



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 whakaturu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti*

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th February 2020

Dear parishioners

It is time to introduce myself as your new Parish Priest.

I have been blessed for most of my adult life in being a Primary School teacher. I spent thirty years in the State System and then five years in a Catholic school - five years which would change my life in an awesome and profound way. The most wonderful Parish Priest said to me in my fourth year teaching at St Anthony's, that being a teacher of today was very demanding and stress making. He said, why don't you become a priest? You will only have to work on Sundays!

Yeah right!

But I have never regretted that flame of vocation which Monsignor John Carde lit in my heart.

I am extremely grateful to Archbishop John for seeing in me a vocation to priesthood.

However, when I asked him how many years I would have to be in the seminary he said, 'Oh, seven years Doug.' Oh, my goodness, I thought what have I done?

Actually, I only did four and a half years. Maybe it was on good behaviour or they'd had enough of me.

Anyway, on 24th August 2013 I was ordained a priest by Archbishop John at St Patricks, Paraparaumu.

How awesome and privileged it is to be a priest. My first priority is to get to know and serve the four faith communities of this parish and to develop a positive presence in our three Catholic schools. Please pray for me your new Parish Priest, and be assured I pray for you in these times of challenge and change.

With every blessing.

Fr Doug

Psalm Response:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Parish Hikoi to Jerusalem/Hiruharama on the Whanganui River

Please pray for those going up the river from our parish next weekend, 20th to 23rd February.

"Life is a journey by road...

On the way we travel

the dust is thick and the shade is scarce.

Let us know how to select the best place to halt,

to bathe our eyes,

to shake off the dust that covers us,

and to wash our sore feet"

Suzanne Aubert

Sacramental Programme 2020

If you or someone you know have children in Year 4 or older who need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, please contact the Parish Office or Parish School Office for an enrolment form. There will be an introductory evening for parents and caregivers on Wednesday 11th March at 6:30pm at St Anne's Hall, Newtown.

Safeguarding Workshop 1

The parish will be running a repetition of Safeguarding Workshop 1 for any parishioners involved in ministry to children, youth and vulnerable who have not yet attended one. The workshop will be held on Tuesday 10th March at St Anne's Hall from 6:30pm to 8pm. Please register with the Parish Office. The Safeguarding Workshop is a requirement for all involved in the above-mentioned parish ministries.

Life Teen is back for 2020! Come and join us to start your year off right! All parish teenagers are welcome! St Anne's Church @ 5pm from this Sunday 16th February.

Your Food Basket Donations make a difference!

Thank you to all who give so generously to the Food Basket collection at our churches every Sunday. Please consider donating some food when you can.

Christian Meditation @ Home of Compassion

Every Monday evening @ 7pm / Thursday morning @ 11am

Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre

The programme for 2020 is now available - if you would like a copy, please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcumplings@xtra.co.nz.

40 Days for Life - Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives!

February 26 to April 5th - Monday to Friday 8 am to 4.00 pm and Saturdays 8 am to Noon. Endorsed by Cardinal Dew. Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting, and vigil outside the local abortion centre at Wellington Hospital. Vigil works on a rotating roster of one-hour slots with two to three people needed to cover each hour. To find out more and sign up for your prayer hour please visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Clare 021 231 7954

Situation Vacant - Catholic Social Service

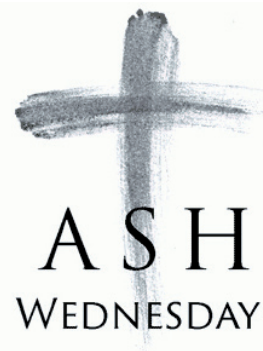
Therapeutic Social Worker position - part time 30 hours per week, 4 days per week. We are looking for an experienced Therapeutic Social Worker to join our team. For a copy of the job description or additional information please email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 385 8642. Applications close at 5pm on Thursday 27th February 2020.

Rosary Statue will be with St Francis de Sales School this week. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Wednesday 26 February

- 8:30am Mass @ St Joseph's
- 9am Mass @ St Francis de Sales
- 9am Liturgy @ St Bernard's School
- 10:15am Mass @ St Anne's Church
- 12:10pm @ Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Sacred Heart Cathedral
- 7pm Ecumenical Service @ Home of Compassion



Renewed by the Spirit

Caritas Reflection Groups

Weekly groups to work through the 6-week Lenten Reflection programme based around the Sunday Gospels. If you would like to join a group, please put your name on the sign up sheet in your church foyer. Phone John Feeney 043864956 for more information

- **Mondays** - St Joseph's Church @ 7pm from Monday 24th February
- **Mondays** - St Anne's Church @ 7pm from Monday 24th February
- **Fridays** - St Anne's Church @ 6:45pm after the Stations of the Cross from Friday 28th March - two groups available in English or Samoan.

