

What is important about our Mass times?

SFdS	Comments
	More options on Saturday nights eg. 6:30pm instead of 6pm
	So you know you can go to Mass at a certain time and place
	Go with what the majority prefer
	As long as Mass is still on, time makes no difference.
	That the times are not replicated in other parishes, but still meeting local preferences where possible.
	That all age groups are considered when making these changes.
	Consider especially those who attend Mass every Sunday.
	Important to have 10am Mass @ l'Bay because we need a large church for occasions such as First Communion
	Times that suit the majority of people
	Each church community be willing to forgo a Mass time for the good of all
	Saturday evening Mass is very important
	As working parents and sports lovers we go to sports games on Sundays. Saturday night is important.
	Bring back the old times (!)
	Keep 10am at SFdS, it's a realistic time for the elderly and full-time workers, families to meet.
	Can accommodate everyone especially those who work on weekends
	10am is a good time
	People like routine - go to the same Mass, meet the people.
	SFdS already has only one Sunday Mass so what's the alternative?
	Access and consistency are important
	That all parishioners are able to attend Mass
	Please keep 10am on Sunday
	Fact that we all get together as a community at a certain time to worship
	Promote better attendance, give consideration to the two priests, unify the four congregations
	So parishioners feel comfortable attending Masses at other churches within the pastoral area
	Routine
	That they meet needs of parishioners in all 4 churches while challenging parishioners to be flexible
	Current time, taking into consideration elderly, families, young people
	Make Mass the centre of our day!
	A parish that comes up with new ideas for the better of the community
	Ability to attend a Mass every week.
	That they are at a time that suits the majority
	Best not to rotate Masses - fixed times at churches are best
	Because SFdS has had 10am for a long time and it has suited most people
	It gives people opportunity for community worship - to keep holy the Sabbath. The beauty of breaking the bread of the Eucharist together.
	Togetherness as community where we are comfortable . Parish open to new ideas.
	Important that times are clear, people know when to come to church

St Joseph's	Comments
	That all members of the parish have the opportunity to attend Mass somewhere

Very little
Very important for me, 9:30am or 5:30pm
For all parishioners to receive a strong and clear faithful message from God instead of short broad reflections that will confuse us all
Time together and express our spirituality
Music - we travel quite a distance to experience quality music in our liturgy
Homilies - sermons. Prefer them to be given by a priest or lay pastoral leader
That it fits people's busy lives, yet so many people are at 9:30am
Parishes are essentially in the service business, so hence, 9:30am everywhere. Yet a strength of Catholicism is "Mass is Mass"
Very important to be able to attend Mass before we start the day
I think 9:30am, 10am are good start times. Not too early in the morning is better for those who travel further and probably easier for those with young children too
So that we will be able to carry out normal duties day by day
That there is a spread
Families need time to get children ready, so not too early which unfortunately 9:30am grants
It is good to improve my spirit and my soul
Important because it is a time for me and God, to give to God your need and everything
It is convenient - not too early or too late
It is the only Sunday Mass celebration at St Job's so needs to remain
It could move half an hour either way
It supports families to be present
Too early = too hard to get children ready. Too early = harder to travel here from outer suburbs
Mass times reflect communities gathered together
Each Mass time needs lots of people to make it work, E.g.. musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers....
That they offer all parishioners an opportunity to attend Mass at a convenient time
Convenience - early evening on Saturday or early morning Sunday to plan around other events
Convenience, community, familiarity
It is important because it is a time for all of us to come together in our Father's house and pray
Accessibility and availability
I come to Mass with my 2 small kids, it's really helpful to have children's liturgy at Mass as it makes it a positive experience for them.
I don't mind what time Mass is, but having children's liturgy means I am more likely to come
No duplication = more options = people try other Masses (bigger community)
Convenience - needs to be early enough to leave time for the service and cuppa and time to get home and prepare lunch
Variety of Mass times means the differing times to be available so we don't miss out
Convenient time for many - especially families and older people
The community environment built up at St Joseph's over many years
Having consistency and seeing the same faces
Having options within the community gives greater access when personal circumstances change
Sundays should always be the main focus.
Would reflect the community.
Convenience
To be regular, 9am would work
How the word of God affectively communicated to the Church
Very important so that we know exactly what times Mass starts. Also if we were to miss out, e.g. 9:30am at St Joseph's there will be later Mass elsewhere
9:30am fine
Should reflect the needs of the community within the parish

The time best suits our community families - having been discerned 12 years when we merged 2 Masses into one and migrated to our new church after 18 months in Wellington College hall
To try and accommodate the Mass attendees, ensure room to accommodate everyone
Times do need to suit people's lives
Quality of the liturgy is important - realise one style does not suit all
That there are Masses available - vigil, Sunday morning and evening across parish in a realistic way
Must be convenient for everyone to be able to gather together as one community
A minimum of one Mass per church on Sundays. Masses targeted: one family, one early-bird, one adult oriented, standard Mass times every Sunday.
Important it stays the same, not rotating, too confusing.
Not too late on Sundays as it cuts into the day
Convenience - 9:30am good time for families as it makes planning the rest of the day easy
That they are well spread, tradition where possible. perhaps consider a Mass that integrates smoothly with community events e.g.. 11am
Not too early, balance between daily activities and prayer as a community is important
Gives people time to get their day started. On saying that it also takes up most of your morning
My family enjoy the opportunity to go to Mass on Sunday morning
We love the St Joseph's community but if there wasn't Mass there on Sunday morning we would go elsewhere
We need one vigil, one 9:30am and one Sunday evening Mass in the parish.
Availability of liturgy leaders
We have parishioners travelling across town, so not too early
That they are convenient and suit everyone (community at church)
Also that they are set at a reasonable time
Liturgy / homily and environment
Important that Mass time is not too early. 9:30am is good because I can still do something with the day. convenience
They provide an opportunity to connect and share fellowship with a community of people you have journeyed with over a number of years
That they reflect the needs of their parish community.
A suburban church has local parishioners, a city church likely has more people travelling from more further away. Perhaps consider earlier / later Mass times in this context
That they are accessible to everyone
Family time, hospitality, music, homily and reflections. Mixing it up is good
The content of Mass is more important than the time. Make Mass engaging for all and we will attend
The time should enable our communities to meet and celebrate the Mass
The times should allow us to be present
9:30am fine
Important that it is in the morning - between 8:30am and 10:30am
Convenience and with children sometimes can be a bit slow
Prayer
Spread of times
Sunday morning 9:30am is best for families with children
It is the only Mass at St Joseph's and important to keep it even if time changes slightly
That local communities all have the chance to worship together without having to move out of their area

