



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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Church Communities

St Anne's
Emmett St Newtown.
934 4099

St Joseph's
Ellice St, Mt Victoria
385 0915

St Bernard's
Taft St, Brooklyn 934 4099

St Francis de Sales
Clyde St, Island Bay
383 8625

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

16th August 2020

Dear Parishioners

At 4.41 pm yesterday a directive was sent to all parishes and schools in the Archdiocese at being in Level 2. To be safe the Bishop has decided to suspend all Masses and parish activities until the 18th August. There are no exceptions to this suspension of public Masses over the next few days.

Taking communion to the sick and Reconciliation are also suspended for the same period of time. However, we priests are allowed to make decisions about those who are very ill or in danger of death.

The Bishop is grateful to all that we are doing as a parish to keep our communities safe.

Over this period of Time let us continue to pray and care for one another and let this be our prayer.

Lord grant us a strong and courageous faith, a faith that burns brightly even in times of darkness.

A faith that does not falter even when there are no miracles or happy endings.

A Good Friday faith that trusts in the dawn of Easter, a faith that is rooted in your love for us and that expresses itself in love for others.

May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Fr Doug

Covid 19 Update

Weekend Mass Times for 15/16 August

The Cardinal has announced that All Masses in the Archdiocese are to be cancelled this weekend due to the Government announcing Level 2 for the Region. The full Cardinals letter is available from the Parish website.

Readings for this week

Sunday	IS 56:1, 6-7	Rom 11:13-15
	Mt 15:21-28	
Monday	EZ 24:15-23,	MT 19:16-22
Tuesday	EZ 28:1-10	MT19:21-30
Wednesday	EZ 34:1-11	Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	EZ 36:26-28	MT 22:1-14
Friday	EZ 37:1-14	MT22:34-40
Saturday	EZ 43:1-7	MT23:1-12

Weekday Mass Times (To be confirmed)

Tuesday 18 August 8.30am	St Joseph's
Wednesday 19 August 9am	at St Bernard's
Thursday 20 August 10am	St Anne's
Friday 21 August 9am	St Francis De Sales
Saturday 22 August 10am	St Anne's

Responsorial Psalm : O god, let all the nations praise you!.

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Prayer of the Faithful: E te Ariki: Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou



Confirmation and First Communion

The Pastoral Leadership Team met this morning to discuss the sacramental programme. We have also heard the views of some of the Liturgy people in the Parish. We all see the

sacraments, especially the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist as important in our faith lives. First Holy Communion is especially something that needs to be celebrated in the best way possible, in order that our young people feel the "joy" that Pope Francis describes his First Holy Communion as. Therefore, in order that the sacraments are not rushed, and in order that we can prepare our young people properly we have agreed to amend the sacramental programme as follows:

Confirmation is suspended to a more opportune time. Depending on Covid 19, this may be during November this year, or, possibly first school term next year. We propose a whole of parish event, as is usual.

First Holy Communion: We propose that First Holy Communion take place in each of the three churches (St Anne's, St Joseph's and St Francis de Sales) on the 22 November 2020, the Feast of Christ the King, a traditional day for First Communion. We trust that you share our reasoning. We will communicate final preparation as the way ahead becomes clear. We are hopeful that this takes the pressure off our young people and their families at what is shaping to be a busy time.

Fr Doug, Fr Cirilo and Joe

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Masses offered for:

Rosalia DeGreggorio, May Earskine-Shaw, Guiseppe Muollo, Raffaele & Cecilia Muollo, Salvatore & Anna DiLeva

From St Anne's liturgy Committee:

Celebrating the 2020 Season of Creation 'Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope' (1 Sept-4 Oct)
Something for everyone!

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion to begin the Season of Creation, Tuesday 1 September at 10.00.

Sunday Eucharist throughout the Season will include creation focused hymns and prayers, taking into account

Social Justice Week.

Each Sunday (1 Sept-4 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.

Each Monday at 2pm there will be a half hour of prayer (including singing) beginning with **a traditional Catholic prayer** (Rosary, Stations, Litany, *Lectio Divina*, *Examen*) *all with a Laudato si' focus, followed by afternoon tea. The prayer will be repeated each Monday at 7pm.*

All parishioners are encouraged to commit to a local **sustainability project** (e.g., local park, beach, street, or parish peace garden clean-up).

On Tuesday 15 September at 7pm we will host an **Ecumenical Prayer Service** followed by a cup of tea. This will be during **Māori Language Week**.

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with Nada Kolic of Island Bay. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Parish Bank Details ADW-CPWS: 02-0576-0064832-00

Joshua Men's Fellowship: Come and join other men on Thursday 20th August 2020. A cuppa available from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start in CONNOLLY HALL, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Speaker: Gerard Wickrema, a Joshua leader on "Many are called; few are chosen" "Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Office hours: The office will resume normal hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Looking for a fun group of Young Adult Single Catholic Men and Women to live out your faith with? If so, the **Wellington Singles for Christ (SFC)** will be holding their 12 Week Christian Life Program. The program consists of 12 talks over the course of four weeks and an overnight weekend retreat. All single men/women, 18 to 35 of all faiths welcome. Talks will be held every Saturday afternoon at 1pm in the St Peter and Paul's Church Hall, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville beginning August 29, 2020. This is a free event, but koha is welcome. Contact Lielzel on 0226287761 or Marc on 0211095450.

Hospital Chaplaincy Assistants

The Hospital Chaplaincy Department within Wellington Regional Hospital is enhanced by a team of volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants who give around 2 hours a week to visit all patients in a ward. We are currently looking to add to our team, people with good pastoral skills and willing to work within the terms of our contract with the Ministry of Health.

A ten-week training programme is planned, running each Tuesday 1-3pm, beginning Tuesday 1st September to 3rd November. Expressions of interest are invited by

Tuesday 25 August 2020 to Mary Minson at Mary.minson@ccdhb.org.nz

Chris Skinner Concert

With an interlude from Kāpiti Senior Singers
At: Our Lady of Kāpiti Church On Sunday
20th September from 2.00-4.00pm
Tickets \$25 each available from:

Our Lady of Kāpiti parish office phone (04) 902 5815; email: oloktickets@gmail.com or Mary Cook phone 027 298 3255; email: cookwellington@yahoo.com CDs will be on sale at the concert.



Healing Service Tawa

The proposed Healing Service in Tawa on Tuesday 18 August has been postponed because of the uncertainty of whether we will still be in Level due to Covid transmission.

ELECTION FORUM

The Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission invites you to an election forum on environmental and climate change issues. Young people of the Archdiocese will put questions to representatives of political parties Cardinal John will give an opening address on *Laudato Si' – care for our common home*, and the event will be chaired by Dr Areti Metuamate, CEO of Te Kupenga – Catholic Leadership Institute
Where: St Mary's College Hall, Guildford Tce, Wellington
When: Tuesday 1 September, 6-8pm (nibbles from 5.30pm, please bring your own cup)
Please register for this free event at Eventbrite
<https://bit.ly/3kcwlc6>