



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 whakatapu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

9th August 2020

Face to face with our god of the gentle breeze

In today's gospel Jesus goes to the mountain, and there he prays. Meanwhile, the disciples have set off across the lake, into a head wind. That in itself doesn't frighten them, some of them are local fisherman, well used to the moods of the lake.

We hear in the first reading how Elijah experienced the sort of violence that the gods of the Greco-Roman world expressed themselves in: mighty wind, shattered mountains, fire, earthquakes. In the end, God comes in a gentle breeze, but notice Elijah covers his face. He doesn't look at or see God.

Peter is invited to join Jesus as he walks across the stormy lake, but Peter becomes fearful at the strength of the storm. He calls to Jesus, who takes him by the hand, and they walk together to the boat. And the wind drops, to a gentle breeze. The disciples see and touch Jesus, they recognise him as the Son of God.

We need to set time aside, to go to our 'mountain'. To sit in gentle calmness and wait for Jesus to come to us out of the storminess that life sometimes is. We need never be afraid to enter into a personal relationship with him, to let him take us by the hand, to look at him. To be set free to be that best version of ourselves he intends us to be.

Ngā mihi

Joe Green

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Psalm Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: I hope in the Lord, I trust in the Lord

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

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday Vigil Mass

St Francis De Sales every 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month.

St Bernard's every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

Sunday Mass

9am	St Anne's
9am	St Joseph's
10.30am	St Francis De Sales
10.30am	St Bernard's
5pm	St Anne's

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 @ St Anne's and before and after weekend Mass.

Confirmation and First Communion

Our young people are being confirmed and are making their First Communion in each of our churches on the dates below. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate as a contribution to their First Communion breakfast on the date that the event happens in the church that they attend.

Dates:

St Francis De Sales: 23 August
St Anne's: 30 August
St Joseph's: 6 September

We welcome our young people to 9am Mass at St Anne's this Sunday 9th August as they continue their Sacramental Program.

Feast of the Assumption

Come along to St Anne's Church on Saturday morning 15th August, to our Parish Mass at 10am. Then in the afternoon Our Lady Queen of Peace Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary on at 3pm at St Anne's Church. All are welcome.

Office hours: The office will operate on reduced hours, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only between 11am and 1:30pm, over the next week.

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

Men's Book and Discussion Group Meeting

Tuesday August 11 at 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce Room at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria.

Begins with current reading, books, mags, movies, website etc. followed by Brian Lynch selected reading from his about to be published memoirs.

For more info contact John on 027 338 3576.

Masses offered for:

Harley Bernard McLaughlin (RIP), Antonino Basile 7 August, Brian McLaughlin 5 August, Antonietta Basile, Salvatore Ruoco, Ida and Antonina Muollo, Gregory Jones, Arnaldo Javelona, Erwin Javelona, Max and Mana Botardo, Nina DeGreggori, Asounta DeGregorio, Liberato DeGregorio, PaSquale DeGregorio, Antonio Mollo, Maria Mollo, Ruffy Mollo, Gennaro Cuccurullo, Tina Cuccurullo, Aldo Cuccurullo.

Wellington South Passionist Family Please ring Mary Ellen on 027 333 6440 if you are keen to join us or would like to know more.

Invitation from Cardinal John and the Stewardship Team

"With our Churches closed during lockdown, parishioners' desire to feel connected to God and their church community became very evident. Although our churches have since reopened the hunger for this deep connection remains." The ADW Stewardship Team sees this as an opportune time to find new ways to enable prayer, fellowship and mission in the Archdiocese.

Stewardship is about intentional Discipleship, and this always starts with prayer and leads to action and mission. To this end we invite six people from your parish who are available to join us for the evening "Lectio Divina Experience" on Tuesday 18th August from 6pm to 8pm, starting with soup and rolls. The intention is for these people

to then facilitate small prayer groups in your parish. If you are available to be one of the six parish representatives please email Joe Green at

joe.green@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

From Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor ADW

The storm exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities.

It shows us how we have allowed to become dull and feeble the very things that nourish, sustain and strengthen our lives and our communities. We deprive ourselves of the antibodies we need to confront adversity.

Pope Francis: Extraordinary Moment of Prayer and Urbi et Orbi blessing, 27 March 2020

Human Love in the Divine Plan (Theology of the Body).

First intake in Wellington! Courses for Young Adults (ages 18-35 years) on September 5 & 6, and for Adults on September 19 & 20.

Venue: Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville, Wellington.

Early Registration: \$40.00 (closes: 29 August).

General Registration: \$50.00

Contact: 022 0289737 or email

info@marriageandfamily.org.nz.

For information, visit: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

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 (behind the closed Sacred Heart Cathedral). 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

Feast of the Assumption: On Saturday 15 August, the patronal feast of NZ the rosary will be recited in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, 3pm at the Cathedral, I to honour Mary, to pray for a culture of life in our society, and also to pray for our elections. Afternoon tea will follow, .

Tawa Healing Service: On Tuesday 18 August Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa beginning at 7.30 pm. All are invited and especially those who need Jesus` healing. Jesus still heals today.

SVDP News: Eustie Kamath, President and Treasurer of the Onslow Conference, has been unanimously elected as President of the St Vincent de Paul Society Wellington Area Council, following my retirement (John Kennedy-Good).

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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	10 August	9am @St Francis De Sales
Tuesday	11 August	8.30am St Joseph's
Wednesday	12 August	9am at St Bernard's
Thursday	13 August	10am St Anne's
Friday	14 August	9am St Francis De Sales
Saturday	15 August	10am St Anne's