



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



Twenty First Sunday

in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 23 August 2020

Highlighting God's Blessings in 2020

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday 25 August at 6.30pm

First Holy Communion: Will take place in each of the three churches (St Anne's, St Joseph's and St Francis de Sales) on the 22nd of November 2020, the Feast of Christ the King.

Upcoming in 2020

Social Justice Week:

6-12 September 2020

Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential

Māmā noa, pēnei i te CST: Te Tuku i ngā Pūmanawa o te Hāhi kia Whai Hua

Covid 19 Update

Weekend Mass Times for 22/23 August.

The Cardinal has announced that All Masses in the Archdiocese will again be cancelled this weekend due to the restrictions of Level 2. The full Cardinals letter is available from the Parish website. Weekday Masses will resume with social distancing observed.

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday: 24 August 8.30am St Joseph's
Wednesday: 25 August 9am at St Bernard's
Thursday: 26 August 10am St Anne's
Friday: 27 August 9am St Francis De Sales
Saturday: 28 August 10am St Anne's

From Fr Cirilo

Dear Parishioners,

All the readings this Sunday somehow reminds us of the spirit of true and genuine stewardship.

In the first reading from Isaiah we have this figure of Shebna – the master of the palace. We can consider him as the “mayor” of a city – God’s city. But God has given him a message which probably any leader would not want to receive “your time is over” your position will be given now to Eliakim – robed and chosen by God as the new “administrator” of the children of Jerusalem. He will have full authority symbolized by sash, robe and the key to the house of David. It appears that God has given “his” authority to a person. Does not God have to have full authority? Yes, God is the true King, God is the true Father. God alone has the power and authority over us all. But God chooses people to be a bearers of his authority like Eliakim – steward of God.

Then we have the second reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. St Paul reminds us that God is God. We are given intelligence. We have the capacity to know the truth. But who can dissect the thoughts of God? Before God, we are all ignorant. Before God, there is no pretention. And this is the quality of the true steward, not pretending to be wiser than God; not pretending to be always on the right side of things; not pretending to have protection from all folly and mistakes. There are limitations to our talents and gifts. That is why St Paul is very serious in teaching God’s wisdom (inscrutable and unsearchable) wherein human wisdom has no measure.

Then we have the Gospel taken from Matthew. Jesus is the wisdom of God who is also inscrutable and also unsearchable. In the passage, one may question why Jesus chose Peter – lowly, arrogant, and unruly fisherman from Galilee. Does Jesus know what he is doing in choosing this person? Then Jesus asked the people this question, “who do people say that I am?” Then turning to his disciple he asked, “but, for you, who do you think I am?” And Peter said “you are the Messiah, the anointed one of God,” the son of the living God. How did Peter get that wisdom? Jesus told Peter that his wisdom comes from the intelligence of the Father, from the deep wisdom of God, the revelation from the Father. Then Jesus said, “Simon, you are the rock!” This is Peter’s new identity. Peter has given the share of God’s authority, of Jesus’ ministry. He is only a steward of God. The good thing about Peter is that he is very open to God’s wisdom.

We are all stewards of God, let us be open to the wisdom of God from whom we receive truth and from whom, through mercy, we are whole. **Arohanui**

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Possible options as we can't attend Mass this Sunday.

Shine TV has Mass this Sunday from the Diocese of Auckland at 2pm.

This link takes you through to four different types of online retreats including a 3-Minute Retreat and an Audio retreat as well as daily scripture with **Sacred Space** and **Pray as You Go** . <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/prayer-online/>

Auckland Liturgy Office <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/> “Celebration of the Word at home” with links to daily readings and music.

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



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 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 this busy time.
Fr Doug, Fr Cirilo and Joe

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 at St Anne's
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.

Readings for this week

Sunday 23 Aug 1. Isaiah 22:19-23 2 Romans 11: 33-36
Matthew 16:13-20
Mon 24 Aug Apocalypse 21:9-14 John 1:45-51
Tues 25 Aug 2. Thess 2:1-3,14-17 (ER)2:1-17
Matthew 23:23-26
Wed 26 Aug 2. Thess 3:6-10,16-18 (ER)3:1-18
Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs 27 Aug 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 24:42-51
Fri 28 Aug 1 Corinthians 1:17-25(ER)1:10-25 Matthew 25:1-13
Sat 29 Aug Jeremiah 1:17-19 Mark 6 :17-29
Sun 30 Aug 1 Jeremiah 20:7-9, 2 Romans 12:1-2,
Matthew 16:21-27

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 on 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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.

St. Mary's College has a small number of places available for Preference students in Year 9, 12 and 13 for 2021. Please see our website for further information <https://www.stmw.school.nz/SMC-Parents/Enrolments-Fees/Enrolments-Fees> or phone the school office 473 5554.

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.



Remembering the Holy Souls

Masses have been offered for: Giuseppina Volpicelli, Palma Aprea

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'*. The event will be chaired by Dr Areti Metuamate, CEO of Te Kupenga – Catholic Leadership Institute

Where: St Mary's College Hall, Guildford Tce,
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/3kcwIC6>

Office hours: The Parish office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. We welcome Carol and Susan to the office team

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