

The Assumption of Mary is part of our doctrine because the whole Church, the People of God thinking and acting under the power of the Holy Spirit believed it to be so, and we did so from the very early centuries of the Church.

Many people on their journey to a relationship with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church find the teachings about Mary a stumbling block on that journey. This is overcome by the realisation that Mary (and the Church's teaching about her) is not the focus. Mary always, but always points to her Son.

The style of writing of today's first reading can leave us shaking our heads in wonderment. Or is it confusion? The context helps: for the first 300 years of existence the Christian Church was under persecution by the Roman Empire. Believers died.

In 380, Christianity became the official state religion, and the Church took on the clerical, hierarchical and patriarchal governance features of Rome – Church mirrored Empire. Right up until the Second Vatican Council.

This reading, written originally as a reassurance of faith in a time long ago, takes on meaning for our own time as Pope Francis leads the Church into a "revolution": a revolution that includes the liturgy, the deconstruction of clericalism and a synodal way in which the voice of the whole of the People of God is heard, and where the Church's teaching can be understood and lived in the changing contexts of our own time. Where the realities of life, rather than ideologies, can be discerned.

The gospel today is that great hymn of Mother Mary: a hymn in two parts. The first is praise and thanksgiving, the second a vision of a community of faith which focuses on mercy and salvation, and which acts with humility. We do well to listen to it carefully.

We congratulate our young people making their First Communion, knowing they do so in a time that holds out great promise for the Church

Cardinal John, Archbishop Paul and Archdiocesan Pastoral Council members are looking forward to joining Wellington South Parishioners on the evening of **Friday September 24th at St Anne's, Newtown**. Together we will explore how things work at a parish and diocesan level and spend some time considering our own local challenges and opportunities. Come and be part of the dialogue - everyone is invited! Cup of coffee or tea available at 6.30, with the event itself starting at 7pm.

Response: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Gospel acclamation: Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.

Remembering the Holy Souls:

RIP: Ammielyn Cabral (Funeral on Friday at St Anne's)
Reg Pycroft, Mose Laka Tolova'a, the 5 youths killed in Timaru
Anniversary: Cataldo De Gregorio, Bassanio Canete, Ivy Pycroft, Giuseppe & Francesca Muollo, Vlado Barbalich, William Anselmi





CHURCH/SCHOOL SUNDAY MASS
+ BAPTISM INVITATION SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

We are having a School/Church Sunday Mass on Sunday 29 August at St Francis de Sales at 10.30am. Last year we were thrilled to have 5 children baptised through a school programme and would like to do this again this term. Baptism is the first holy sacrament on a person's faith journey and is seen as the sacrament of admission to the faith, bringing sanctifying grace to the person being baptised. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the sacrament of baptism this year, please email vanessa.mccormack@sfd.s.school.nz for more information.

A musical evening with Fr Chris Skinner, supported by St Catherine's College students, at 7pm on Sunday 22 August at St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria. \$20 cash at door or go on line to www.trybooking.co.nz/ HZW . Booking fee is 30 cents. Fr Chris' CDs will be available to purchase www.chrisskinner.org.nz

Volunteers needed at Vinnies Newtown

The Vinnies Op Shop in Newtown are looking for volunteers to join their team. Be part of a close-knit team, learn new skills, meet new people and make a difference in your community.

Flexible hours available between Monday – Saturday. To find out more drop in to the shop or call 04 389 7122.

Update on the Cause for Beatification

We continue to trust God that the Vatican will soon recognise the alleged healing miracle granted a Christchurch woman through the intercession of **Venerable Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa**.



Recently the Pontifical Commission for the Causes of Saints in Rome was again in touch seeking clarification of some medical points in the final submission that was made in support of her Cause. We were fortunate that with the assistance of a prominent Professor of Neurology in Auckland we were able to provide the requested information which is now with senior medical advisors to the Vatican. We are all continuing to pray that these final questions have now be satisfactorily answered and that very soon the alleged healing miracle will be accepted. Please continue to pray for the beatification of Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa.

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with Nada Kolich. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

Readings:

Sunday 15th August: 1 Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10; 2 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Gospel Luke 1:39-56;

Mon 16th August: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tues 17th August: Judges 6:11-24; Matthew 19:23-30

Wed 18th August: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thurs 19th August: Judges 11:29-39; Matthew 22:1-14

Fri 20th August: Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16.22; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat 21th August : Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11,4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Compassion Soup Kitchen Annual Appeal Collectors Wanted. The Compassion Soup Kitchen is holding its annual Street Day Appeal on Friday 17th September 2021. We are looking for volunteers who can give a little time to hold a bucket for us in Wellington, the Hutt City Area, or Porirua City. Not free on 17th September? There are other ways to get involved throughout September! Sign up or find out more by visiting: soupkitchen.org.nz/get-involved/street-appeal/, or contact Scott ph: (04) 385 9299 or contact volunteers@passion.org.nz

The Sisters of St. Peter Claver are holding **A BIG GARAGE SALE** on Saturday 21 August 2021 at their Convent grounds – 1 Mersey Street, Island bay. (corner Melrose Road and Melbourne Road) from 9 am to 12 pm. All are most welcome.

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and small group activity on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start). Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets Intro then sharing in small groups. "Bloom where you're planted" Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Fifth Parish Hui at St Anne's On Sunday 22nd August we will hold our fifth parish hui in the St Anne's church foyer after the 9am Mass. We have changed our regular Hui schedule to the fourth Sunday of each month in response to requests from parishioners from Brooklyn and the Samoan community in Newtown who wish to attend. We would like to encourage more parishioners from Brooklyn and Island Bay to join us. We usually meet for one hour and discuss whatever those assembled propose.

A Call to Holiness - Workshop #1

Come along and hear our first presenter give a talk on: Being Catholic in the Workplace and University Campus followed by group discussions. A community dinner will be provided after the workshop. Event Timing: 6pm - 8:30pm, 20 August Event Address: Loaves & Fishes, 2 Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington. For more information or to register email: wellcathyoungadults@gmail.com

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre. "Revelation – the First and the Last": a spiritual theology course presented by Michael Young SM. Begins Thursday 9 September at 7.30pm and runs for 10 weeks. Cost: \$50.00. For more information and/or to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

Mass/Morning Prayer

Monday-Friday 8:30am and Saturday 9am Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Contact 383-7769

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