St Bernard's	Comments
Provide choice of times for people	
Meet the 'needs' of priests - as in the number of Masses on a Sunday	
Be accessible - people may need rides	
That we come to a group discussion that works for everyone	

We should have as many different Mass times as possible, spread throughout the different churches, but always at the same time at a specific church.
That each parish church continues to have at least one Sunday Mass. That there is at least one Saturday vigil Mass in the parish
Making sure everyone can get to a Mass
They must support community worship. Ideally the church should be full
That they are as convenient as possible for the majority of the parishioners
The number of people attending Mass
Every church has a Mass every week, even if it means rotating Saturday vigil and Sunday Mass.
Older people with no transport need to be able to go to Mass
That they might benefit all
Mass times should be more spread over Sunday morning so that there is more choice in the Catholic parish of Wellington south
Rotation is not a good idea. Times should be absolutely stable and reliable
Convenience for the whole parish
That all persons can get to a local Mass concluding non-drivers
That we come together to pray as a <u>local</u> faith community
Our 9:30am Mass suits us but we would be happy for a 9am or 10am Mass should we have to go to l'Bay some Sundays or to vigil Masses
I'm flexible on Mass times, with a preference for a morning Mass at Brooklyn on a Sunday
That Masses are held at times that suit people in the community and that they give everyone the opportunity to attend.
Sunday morning, Saturday vigil
Coordination amongst parish to offer a spread of times to aid priests and parishioners
With less priests available the Mass times need to be staggered, preference to be given to Sunday Masses where possible
We have a Sunday Mass
Vigil Mass at St Bernard's is very important
Availability, consideration of schedules of Mass goers and priests
Maintain 9:30 or 10am Sunday family Mass time
They allow people to meet together as a community
That they are practical - which the vigil is for me
Mid Sunday morning time suits attendance by young families, elderly and disabled
All the communities need to be catered for, eg 5pm for youth, 10 or 11am for the elderly etc...
The times, especially Sunday. It allows for elderly parishioners time to prepare for the day. Link with the school is also important for our young parishioners to attend
Convenient to get to
That they reflect the needs and aspirations of the local parish community

St Anne's	Comments
Sunday Mass at every Church to make it possible for local people to attend but only one time per Church is necessary	
It is important that there are different options - I couldn't make 9:30am Mass last Sunday and I think 3 other churches only have 9:30am.	
Good to have options	
It brings people together to witness the Gospel of God	
Celebrate God's Eucharist	
A morning Mass for all Churches, an evening Mass.	
I think it is important to have a morning and evening Sunday Mass	
Mass time is very important for those who are working even weekends so that they can adjust and provide spare time to go to Mass	
A good spread of times suggested: 9am St Jo's (most come by private car), 10:30am @ St Anne's where public transport is plenty	
That they happen possibly without priests	
Keep times as they are	

Convenient current times
They are good times - don't change
Coordination with public transport and availability of priests
Have regular priest at a regular time slot so that they can get to know us.
Good to have a priest who you feel knows you in times of struggle.
To celebrate and come to the Lord's house
So that we can spend enough time with family and children after but we pray whatever time (if change) will suit that
We become comfortable with times that are familiar to us but we must be open to change which is inevitable
It is important for everyone in our parish to be able to make it to Mass on Sunday
That all can be included and as many can attend as possible
That priests need space between Masses in order to refresh and commute between churches
Can share values and the quotes of Jesus can increase the belief in the Word of Jesus
To be important at Mass times it has to be consistent and on time, especially on Sundays.
Learning about the Gospel
When the community come together in God's house
9am, 11am, 5pm
So that the two priests will be able to organise their times and for people to be able to attend Holy Mass
It's important to try to keep Mass times as close to the current times. A change by no more than 30 minutes is ideal.
I feel that the Mass times should not be the same in all the churches.
By changing timings the family can easily opt for a convenient time
St Anne's 9:30am and 5pm. It caters to both those who want to come in the morning / evening especially hospital shift workers
It should be convenient to everyone
Now it is the availability of priests
Our Mass times should be a bit earlier than 9:30am. 9am would be a good time, and the Mass should only run for an hour unless it's feast days.
The music will wake people up (=
Praying to God, serving prayers to our Lord, listening to our priests
Suitable for people's schedule
It is a time suitable for general public
That the priests can safely manage these, eg... travel, time for the unexpected with parishioners. And people can get there...
Everybody can attend
Flexible schedule - one in the morning, one in the afternoon to accommodate everyone
We support our priests and work with them as the presiders that there is a spread time
Learning about God
That the two priests can logistically do all 6 Masses
That times are not so overlapping with the others
Please consider that for young people and young families 9:30am Mass is very early, that is, they have to get up early every day for work.
Convenient for older parishioners - not too early
It is reasonable compatible with other responsibility and attendable
Every one should have a convenient time to attend Mass
The most vulnerable and those for whom travel is an issue are looked after first.
Priests are not expected to do too much
That everyone can make the Mass and be able to share as one.
Everyday coming together, lots of family together
At the moment, the Mass times are very helpful to others to participate in the Mass

