



Wellington South Pastoral Area

From the coast to the harbour

St Anne's
St Bernard's
St Francis de Sales
St Joseph's

"We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message."

UPDATE

FROM THE PASTORAL AREA
TRANSITION TEAM

DECEMBER 2015

Time line

Oct 2013 ✓
Cardinal John asks our four church communities to become one parish in 2016

May 2014 ✓
Transition team is formed

28th February 2015 ✓
VISION- *We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message*

24th May Pentecost - ✓
NAME—*The Catholic Parish of Wellington South*
To become the *Blessed Suzanne Aubert*

22nd November Christ the King ✓
Beginning to set up our new Parish Council and Finance Committee

31st January 2016
Parish Picnic

1st February 2016 Next
New parish begins. We all become part of the Catholic Parish of Wellington South «

6th March 2016
Inaugural Mass

August 2016
Review

Parish Pastoral Council & Finance and Property Committee

The Transition Team received over 35 nominations for the Parish Council and Finance Committee. We are blessed to have so many talented people who are committed to leading our new Parish forward.

Next, the Pastoral Area Transition Team will:

- contact all nominees to provide them with information about the role and to confirm that they are willing for their names to go forward to the next step in the process
- meet in mid-January to discern the nominations and ensure there is as much representation of our diverse communities as possible. Identify and approach further candidates if required
- screen and vet shortlisted nominees in accordance with Archdiocesan Police Vetting policy
- appoint the Parish Pastoral Council & Finance and Property Committee
- provide induction and handover from the Transition Team to the Council and Committee.

Everyone has something to contribute to our new Parish

Everyone has a part to play in our future and there will be opportunities to explore the gifts each person has and how we bring them to the new Parish.

There will also be opportunities for wider leadership. In Wellington South we are a community of communities. In addition to the Council and Committee, the Transition Team has been considering other forums where leaders of our communities can help the shape direction of our future, always guided by our vision.

Mass Times: Will they change?

In the first six months of 2016 we are committed to keeping the existing Mass times in our four Church communities. With two priests appointed to the new parish, eight Masses each weekend will be difficult to sustain, especially with four Masses being celebrated around the same time. We are fortunate though, to have other priests who support us by presiding regularly at our Masses.

Parish Administration

Our parish leaders and secretaries are meeting regularly to work on administrative arrangements for the new parish. We will keep you informed via the parish newsletter.

The Transition Team is made up of the Pastoral Team Principals in the PA plus 2 from each parish: Fr David Dowling, Msgr Gerard Burns, Fr Dennis Nacorda, Lesley Hooper, Shane Connolly, Tauloa Fa'atau, Malia Vito-Tupai, Derek Smith, Deirdre Hanlon, Paul Elenio, John Whiting, Kevin Lampen-Smith, Maria Noonan, Doreen O'Sullivan, Joan Woods.