



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*

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The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2020

Dear Parishioners

The following is a beautiful reflection on the Beatitudes by Fr Flor McCarthy, a Salesian priest who has worked in Ireland and the United States.

"The beatitudes are the badges of a true disciple of Christ.

They are the marks of a child of God.

They make us rich in the sight of God.

They open our minds and hearts to a new way of seeing and judging.

They give us a whole new set of bearings.

The things the beatitudes stand for are very beautiful and very precious

*– things such as peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness,
compassion, mercy, integrity...*

*A person who lives according to the beatitudes is
already living in the kingdom of heaven.*

*Eternal life will merely be the full blossoming of a
plant that is green with life."*

It is the richness of these values and virtues that transform us and our communities of faith in being Christ's agents of goodness and integrity in a world that desperately needs hope and compassion, especially for those who are marginalised or simply ignored. Our faith communities make a profound difference that is good but are faced with many challenges in these present times. What binds us together is our faith that no matter what, our communion with God and our communion in the faith communities in which we worship will give us the courage and strength to do what Christ wills us to do.

Being your new Parish Priest I look forward to listening, working and serving with you as we meet the challenges and opportunities of the future in fulfilling the mission and ministry of Christ as His true disciples.

With every blessing

Fr Doug

Psalm Response:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

*This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Thank You from Fr David & Fr Dennis

We were humbled by the many gracious and kind words of farewell and very grateful for the wonderful afternoon of hospitality and entertainment at St Anne's hall last Sunday afternoon. Sincere thanks to all who were involved. We also greatly appreciate the gift of a patu each. God bless you all.

Message from Seminarian Emilio Capin

Dear Parishioners,

Since arriving in Wellington just over a year ago, it has been a great privilege for me to be part of the Wellington South Parish as I prepare to enter the seminary. The warm welcome, loving kindness and support you have shown me has made me feel at home. My sincere gratitude for everything you have done for me. Thank you for your continuing support. I am moving to Auckland for my Seminary formation on Monday 3rd February. Please include me in your prayers and I will also include you in mine.

God bless us all!
Emilio P. Capin Jr.

Normal Weekday Mass Schedule Resumes

Please see back page for our weekday Mass schedule from Monday 3rd February onwards. Masses at St Bernard's School will resume on Wednesday 12th February. The 9am Saturday morning Liturgy at St Joseph's will resume on Saturday 15th February.

Waitangi Day Mass

Nau mai, haere mai! The customary Waitangi Day Mass to pray for this land and all who dwell here under the guardianship of the Treaty will be celebrated on Thursday, 6th February, 9am at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St, Wellington. This Mass combines the choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngākau Tapu parish for Māori in Porirua. Languages used will be Māori, English and Latin with prayers in various other languages. Celebrant: Mons. Gerard Burns, Vicar-General and PP of Te Ngākau Tapu parish.

Blessing of the Boats - Island Bay Festival

The traditional blessing of the boats in the bay will take place next Sunday 9th February from 2pm - 3pm.

Volunteers needed

to help with the cleaning of the Votive Candle stands at St Francis de Sales Church. Contact Nina Cuccurullo on 021 0707 474 or 383 7142.

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.

Altar Server Training at St Anne's

- the St Anne's community will be training new altar servers in the new year. If your children have completed their Sacraments of Initiation and are interested, please contact Johnny (Nga) TeAriki.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Saturday 15th February at Connolly Hall Thorndon at 1.30pm. All women are welcome. Contact Shura on 021 072 4042

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.

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.