Make it as easy as possible for as many people as possible to attend
That they make it as easy as possible for the majority to come to Mass
They are suitable for most parishioners
Times that fit with young children that need daytime naps
That everyone comes at a time that fits their daily routine
That there should be at least one at St Anne's on Sunday
Sunday 9:30am and 5pm
Mass time needs to be suitable for families
Over the parish area there are a range of times
That the churches are size-appropriate for anticipated number of attendees
Needs stability especially for irregular church goers and visitors - not rotating around churches
Have a suitable time where everyone is available
Early enough in the morning to have an hour of reflection before starting the day, but not too early so that it's hard to get up
Convenient for all to attend the Mass
St Anne's current Mass times are good
Mass times available that will enable all parishioners to join
Mass times is important as we aim that as many people as possible in our community will be able to attend and worship God at different times
9:30am is a great time - suits us well
They compliment our lifestyle and our Sunday
That they are opportunities for us to gather as a community to praise and thank God
Choices to allow as many as possible to attend Mass - consider work time in this parish.
To take a break from everything and just communicate with Jesus
Variety of options for different needs within the community, times and location (vigil, morning, Sunday evening)
That no one misses out on worshipping God as we traditionally know
Since there will be a decrease in the number of Masses in St Anne's the idea of a good time for the Mass would be one convenient to all
The strength of participation is really high in the Eucharist at this time
Should be convenient to all to keep participating
Community, family, resources
The Mass time should allow access to all church believers - Catholics who attend church on a daily basis. This means children/adult/old/immigrants
Able to attend (very convenient) - not too early, too late
First of all we have to think of the priests who have to travel between the churches to say Mass
There are not enough priests.
It is important to me to have Mass times with the holy families. Whatever changes I will support it

How do we grow together as a community around our Mass times?

SFdS	Comments
	Adjust Mass time later on Saturday nights
	Difficult as Mass generally between 45 minutes and an hour
	Learning to share Mass times
	Embrace the decisions that are made
	More talking before Mass
	Social time after Mass - morning tea or lunch
	Being understandable and flexible with the decisions
	Cater for families who play sport
	Flexibility can work both ways - summer/winter times
	Be prepared to explore worship in other communities more regularly.
	Have a combined Mass more frequently
	Fill our two larger churches by only having Masses there and have 2 Masses per priest.
	Share Mass times, rotational basis so we can visit other churches
	Not look at each other as strangers, greet each other, exchange a couple of words, be friendly, then we will feel like family.
	By being involved, communicating together
	Growth of the community is more linked to providing modern, relevant, engaging and enjoyable Masses which harness the abilities and passions of the community
	Ensure that a Mass is still held at each church on Sunday to enable those who cannot drive to attend.
	We need our younger parishioners to be involved
	Parish making a difference in life of the diverse communities. Mass time needs sense of community that encourages participation
	Consider the people who work in the service industries and shift workers - therefore have morning and evening Masses
	Important for the children to be connected to the community
	Have varied times so there are options for all
	Take into account what the community wants and needs
	Integrate social activities- more morning teas, 3-monthly luncheons etc...
	Need to be a little more 'upmarket' somehow?
	Set times
	Give better opportunities for mixing and mingling - a friendly and prayerful environment
	Having Mass at a suitable time for people to attend
	Praying together - get to know others
	Gathering together, getting to know one another, sharing gifts, resources, ministries. A hope for full, active and conscious participation

St Joseph's	Comments
	If Mass is at different times in the 4 churches there will be more crossover among parishioners so more movement towards the single parish
	Community
	To understand different circumstances for fairness to everyone - for parishioners, the 4 churches and the 2 priests
	Having a spread of available Mass times including midday and evening
	Need to have a sense of identity - this can be lost in a large parish
	Aiming to keep the attendance to the same session each week helps to build familiarity and friendship

By being able to move from church to church to be able to communicate with others
Through good music, homilies and understanding how the Mass transforms us into the body of Christ
That we become aware that we gather afterwards when we can
We need to talk together and share our feelings, and be a community as a family
While we continue to have 4 separate churches with different Mass times it is difficult to grow together as one community, yet we do not have a big enough church to house the entire parish.
Don't understand the question but how do we grow our community now? how do I get to know other people in my community now? how do I keep knowing them?
Working bees are good, morning tea after Mass is good but loud. What else? I fear other church parishioners will find it hard to be made welcome and known
We need to acknowledge that changing Mass times will change the communities that gather together at the current times
Understand the strengths within each current Mass community
By sharing Masses together
Coffee after Sunday and morning Mass
We could go to other Masses at another church within our parish
By getting to know each other a little better
By getting together at Mass, celebrating Mass as community
Ensure that people turn up and stay a while after. It's a custom at St Joseph's but not at SFdS
Learning, getting to know one another more as a community
Coming together to worship and pray is very important as we don't go to God by ourselves
Respect with everyone. A simple smile can go a long way
I suppose the location isn't as important as having a consistent community
Seeing people regularly raises our awareness of others' needs and happenings
Raises our ability to provide support
A regular group of people creates more support for collective action the community. Raise the profile of Christ in the process
Families and/or friends go together to attend Mass
With the different Mass times we could expand community by meeting other new parishioners
Familiarity as a community not individuals - people who pray together know each other and grow together
By attending different churches meeting other parishioners
We need to be open to going to other churches in Wellington South if needed to find appropriate time for Mass. Think bigger
By staggering them across the parish so that people can find a time that suits and attend outside their regular community
Before the Mass starts, we should have a personal sharing aligned with the Sunday Gospel - just a 5 minute talk will suffice
Ensure a proper family Mass time (10am+) community means gather
Suitable time to come together as a community
The sense of community at St Jo's' makes us who we are
Regularity grows community
Consistency of attendance so we know each other
By having one community Mass
By coming together and coming to a consensus which everyone can agree on
More church activities
Meeting each week and getting to know parishioners
Having some form of social time, e.g. food and drink at each Mass time is important
Being bold and trying a different Mass at different church can help grow community
By having Mass times that suit majority of people so that they can come together
Consider it around size and popular times
Welcome
We recognise the pressures of our priests as well as being prepared to change our Mass times
By getting to know one another and sharing our thoughts and concerns

Time for us to commit ourselves for prayer
Maybe if times are altered some folk may need a ride to Church
We all need to adjust to changing Mass times

St Bernard's	Comments
	Have once a month a combined Mass in one of our churches, alternating in different churches
	Offer to take people to Church, join in other Masses at other churches
	We look to the whole picture, what works in the whole parish
	Opportunity to go to Mass at any of the four churches at different times
	By members from each church attending each other's services by continuing live music, choir and singing
	Attending Mass at different churches if possible
	By making all welcome
	They can be an opportunity for parishioners from the 4 churches to get to know each other
	By encouraging people to get involved in church activities and engage with the community
	Include older children / youth in the Mass
	Help them to teach the liturgy to the younger children, plant the seeds
	By convening together
	I don't mind travelling to other churches and I don't mind taking people along
	Recognise we are new community with a new identity
	Have a Mass at all churches
	By sharing ourselves with one another in the presence of God
	Sunday Mass is very important to us no matter where it is celebrated
	We can offer a spread of Mass times across the parish and ensure that each Mass is inclusive
	If the Masses change then we who have cars must make ourselves available to help transport those where no buses are available
	Have more people at Mass for the Masses we have by all coming together
	Love of God
	Consideration of Mass goers
	Regular children's Mass / education
	If we have one Mass time all the community have an opportunity to meet together, worship together and get to know one another
	Through habit and so on
	Our sense of community will require an enlarged view - eg. Island Bay and Brooklyn growing together
	I realise that we cannot cover what we currently have but is it possible to rearrange times to accommodate all Sunday Masses at the churches?
	That the whole family can worship <u>together</u>
	Some sacrifice is required to meet the needs of the wider parish community

St Anne's	Comments
	Accept changes for the benefit of all
	Through witnessing and endeavouring the Mass and coming together as a community
	By means of merging one Mass at one church that is, 9:30am Mass could be celebrated at St Jo's
	We may have to share times with other churches in the parish
	We need to encourage people to get to know each other during the new Mass times
	During the Mass, people are gathered together, share and impart their thoughts about the Gospel.
	Share our priests equally
	Seek to serve the area as a whole, seek forms of worship RELEVANT to people

The present times are most suitable
Are the parishioners participating, reading the bible, offering?
As a community the current Mass times provide an opportunity to indulge in activities which mainly focuses on services
After church we talk to new people
Allowing the priest time to be part of the community instead of rushing from one venue to another
Get to know others who regularly attend at the same time as you
Great to catch up with people you might not see otherwise
Looking at our elderly who may live nearby. People who work in different hours
Should be fine (=
By accepting change and adjusting our lives accordingly
We come together
Accepting whatever changes are made with thanksgiving and making sure to adapt to changes when they affect us week to week
By our diversity and sharing the load in duties by having more attend the same timed Mass and not splitting times over the day
On significant feasts, as many as possible gather in <u>one</u> church building
Father can ask us questions and we could help each other answer it
Keep close and share good messages
Growing together is a must as a community
Helping each other and learning about Christ
Inclusiveness, close off sections of the church so we are not so spread out
Being able to have the willingness and acknowledge the fact of shortness of priests
By all attending Mass regardless of times and continue to hear and follow the word of God
Mass is the centre of our belief. We get a chance to mingle and interact with people
Are we not growing now? St Bernard's joins us for morning Masses and 5pm. Anyway maybe vigil is enough for them.
Meet and greet everyone
Continue two churches in one Sunday Mass once a month
By having after Mass tea sometimes we would have members of the church meet at a park for picnics (should have more picnics!)
St Anne's is very welcoming of anyone from anywhere and that's what makes the parish even more special
Making friends, knowing each other, exchange ideas
More people, more chance to bond with each other
Bringing together of different people
Warm welcome to everybody, pray together, continue asking those who need clarification or help
There are achievable choices even if none actually fits perfectly. Time for socialising and leisurely exchanges, offering rides to those who need them
Helps to grow together very well
By providing a common time to accommodate what is agreed
More meets up with other communities
Cooperate with others
By being flexible and open to change, new and very different Mass times when we might choose to go to Mass elsewhere some Sundays.
What a great idea to <u>build our links together as one parish by being flexible and open to change depending on our other Sunday activities that day</u>
By helping with car rides for people when needed
It brings us together regardless of gender, status or nationality and see us as brothers and sisters
More fellowship as a church community
Be prepared for those who can't attend other Masses if your church is not at the right time.
Communication, openness, sharing different cultures
Taking part in Mass, sharing responsibility...
The Newtown community will grow through the participation of Mass during Sundays. It is very helpful that there are two Masses on Sunday

Mass is for most of us when we come together as a catholic community. It makes us stronger and happier.
If Mass times cause separation then we weaken the parish and ourselves as individuals
Considering the majority. Morning Mass times easier to continue for families rather than evenings
Participating together
Do some combined Masses, a parish all together, sometimes at St Pat's
We could all come to church at a respectable time
if the time was unsuitable it would impede growth through lowering attendance
Need to understand the different communities attendees at current Masses
Need to engage older children more in the Mass e.g. Teen Mass
Have more community participation during Mass
I hope that I can feel at home attending Mass in any church in the wider parish as I do in my own
Opportunity to join with other community parishioners
As one community we need to mingle and know each other so that we can share God's love
We are four church communities not one parish. Mass times should be different in each church. If one Mass time does not suit we should be able to find one that does no matter what church it is in.
By <u>everyone</u> taking the opportunity to participate in the discernment process
Time for people to assemble and time to talk with others and the priest. Time for priest to stay after Mass
Considering the effect on community in the different Mass centres
Sharing
If we come united in selecting a time in which people will be happy to attend
Openly discussed as to changes and hearing the majority is a manifestation of a matured community and a common vision
We will grow together as a community by having consistent Mass times.
I understand some churches move from one church to another within the parish but St Anne's should not move.
Pray for more priests
By being able to share times between going to each other's Mass centres
Make sure that all needs are catered for through language / prayers / music

How can our Mass times help us share Christ's message?

SFdS	Comments
	The meaning of the Mass does not change with the timing
	Being understanding of the situation
	We have to recognise the pressure on 2 priests. As parishioners we need to be flexible.
	Share the day's Gospel with each other
	By being visible to the community
	Making us feel part of Christ's family
	Engagement, participation helps people live and share Christ's message
	Available for everyone, if we can attend. We can share God's message to our family and the community
	By being understanding
	Limited linkage. It is more to do with having Masses which engage the community
	We all need to hear Christ's message.
	Encourage school families to attend. Attending Mass regularly should be a requirement of attending a Catholic School.
	Why not make the Saturday vigil you focussed with a youth band? Can ICPE be available to support a youth band by providing a little guidance and music choices appropriate to youth?
	Is there another parish with a successful youth band that could mentor a youth band here?
	Serving the Parish in some way enriches parishioners' experiences at church. Enables parishioners to meet other fellow parishioners and encourages a sense of belonging in community.
	Is it possible to promote parishioners becoming more involved in the parish, not just financially but also in practical ways?
	Making our Masses more vibrant for young people so they feel they would like to come.
	By having Masses available so we can attend
	More people to share in the liturgy, sharing our faith together, stimulate the youth - have a special youth Mass
	Get friends and relatives to come to Mass
	Not sure what it means
	By celebrating together with good music and helping each other out.
	Christ's message has to be lived daily by our actions as Christians. To start it with daily Mass is fantastic but not always possible for all. I don't quite understand this question!
	Lively liturgies and more contemporary music so that people will want to come to Mass - often music is what draws people together. A hope for growth.

St Joseph's	Comments
	By being spread so as to be accessible to all
	Community
	Quality instead of quantity
	Obviously need to re-jig times so that all communities have equal share to priests or lay pastoral leader
	Many people can't make 9:30am and many young people have to choose between Mass or sport or work
	It's important that all people can access Mass once a week as it is the source and summit of communal prayer and helps draw us into the body of Christ
	If the Mass times fit with people's lives better they won't have to miss sessions or be late
	Different times
	We share Christ's message, not the Mass time. however one vigil in parish, 2 at 9:30am, one at 11am, one 5pm. Alternate in different churches the 9:30 and 11
	By speaking praying and truth, and talk to God whatever you want and then he'll forgive your sin
	By spreading them evenly from vigils through to Sunday evening we allow Catholics from within the parish and beyond to share Christ's message
	By focusing on building communities, outreach around each new Mass time
	By keeping our communities united

By spreading the word loud and clear
More accessible Mass time can allow more people to attend
Realistically if Mass was later than 9:45am that would be fairly devastating to the existing community
Being able to learn more about Christ and understanding
There is so much change in our lives - please leave us in peace with our Mass!
Mass times should be convenient - the best for everyone so that Christ's message can be easily heard
St Jo's times suit visitors to our city. Would rather move to 9am rather than later if necessary.
Any time
Through bible studies
By expanding times for Mass messages will be received either in the morning, afternoon or evening
More attending 9:30am Mass together
Mass times should enable all people to attend Mass on Sundays while keeping all 4 church communities alive
The complementarity of gifts shared together in prayer makes us more one so as to recognise the newcomers in our midst and go out to love them
By maybe attending different churches, able to take in the different atmospheres?
If it is a nourishing liturgy, it does help for living throughout the week
By allowing your parish priest to be present in each community to the full community
Personal sharing of experience where the Gospel has impacted our lives
Accessibility, accessibility and accessibility!
Give God the most important time of the day. If we have to rush out of bed and get Mass over with, how important is the Eucharist to us?
Christ's message can be shared at any time, all in our daily lives
Time of Mass shouldn't stop the sharing of Christ's' message. Mass is one hour a week, then the real Mass begins by going out and sharing the Gospel.
Regularity helps develop social bonds that give us confidence to share
By allowing a sense of support from those we pray with each Sunday. When we know each other we come to know each other's needs
By encouraging the community to gather at a time they can manage
I don't believe Mass times affect Christ's message. No matter what time Mass is, we are still going to pray and receive Christ's message
necessary to get a convenient time or they will not come
I think having a range of times across our parish would help this. Ex. having a vigil, a Sunday evening as well as several Sunday morning ones.
Communicate times to hotels and accommodation
Not too long
Our Mass times enable all Catholics in Wellington South to celebrate Mass with their local community
Invite strangers to join us
Communion and solidarity with Christ
No effect on Christ's message

St Bernard's	Comments
	Be understanding, patient, generous
	To set an example on how we grow together
	By making sure each parishioner has the opportunity to attend a service locally and that the priest connects with each parish community
	Making it easy for all to attend
	By considering their availability to attend Mass
	As a community we demonstrate now Christ's message in person during and after Mass through the sharing of tea
	By its convenience
	By making the Eucharist available to as many as possible
	Allow all local communities to get together

No matter where it is celebrated
We can have Masses early in the morning or late at night so that those who work on a Sunday can have the opportunity to attend
A variety of Mass times makes Masses more available to fit into people's lifestyles.
We need to make it family friendly but also accommodate older people. The times need to reflect the needs of those groups / teens also need some consideration
To maintain a Mass at each of the Churches so that we can still retain the 'joyful disciples'
By meeting together, and caring for those in need of help
An opportunity to join together in bigger community to see more diversity in our brothers and sisters
Empowering as many as possible to attend Mass
Growing awareness of the greater body of Christ and growing together rather than attending only local interests

St Anne's	Comments
By enabling everyone to attend Mass on Sundays	
It enables people to share, interact and show our love to God and for the people	
Gathering together as one community	
It's good to start a Sunday with morning Mass	
Create opportunity for all people to attend Mass	
More Mass times means that there will be more people who can receive and share Christ's message	
Share our lay people's gifts	
What is a Mass? Is there another way that includes not excludes i.e.. Centred around the Word of God not necessarily communion?	
Sharing and witnessing or even exhibiting	
By encouraging communities to mix and start worshipping together in different churches	
Provide times that suit as many as possible to allow maximum attendance and sharing of Christ's message	
Mass fits in with those who can make the times. Means churches filled to capacity. Bigger Mass moves inspiration to the soul.	
As usual we still love our Risen Lord whatever!	
Making sure our Mass times are clearly advertised and indicated on newsletters, signage and website as well as being welcoming to strangers	
Priest A. Three Masses: St Bernard, St Jo's, hospital. Priest B. Three Masses: St Anne's (x2) and SFds. If possible, Priest A and B would alternate monthly	
We could share our messages by speaking speeches. (=	
Live message of Jesus	
More Mass to share for us to community to gather at once	
Listening to the Gospel	
To enable everyone to come together in community and Mass is the summit of a Catholic's life	
It's not so much on times but able to have Mass which is the heart of our faith	
Not really sure how Mass times could impact this in the first instance	
More active participation from the community includes sharing and helping in food and money job	
How does it not help us during the current Mass times at St Anne's?	
Everyone could attend and pray to the Lord together	
Some activities after Mass or during Mass e.g. After the sign of peace we feel more at ease.	
Learning and believing about Christ	
Together everyone celebrates Mass and reflects and prays as a community	
It helps a lot especially those who cannot attend Mass in the morning	
If balance correctly, plenty of time between socialising and the opportunity to get to know others from the other churches. Time for reflection	
By helping each other and suggesting the best time for Masses	
We meet as a community	
Just preaching the words	

By attending Mass whatever time it is during the day to show our dedicated love for God
We're able to attend with a clear mind so we understand the message and share with our peers
Elderly as well as the young generation equally contribute to sharing Christ's message
Still provide as many options as can be allowed for one day between 9am and 12pm but look after the priests
All get the time to participate in the weekend Mass as they wish, morning or evening
Mass times cause separation then we weaken the parish and ourselves as individuals
Gives you a good start to your day and reflection for the week
Accepting changes and continuing to benefit from shared liturgy
Accept Life Teen ministry / youth to assist with Sunday evening Mass
That a lot of people can come at a certain time to share Christ's message
How is the time relevant? The Mass itself is important. The rest is irrelevant.
Fewer Masses could increase numbers at Masses, need to ensure access for those without transport
Inviting non-Christian friends to come around and share our Mass. If the priest gives people one small active task to do relating to the homily of the day
A hope of growth, invite more people in our parish and different timings making it flexible
Everyone has equal opportunity to celebrate Mass
Mass times which suits different time so all could attend Mass
Personally I don't feel a change in Mass times would make any difference to Christ's message to us.
We can share Christ's message at any of the churches, therefore the Mass times should be set to enable the priests to the church with plenty of time and no unnecessary rush.
By bringing us together in more diverse ways than perhaps we have been accustomed to
Acknowledge rhythm of life and the chance to share needs and wisdom with one another. Celebrate Mass without rushing
Availability at times to a diverse community
Working together towards the same goal.
If we get more people to attend, the more we can share God's message
Convenient reasonable Mass time will mean more parishioners / community attend celebration together
I think St Anne's is doing great by having a cuppa after Mass, this time can allow parishioners to discuss more on Christ's message of the day
Able to attend / participate more people
By coming together as one people of God. Sharing the Gospel and just having a cup of tea after Mass
By being considerate of each other and not expecting everything to go our own way. (That is, that our time and place is more important than other mass centres.)
Trust God

Any other comments?