World Day of Prayer - 6 March 2020

Our Parish will be hosting an ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service at 10am on Friday 6th March at St Anne's Church. This will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for morning tea.

Coronavirus & Liturgy

The National Liturgy Office has procedures in place in case of pandemic. Should coronavirus enter NZ, it is likely that these will be implemented. Communion in one kind (no chalice); no communion on the tongue; no touch during the sign of peace. Parish liturgy groups are revising hand cleansing processes for Eucharistic Ministers.

Children's Day - 1 March

To celebrate Children's Day on 1 March, the 9am Mass at St Joseph's will be child friendly. If your child would like to take a role in this Mass, please contact Anna Kozyniak.

Italian Mass - Sunday 15th March

There will be an Italian Mass celebrated in the Church of St Francis de Sales, Island Bay on 15 March 2020 at 2:00pm; followed by afternoon tea. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand.

Volunteer needed to collect bread for SVDP

If you are able to help to collect bread from Concorde Cafe, Lambton Quay between 5pm and 6pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, please contact the Parish Office. The bread is usually delivered to St Vincent de Paul Society the next day and distributed among the needy.

Call for Voluntary Driving Mentors

Here is a chance to make a practical difference in the life of a former refugee. ChangeMakers Resettlement Forum is seeking volunteer driving mentors now to help teach learners from a refugee background how to drive in both Wellington and the Hutt. Please contact us at ttc@crf.org.nz or call Kate on 027 552 5972.



PRAY **The** Word

Psalm 74

Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted. (Mt 23:12)

Truly humble people are centres of peace because they fear neither their own failure nor the success of others. Let us pray for the wisdom to judge as God judges: to look at our own and others' achievements from God's perspective.

We give thanks to you, O God,
we give thanks and call
upon your name.
We recount your wonderful deeds.

"When I reach the appointed time,
then I will judge with justice.
Though the earth and all who
dwell in it may rock,
it is I who uphold its pillars.

"To the boastful I say: 'Do not boast,'
to the wicked:
'Do not flaunt your strength,
do not flaunt your strength on high.
Do not speak with insolent pride.'"

For neither from the east
nor from the west,
nor from desert or mountains
comes judgement,
but God himself is the judge.
One he humbles, another he exalts.

As for me, I will rejoice for ever
and sing psalms to Jacob's God.
He shall break the power of the wicked,
while the strength of the
just shall be exalted.

Embracing Silence and Stillness in the day-to-day

by Becky Eldredge

I was at a Catholic conference recently where a speaker was talking about the value of contemplative practices. Drawing on his experience as a counselor, he was offering us ways to be still and be silent. There was one thing missing from his talk. The silence and stillness of contemplative prayer has one distinguishing characteristic from other meditation practices such as the mindfulness we read about in business literature or counseling literature.



Contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition is about being still and silent with someone – God. We do not enter silence, stillness and solitude alone. We go to be with someone. When we pause and enter our inner chapels, we are going to spend time with someone who created us, who loves us, who calls us into relationship, who offers us infinite mercy, who we belong to, who companions us in our suffering, and who sends us forth to use our gifts.

Contemplative prayer is prayer that pauses us to be still and silent and with God. It reminds me of the beautiful Psalm 46:11 "Be still and know that I am God." There are a multitude of contemplative prayer tools that helps us be still and be with God.

The gift of contemplative prayer is a way for us to live in the world with screens. Screens are not going anywhere anytime soon. They sometimes become like "idols" or "gods" for us. Just like St. Ignatius speaks of in the First Principle and Foundation, we must learn how to hold this gift in balance and allow it to help us deepen our relationship with God. So how do we do that?

First, we need to set up a practice of daily contemplative prayer. It starts with three main things:

- A daily time of prayer
- A set place for prayer
- Making your place of prayer a sacred space

Each of us can find a daily time to pause and be with God. The routine of it being in the same place each day helps our bodies and minds know it is time to turn off, to disengage from the pace of "screens" and to slow mind and body down. The simple reminders in your place of prayer that remind you what you are there to do is how we can turn a normal place into a sacred space. This includes simple items that make you excited to get to the prayer place and time. Perhaps a picture of loved ones, a cross, your bible, a special image of faith.

What I have learned through the years of praying as our world and pace has gotten busier is that contemplative prayer helps me combat the busyness. It allows my body, my spirit, and my mind to realign. I have come to discover the promises of God through contemplative prayer. The silence is anything but deafening. It is a silence that holds the promise of relationship, of unconditional love, of mercy, and of companionship. It is silence with God.