Parish Hikoi to Jerusalem/Hiruharama on the Whanganui River

- Thurs Feb 20 Advance group gather overnight in Whanganui at the Josephite Retreat Centre
- Fri Feb 21 Morning liturgy then up the Whanganui river lead by Sr Catherine Hannan DOLC. Parishioners welcome to drive direct to Sisters of Compassion old convent for dinner & prayer/sleep dorm style
- Sat Feb 22 B/fast /Morning Prayer/ Presentation Sr Catherine & Mark MacCallum /Lunch /Explore Grounds /River Swim /Dinner/ Art share/Supper
- Sun Feb 23 B/fast /Mass in the Jerusalem Church/ Lunch /Depart Wgtn @ 2.00pm

Complete sign up sheet after Mass today. Contact John Dalgety 027 338 3576 or johndalgety57@gmail.com

Come and experience

a day of reflection at the Home of Compassion and discover how Suzanne Aubert responded to the call of Intentional Discipleship. Saturday 15th Feb. 10.30-3.30pm. Bring a picnic lunch (café open on site) and walking shoes if you want to do the optional walk to the reservoir. Please register with Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or telephone 496-1706.

Christian Meditation @ Home of Compassion

Every Monday evening @ 7pm from 10th February and Thursday morning @ 11am from 13th February.

Men's Book & Discussion Group Meeting

Tuesday February 11 at 7.30pm Family Room, Rita Angus Village, 66 Coutts St, Kilbirnie. Topics: Part One: Recent summer books read and includes magazines, movies, events & websites. Part Two: Jim McMahan and Mark MacCallum will speak of their separate & recent visits to Ravenna in Italy.

"Bruised, dirty and hurting"

Pope Francis's challenge became reality for one of our parishioners last Sunday when their wallet was taken during the cup of tea after Mass. Our churches are open places, and rightly so, and we hope they become more so. Because of this, we do need to take care to secure our wallets and handbags. Not all God's children are as respectful of other's property as we might like!

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.

40 Days for Life

From February 26 through April 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public footpath outside Te Mahoe in Wellington Regional Hospital. Six babies are known to have been saved at previous vigils in New Zealand. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: 021 231 7954 and fli.org.nz/40daysforlife



Psalm 24

Morning Prayer
Thursday 23rd January

Let the Lord your God show us the way we are to go and what we must do. (cf. Jr 42:3)

Let us put into God's hands our heart, our soul, the deep recesses of our being wherein dwell those beliefs and thoughts that govern our actions, so that he may guide us in the ways of the Gospel.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
I trust you, let me not
be disappointed;
do not let my enemies triumph.
Those who hope in you
shall not be disappointed,
but only those who
wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth,
and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

In you I hope all day long
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have
shown from of old.
Do not remember
the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me.

Summoned and Sent

By St Francis de Sales

Go forth to do the work for which God has elected you. He will be your right hand so that no difficulty shall move you, he will hold you by his hand so that you may walk in his path. So be of great courage, and may your courage endure. And the way to get it is to keep on asking him who alone can give it to you; he will give it to you if you follow the leading of his grace with a simple heart. May the love, peace, and consolation of the Holy Spirit be in your soul for ever....



I give you my blessing with a father's love. May God bless you as you set forth and where you are now to live, as you serve him, as you serve your neighbour, as you humble yourself to your very nothingness, as you lift yourself up to your all; and may God always be your all.... Go forth calmly and sweetly in peace to serve God and Our Lady where you have been summoned by their will, and may the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you for ever.... Live calmly and simply in God, always loving your own abjection and being courageous in the service of him who died on the cross to save you.

Saint Francis de Sales († 1622) was a great figure of the 17th-century rebirth of Catholic mystical life. He is a Doctor of the Church. His feast day was celebrated on Friday 24th January.

Are you too busy to find time for a new self-awareness?

From The Happiness Habit by Fr Daniel O'Leary

Do you barely glance at life as you rush through it? Or do you really see what's going on around you? Truly seeing something reveals all kinds of hidden wonders. Even in the ordinary and mundane. A chance meeting, an argument, a mistake, a boring person, a hurt - each may contain an amazing truth for you. Soon you will learn that everything has some wisdom to give you - if you recognise the gifts and wonders in your own heart despite its occasional darkness and doubt, its fears and failures. Many people lose heart because of low self-esteem. In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Trust yourself. Create the kind of self you will be happy with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.