SFds	Comments
	Difficult to cater for everyone - young people, families, older people...
	Maybe a combined vigil at Brooklyn, Sunday mornings at St Jo's and SFds and hospital, evening at St Anne's
	Less songs / singing please
	Reduce number of churches. E.g.. Keep Brooklyn & I'Bay, sell other two and use funds to strengthen and maintain them.
	Keep 6pm at Island Bay
	Music! If there is no music group please have a lively CD to cover those Masses with no music.
	Music engages and helps people to participate. Also fills the silences with warmth and richness.
	Some churches must give up having 2 Masses per weekend on some Sundays, and this can be rotated, so that all have a fair distribution of Masses.
	By coming together as ONE community!
	How can the St Bernard's and St Joseph's communities become more involved with the Newtown/I'Bay communities?
	Mass times option: Vigil @ Brooklyn, 8am and 5pm St Anne's, 9am St Jo's, 10am SFds
	Should develop strong linkage between families at the school and engaging the children of the school in the Masses
	Can the hospital Mass no longer be a responsibility of our Parish? Mass times at St Anne's can be advertised at the hospital. The chaplaincy service already provides communion to patients unable to attend.
	Make it more interesting for us all, especially those students who want to understand.
	In time we should answer the question do we need four churches. One central church, at say, Newtown, built for the parish needs would mean we are gathering together as one, not as four separate communities. The discussion needs to be before SFds is strengthened so that we do not waste our resources. I personally prefer a church close to my home, but what is best for the whole community to be what our mission statement states is important.
	We are able to have six masses, but is this stretching our two priests expecting this each Sunday. We need to look after our Leadership team and not over work them.
	I am happy with an earlier time for the mass at SFds, say 9am but not later because it means there is not enough time for family time. If this happens I might change the place I worship to another of our churches.
	We have too many churches in a small area. Numbers attending Mass are dwindling. St Joseph's should never have been built - not part of Wellington South.
	This process is a waste of time - surely the PPC can make a positive decision to meet the needs of the whole parish.
	Whatever is decided we will comply with and support
	Propose two Sunday morning Parish Masses and hospital, plus one vigil on Saturday evening.
	Keep a Saturday night vigil for those who can't make the Sunday mornings
	Discontinue SFds and St Bernard's vigils, and establish one Vigil Mass for all at St Anne's
	Mass times should be voted for by community, not suggested by a few men
	Important to have enough Masses for everyone to attend
	Give families consideration
	Too many churches in a small vicinity. Perhaps one needs to be closed and sold.
	Have less Masses each weekend- means the few people doing so much won't be spread so thin.
	We might consider say every couple of months only having two masses for a Sunday so that it means the parish community gets to know each other. Not having the same two churches combining each couple of months but changing on a roster.

St Joseph's	Comments
	A vigil Mass in rotation seems sensible. The hospital Mass may no longer be viable, very few patients are well enough to attend
	Community

I don't think we need new churches. Married and women priests are the obvious answer. Time to face reality, Christ has married friends.
We love the quality of the music at St Joseph's, it would be a shame to lose it. and the people of course (=
Sadly for me, this parish is an artificial construct. My other Mass choices are SMOA or the Cathedral.
Lay people can assist with Liturgies. The numbers taken into account when making decisions on Mass times?
Take the priest off admin duties and let them be priests for the sacraments
I grew up coming to St Joseph's in the 1980s when Mass was at 8:30am. No time for breakfast...
Need to be accepting of the outcome s difficult as this may be
I think we have a very rich diverse and faith filled Mass at St Joseph's and I would be very sad to lose it but it can change time
What is the demographic of each church community? that can help determine the times. For example which church suits the youth best for Sunday evening youth fellowship?
I prefer 9:30am at St Jo's (=
This will be a difficult process for many and we need to acknowledge that. Case for change is not strong, at the moment seems to be about money.
All communities must feel that their voice has been heard and listened to.
Make more use of Marist priests
Mass needs to start at 12pm. I need more sleep!
Need to make it work for our priests too!
9ish at St Jo's would work. 11ish at S St Jo's would not.
Why is there a decline in priests' numbers? Are more of our priests serving overseas? Is there not a priest present at schools anymore to give younger men education about priests?
We so look forward to the homilies - this brings many to Mass for they feel they are truly fed with the Word of God.
I enjoy the Tikanga that comes through St Joseph's
Alternating vigil Masses between two churches. Make youth the focus. our boys always liked this time in their teenage years.
I would not like St Joseph's to be later as we have one Mass, perhaps our time should stay the same.
Vote for 9am Mass
9am Mass
Good luck (=
Help community to join
Keep in mind not all people can travel big distances and car pooling isn't effective.
Please keep homilies short and to the point, giving the priests time to travel to other churches.
Appreciate the 9:30am Mass times. it is a challenge - pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
Some people don't have transport to a different church, support would be needed
Mix of morning and evening times important
Accelerate church closure
Mass needs to be relatively easy for families who are bringing up next generation of worshipers
Vote the Cathedral - runs a good family Mass at 10:30am
Transport needs to be addressed. School children need to sleep in
Anything before 10am discriminates against families.
Good luck (=
Should we close up church?
Many people work late hours doing shift work - you need to consider them
The time that would suit us as a family is 9:30am on a Sunday
Earlier Mass time at St Joseph's
9:30am is convenient for me
I would like to see more collection of data on this. How many people attend each Mass?
Ask people - if the Mass time changed in our church would you still come?
Not earlier because of out of towners
Put up a sign in front of the Church about Mass times
We need to be aware that we have travellers who attend irregularly
Earlier Mass time at St Joseph's please

Celebrants at St Joseph's are superb - keep them please.

Let's look at instigating liturgy of the Word with acolytes, non-clergy.

St Bernard's Comments

We have enough priests to help out celebrating Mass. It seems there is no money to pay for priests

Just do it - can be reviewed and changes made if decision doesn't work

Happy to work around the priests - it is up to them when they can say the Masses

Need a vigil Mass between 17:45 and 18:00 Saturday. 8am, 9:30am at 2 churches, 11am Hospital and 17:00 evening.

Thank you for the work the parish has put in through the committee to make these changes

Need to use availability and willingness of visiting priests and Fr Jeff

Sunday morning is still the best time

Would rotating vigil Masses work/

Ensuring rosters are carefully planned and delivered.

Make Mass more lively (joyful, vibrant, with music)

We have St Bernard's community

The town I studied in I was able to find a Mass at least every hour between 6am and 8pm. I thought this was great, and it was not Rome.

One vigil, 3 morning Masses or 4 if visiting priest, one evening. 6 or 7 Masses OK

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion can replace Sunday Mass ***

Don't forget children's liturgies or perhaps Masses for teenagers

Daily Monday - Friday Masses if necessary would fulfil Sunday obligation

I myself prefer a vigil Mass and I find early mornings difficult

Cardinal and a holy priest take care of parishioners with no brains (!!)

Make Saturday vigil Mass still available for Wellington South

Happy to attend other churches at Sunday morning time

Too early on Sunday will not work. 9:30am is early enough. My feeling is that St Bernard's need to have one Mass on Sunday morning.

Make an effort to accommodate all ages. Elderly need help with hearing if children are present.

Mass times need to be displayed clearly for visitors to Wellington and be on the internet

Youth Mass perhaps Sunday evening Mass

On the whole, the local parish community in Brooklyn is an elderly community.

Respectful awareness that change is on the whole more difficult for the elderly.

Transport to other churches may be difficult

The vigil is especially wonderful during the summer months, perhaps it could be kept 'seasonally' as it were

That the Mass becomes vibrant for the youth. For children to learn to sing the Mass in a choir, once a month perhaps. Tie in with the school programme

Sunday morning in Brooklyn can't be any earlier - we are an older population and would struggle with an earlier Mass

The St Bernard's community has been very welcoming and supportive. As a new parishioner, others made me welcome and keep interested in my wellbeing.

For older people, Brooklyn time could be a bit later.

We need to have at least 1 vigil Mass and 1 Sunday evening Mass in the Parish. This is important for shift workers

I feel the main issue here, particularly in the short term, is finding suitable Mass times. I acknowledge that we are asked not to get too fixated on this but I feel it is difficult. We are one Parish but I suspect four quite distinct communities who celebrate Mass in different ways and many will wish this to continue. Therefore is it possible for Sundays to have two masses in the morning and two in the late afternoon or early evening. Then perhaps there can be one or two Saturday vigil Masses. This will keep to the maximum 6 Masses for the Parish.

Change is going to have to happen - good luck in looking at everyone's feedback and trying to come to a conclusion

The yellow sticker on St Francis de Sales makes some people nervous about attending Mass there

We know that some people are going to have to make some changes and if that is us, well we will manage

There needs to be a Saturday night Mass and a hospital Mass for the patients

Whatever time Mass is, it needs to start on time.

It is important for transport, especially for older members of our community, to be considered.

St Anne's Comments

Could the hospital be moved to evening?

Saturday vigil not as important as Sunday

it's good to get people's buy-in but surely, it is a matter of deciding another timetable. Look at requirements and resources and make a plan

Rotating Mass schedule

We need a pastoral leader for each of our Mass times. This could encourage growth and community

I know that the purpose of this discernment of changes is to limit the Mass times. Retaining Mass times will be good.

have a positive approach towards young people

Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions.

The present times should be kept

Half an hour here and there makes little or no difference

An 8:30am option

We pray for good health for our priests so that we can still have Sunday Masses!

We need to be open to accepting change

Consideration to combining Mass times need to give attention to practical things like availability of parking, family times etc...

To have non-stressed or overloaded priests ought to be a big consideration. Priests shouldn't have to rush from one venue to another.

Priests need time to socialise in each community.

There should be more children's Masses

Nothing stays the same so being flexible helps! As long as there is Mass, the times are not important.

Thank you for counting us in the decision making.

For our youth we need to have activities that suit them, respect and accept them as they are. We need to help them to be themselves and to meet other youth.

Appreciate what you are trying to achieve with these questions, however I am not sure how useful these questions are.

Make the community multi cultural

Evening Mass at 6:30pm

We need more priests to lead the Masses. More diversity within the priesthood would be very refreshing. Though our current priests are lovely

Have a children's time please

Early Mass at 7:30am would be nice somewhere in the parish

One Mass at each church on Sunday at different times that suit the priests. One rotating evening Mass at 5:30pm

Ask all current Mass attendants numbers and feedback, make decision in prayer, come back to the community quickly

Is there anything stopping us from having an earlier Mass time?

The mix of cultures and ages attending now is a joy. 9:30am works well, 9am would too

Morning Mass sets you up for the day. Evening Mass suitable for those without families.

I am sure we will all adjust to the changes in Mass times

I cannot see how these questions relate to selection of suitable Mass times. Why not just ask for time suggestions?

Happy to attend Mass whatever the time

Morning and afternoon at St Anne's please, suits shift workers

Is there still a need for a hospital Mass??

Could also consider neighbouring parish Mass times (Holy Trinity) to help spread Mass times over Wellington region

Don't mind having Mass time change

9am instead of 9:30am

Saturday vigil is really appreciated

Mass times change will effect children's liturgy group. Please consider this.

Change is difficult but people are ready to put themselves out for the chance to attend Mass
Can lay people help at the hospital? We eliminate the Mass but still give Eucharist to the sick?
It is good to go to other churches on alternate Sundays to share Christ's message with the other churches.
No need to change
What we have to change, change it when the time comes
See suggested options on Page 5

Time suggestions

Suggestion 1 (5 Masses, 2 priests)

5:45pm	St Bernard's		Presider A
8:30am	St Joseph's		Presider B
10am	SFdS		Presider A
11am	Hospital		Presider B
11am	Ethnic Masses at St Anne's:		
		Week 1	Miha
		Week 2	Cook Island
		Week 3	Filipino
		Week 4	Samoan
		Week 5	Italian
5pm	St Anne's	Youth Mass	Presider A

Suggestion 2 (6 Masses, 2 priests)

5:45pm	St Bernard's		Presider A
8:30am	St Anne's		Presider B
9am	St Joseph's		Presider A
11am	SFdS		Presider B
11am	Hospital		Presider A
5pm	St Anne's	Youth Mass	Presider B
All ethnic Masses at 11am at St Anne's			

Suggestion 3 (6 Masses, 2 priests)

5:45pm	St Bernard's		Presider A
8am	St Anne's		Presider A
9am	St Joseph's		Presider B
10am	SFdS		Presider A
11am	Hospital		Presider B
5pm	St Anne's	Youth Mass	Presider B
All ethnic Masses at 11am at St Anne's			