Jesus goes to the Law's roots focusing, first and foremost, on the intention and the human heart, from which our good and bad actions originate. To obtain good and honest conduct, legal rules are not enough. We need a deep motivation, an expression of a hidden wisdom, God's wisdom.

Pope Francis: Angelus 16 February 2014

**Parish Bank
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Our Vision Statement

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Sunday 16	9:10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Samoan Mass @ St Anne's Church Life Teen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church
Monday 17	7pm	Meditation @ Home of Compassion
Thursday 20	10am 10:30am - 12pm	Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church
Friday 21	9am	Parish Hikoi to Hiruharama on the Whanganui River begins Anointing Mass & Morning Tea @ St Francis de Sales Church
Saturday 22	10am-1pm 6pm	Mission Fair @ St Francis de Sales Hall & Grounds Vigil Mass @ St Bernard's Church
Sunday 23	9:10am 5pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Life Teen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church

Please remember in prayer all who are sick, those who are lonely, and those who have died recently and their families.

Masses offered for

Mario Canderle (RIP)
Anna Cuccurullo (RIP in Italy)
Eddie Borich (7 Feb)
Fr Geoff Broad (17 Feb)
Eutiquio Nacorda Sr. (17 Feb)
Antonio Cuccurullo
Ilma Ruocco
Luigi Ruocco
Pietro Federico

Mission Expo 2020

Archdiocese of Wellington



"Become aware of our mission and that we are to participate together in the mission of the Church given to us in Baptism"
Cardinal John 2019

The Mission Expo is for everyone! There are a huge variety of workshops being offered including seminarian Alfred Tong on mission in a multi-cultural parish, RCIA, Bringing art and theology together... There will be activities for children including making insect hotels and bird feeders. Visit [Mission Expo 2020](#) on Facebook and watch this space for more information.

Wellington Eucharistic Convention

Sunday 1 March 8-30am at St Patrick's College Silverstream
Enquiries: Contact Ted Jordan
Email - ted.j@xtra.co.nz or
Phone 04 5288679

Accommodation Sought by a female Victoria University student from Timor Leste. If you have a room available please contact Petronela on 021 235 2413.

Suzanne Aubert Scout Group
Do you enjoy camping, the outdoors and doing adventurous activities like kayaking, camping, tramping? The Suzanne Aubert Scout Group is running Cubs (girls and boys aged 8 – 11) and Scouts (girls and boys aged 11 – 14) on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm at St Anne's Hall in Newtown. This terms activities include: fishing, campfire cooking, geocaching, outdoor adventure and games nights. Come along and join the adventure. Email SuzanneAubert@groupp.scouts.nz or contact Rob McCullough on 0221771007.

Seasons for Growth during Lent

For those who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, and more, Seasons for Growth can help to process and respond well to such experiences. We may not choose the changes in our lives, but we can choose how we face them. Catholic Social Services is offering a 4 session-programme to adults on consecutive Thursdays:

- Thursday evenings: March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
 - 5.30-8.30pm
 - Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, Thorndon
 - Cost is \$30 covering materials and research.
- Register by Wednesday, 26th February with Katrin Eickhorst at 385 8642 / 021 374 405 / seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

2020 Mission Fair

Come and support the Sisters of St Peter Claver raise funds for Catholic Missionary work around the world. The 2020 Mission Fair has something for everyone with a variety of stalls, raffles, food and entertainment – and a great way for the community to come together.

10 am to 1 pm
Saturday 22nd February
St Francis de Sales Church Hall and Grounds

Donations of good quality items for sale at the Fair are greatly appreciated and can be delivered to the Sisters at 1 Mersey St, Island Bay, Wellington or phone 383 8401 for collection.

Masses this week

Monday 17th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 18th
8:30am @ St Joseph's

Wednesday 19th
9am @ St Bernard's

Thursday 20th
10am @ St Anne

Friday 21st
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Saturday 22nd
10am @ St Anne

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday Vigil Mass
Saturday 6pm alternating between

- St Francis de Sales every 1st, 3rd and 5th **Sunday** of the month
- St Bernard's every 2nd and 4th **Sunday**

Sunday Mass

9am Mass	St Anne
9am Mass	St Joseph
10.30am Mass	St Francis de Sales
10.30am Mass	St Bernard
5pm Mass	St Anne

Reconciliation Saturday 10:30am @ St Anne and before/after weekend Masses

This week's readings

Sunday	Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday	James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
Wed	James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday	James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33
Friday	James 2:14-24,26; Mark 8:34 - 9:1
Saturday	1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 <i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter, apostle</i>
Sunday	Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48 <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>