Simeon sees the Child and he sees salvation. He does not see the Messiah who works miracles, but a small child. He does not see something extraordinary, but Jesus with his parents, who bring a pair of turtledoves or two pigeons to the temple, which is the most humble offering. Simeon sees God's simplicity and welcomes his presence. He is not looking for anything else, is not asking or wanting for something more; it is enough to see the Child and take him in his arms. God, as he, is enough for him.

Pope Francis: Homily for the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, 2 February 2019

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Our Vision Statement

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<p>Sunday 2</p> <p>9:10am 6pm 7pm</p>	<p>Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church Vigil for Armando Teodoro @ St Francis de Sales Church</p>	<p>Please remember in prayer all who are sick, those who are lonely, and those who have died recently and their families.</p> <p>Masses offered for</p> <p>Armando Teodoro (RIP) Fr Pat Grealley RIP Mario Cappiello RIP (Italy)</p> <p>Br Joseph McDermott Francesco Basile, Richard Jones, Greg Jones, Mattia Amitrano, Anne Knight, Lorenc Kolic, Rosalia Alessi</p>
<p>Monday 3</p> <p>11am 7pm</p>	<p>Funeral for Armando Teodoro @ St Francis de Sales Meditation @ Home of Compassion</p>	
<p>Thursday 6</p> <p>10am 10:30am - 12pm</p>	<p>Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church</p>	
<p>Friday 7</p> <p>9:30am-3pm</p>	<p>Adoration with Benediction @ St Francis de Sales Church</p>	
<p>Saturday 8</p> <p>6pm</p>	<p>Vigil Mass @ St Bernard's Church</p>	
<p>Sunday 9</p> <p>9:10am 6pm</p>	<p>Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church</p>	

Mission Expo to launch a Year of Mission for Archdiocese of Wellington - 2020

In response to Pope Francis' call to focus more intentionally on mission, Cardinal John will be announcing a Year of Mission in the Archdiocese. This will be launched by a Mission Expo to be held at Viard College on 14 March and Garin College on 21 March. All Catholic organisations within the Archdiocese are being invited to participate. The Mission Expo will be a celebration of who we are and how we are missionary disciples in our world today. More information can be found in this month's edition of WelCom.



"I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love." Pope Francis

Student Life in Occupied Palestine

Br Peter Bray, a New Zealander, De La Salle Brother and since 2008 Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The university is a unique institution in the town of Jesus' birth and was founded by the De La Salle brothers. Br Peter will give a presentation on student life in the extremely difficult circumstances of occupied Palestine giving an insight on the work for a just and peaceful future. Tuesday 11th February, 6-7.30pm at St Andrews-on-the-Terrace, central Wellington. The talk is free but a donation to Bethlehem university will be invited. Sponsored by Wellington Palestine organization and Mons. Gerard Burns, Vicar-General, ADW.

World Marriage Day is held every second Sunday of February. It is a day set aside to celebrate the sacrament of marriage and to honour husbands and wives as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

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 to Fridays, please contact the Parish Office. The bread is usually delivered to St Vincent de Paul Society the next day and distributed among the needy.

St Patrick's Primary School Kilbirnie is looking for an enthusiastic person willing to work as a teachers' aide at our school from early February. Hours are negotiable but preferred Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm. The role will include supporting a variety of teachers with either one on one support or small groups. Please send a request for an application pack to principal@spps.school.nz. Closing date is Monday 3rd Feb @ 1pm.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Join Mir Pilgrimages on a group pilgrimage to Medjugorje 17 June – 2 July 2020. For further details and to request a brochure, contact Patricia Parsons. info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz | 0274 219 064 | www.pilgrimage.nz

Masses this week

Monday 3rd
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 4th
8:30am @ St Joseph's

Thursday 6th
10am @ St Anne

Friday 7th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Saturday 8th
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

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| 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

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| Sunday | Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> |
| Monday | 2 Sam 15:13-14,3-, 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20 |
| Tuesday | 2 Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25,30 - 19:3; Mark 5:21-43 |
| Wed | 2 Sam 24:2,9-17; Mark 6:1-6
<i>St Agatha, virgin & martyr</i> |
| Thursday | 1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12; Mark 6:7-13 |
| Friday | Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 |
| Saturday | 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 |
| Sunday | Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |