



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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2020

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The shortage of priests in the Amazon – what Pope Francis really said!

Querida Amazonia, Pope Francis apostolic exhortation following the Synod on the Amazon was released last week. The media focus and hierarchal church comment has been on the point that Pope Francis did not directly approve the ordaining of married men to the priesthood. Francis suggests that to focus on ordaining more priests would be 'a very narrow aim' (#93).

So what did Francis really say in Querida Amazonia?

His exhortation is set firmly within the ecological, sociological and cultural context of the Amazon (#85). But much can be applied to us (#2).

Francis is clear that it is important 'to determine what is specific to a priest'. What are those roles that can only be done by the ordained? Paul Philibert, a Dominican theologian lists them: Eucharist, confirmation, penance, anointing and holy orders. 'The laity can proclaim God's word, teach, organize communities, celebrate certain sacraments, seek different ways to express popular devotion and develop the multitude of gifts that the Spirit pour out in their midst' (#89). Francis suggests that 'a process of education – biblical, doctrinal, spiritual and practical – and a variety of programmes for ongoing formation' (#93) is necessary for developing lay leadership.

Francis calls on the church 'to be open to the Spirit's boldness, to trust in, and concretely permit, the growth of a specific ecclesial culture that is distinctly lay' (#94).

In a lay led Church, which includes women, leadership would 'entail stability, public recognition and a commission from the bishop' (#103).

What Pope Francis describes is almost exactly that which has been operating in the Wellington Archdiocese for about 20 years.

Francis asks us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to encourage a missionary zeal (#90). He calls for a review of priestly formation to ensure it is truly pastoral and responsive to the needs of the people (ibid). He challenges bishops and priests to review if priests are in the right place, doing the right thing in the right way (#98).

Querida Amazonia is a challenge to the whole church, and what Francis proposes resonates with many. It is indeed what must underpin the development of leadership in the Catholic Church into the 21st Century.

Joe Green
Lay Pastoral Leader

Psalm Response:	<i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.</i>
Prayers of the Faithful:	<i>E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.</i>

Anniversary Mass for our Parish

Sunday 22nd March @10am

St Francis de Sales Church

Watch this space for more information. Please note that there will be no other vigil/Sunday Masses that weekend.

Fr Cirilo Barlis will be moving to our Parish on Sunday 1st March. Fr Cirilo will join the Parish Leadership Team with Fr Doug and Joe Green. He previously served at Te Awakairangi Parish, Lower Hutt. We also welcome Fr Binu Matthew from Wairarapa Parish who will be assisting Fr Doug until Fr Cirilo arrives.

Parish Anniversary Mass: Musicians invited from each of the four churches to join together in leading the music at the Parish Mass on Sunday 22nd March. If you can be involved, please give your name, instrument and email address to the parish office. We are planning a practice on Thursday 12th March, 7pm at SFdS church.

Sacramental Programme Enrolments Open

Please contact the Parish Office or see your 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.

Congratulations to Anton Juan from the St Anne's community and former pupil of St Anne's School, who was recently appointed Head Prefect at St Pat's College.

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.

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

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

February 26 to April 5 - Monday to Friday - 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday 8 am to Noon. More prayer volunteers needed! To sign up for your prayer hour please visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or call 021 231 7954



Rosary Statue will be with St Francis de Sales School. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week.

Emmaus Bible Study organised by the ICPE Missionaries at St Gerard's Monastery. You are invited to join in and be enriched by the Catholic Scripture study, held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10.45 am. On 12th February the study will resume, beginning with the Gospel of Matthew. Contact Benilda on 022 470 6532 for more information.

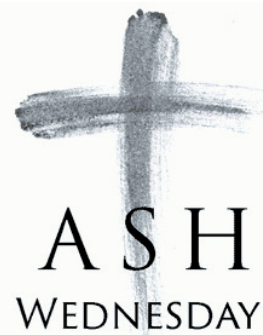
Taizé Prayer

Lectio divina in music, reading and spoken prayer along with silence. Next Taizé evening is 7pm, Friday 6th March. All welcome! The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion.

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



Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service

We join with local church communities at the start of Lent. A service to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey through darkness to Easter light. All welcome. Wednesday 26th February - 7pm. The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Holy Hour - Tuesday 25 February beginning at 7.30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. All are welcome.

Movie UNPLANNED - Free viewing on Tuesday 25th February 7pm at St Mary's of the Angels Hall, Boulcott Street, Wellington. What better way to learn about 40 Days for Life than watch the recently released movie Unplanned!! Unplanned is the incredible true story of former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson. Free Entry - gold coin koha appreciated.

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.

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, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring a plate for morning tea.

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 at 2pm; followed by afternoon tea. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand.

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.

Wellington Pilgrimage Walk

Discover the places where the remarkable Suzanne Aubert lived out a life of faith and compassion in a practical way, as she tended to the most pressing social needs of the day. Sr Sue Cosgrove will lead the tour. Registrations essential. Saturday 7th March - 10am-2pm. Ph. 383 7134 or 383 7769.

Way of the Cross

An opportunity to reflect on the stations of the cross in the light of the life of the Venerable Suzanne Aubert. All welcome. Friday 10th April - 10am. The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, Island Bay.

PRAY **The** Word

Canticle of Mattathias

Evening Prayer
Sunday 23rd February

The call to imitate God in holiness is the most ancient and timeless vocation of humanity. Inspired by those who have gone before us, may we ever seek to be perfect in God's sight.

Remember the deeds performed by our ancestors, each in their generation, and you shall win great honour and everlasting renown.

Was not Abraham tried and found faithful, was that not counted as making him just?
Joseph in the time of his distress maintained the Law, and so became lord of Egypt.

Joshua, for carrying out his task, became judge of Israel.
Caleb, for his testimony before the assembled people, received an inheritance in the land.

David for his generous heart inherited the throne of an everlasting kingdom.
Elijah for his consuming fervour for the Law was caught up to heaven itself.

Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael, for their fidelity, were saved from the flame.
Daniel for his singleness of heart was rescued from the lion's jaw.

Consider, then, how in generation after generation all who hope in him will not be found to falter.

My children, be strong and courageous for the Law, for it will bring you glory.

Caritas Lenten Reflection 2020

"May you come to realise what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed.

Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens."

Pope Francis: Gaudete et Exsultate - Rejoice and Exult (paragraph 24), 2018

What does it mean to be renewed?

When we come into the world, God sets us on a path: we are meant to spread the word of God and live the commandment to love and serve one another as Jesus loves and serves us. Over time we can get weighed down by distractions, temptations, doubt, grief and suffering. We can get lost and confused, diverted from the path that God has set out for us. To be renewed by the Spirit is to encounter God and allow him to guide us, giving us the strength to live out our journey of faith and invite others to join us on our way. God's grace shines through us in our renewal and enables us to reach out with hope and love to those in need.

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 Feeny 386 4956 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 from Friday 28th March - two groups available in English or Samoan

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday

6pm @ St Anne's Church
7pm @ St Francis de Sales Church



"Starting from our roots, let us sit around the common table, a place of conversation and of shared hopes. In this way our differences, which could seem like a banner or a wall, can become a bridge. Identity and dialogue are not enemies. Our own cultural identity is strengthened and enriched as a result of dialogue with those unlike ourselves."

Pope Francis: Querida Amazonia, February 2020

**Parish Bank
Details:
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Our Vision Statement

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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 Clare Owen (RIP) Jack Duggan (RIP) Don Matheson (RIP) Fritz Bergman (RIP) Tony Ryan (RIP) Rosa Mase (RIP) Daniel Swientek (RIP, Germany) Nicolas Catalan Jr (26 Feb) Maritess Cimafranca (26 Feb) Celine Ryan
Monday 24	11am 7pm 7pm	Requiem Mass for Don Matheson @ St Anne's Church Caritas Lenten Reflection Groups @ St Joseph's and St Anne's Meditation @ Home of Compassion	
Tuesday 25	1:45pm	Ladies Auxiliary @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery	
Wednesday 26	See notices for Ash Wednesday Liturgies		
Thursday 27	10am 10:30am - 12pm	Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church	
Friday 28	2:30pm 6pm 6:45pm 7pm	Adoration with the Missionary Sisters of Charity @ St Anne's Church Stations of the Cross @ St Anne's Caritas Lenten Reflection Groups @ St Anne's Stations of the Cross @ St Francis de Sales	
Saturday 29	6pm	Vigil Mass @ St Francis de Sales Church	
Sunday 1	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	

Mission Expo 2020

"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.



Hear the Cry of the Earth

We can make a difference
A series of three evenings to inform and inspire people to consider realistic ways to respond to the challenges of climate change. This initiative will be based on Laudato Si', include guest speakers, time for discussion, reflection and practical action. It will run on 3, 12, 26 March from 7.30-9pm in St Thomas More Church, Wilton. All are welcome. For more information phone the parish office on 476 6131 or email Estelle Henrys ev.henrys@gmail.com

Getting married soon?

The Marriage Preparation Course "Love is a Decision" will be held in Wellington on March 1 and 8. Contact Felicity Giltrap now at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz to book.

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@group.scouts.nz or contact Rob McCullough on 022 177 1007.

An Encounter with Mercy

A teaching series that explores the mystery of forgiveness through the healing ministry of Jesus in the parables of Luke's Gospel. Lost, Restored, Healed, Forgiven. Led by Fr James Lyons. All welcome. Please register. Wednesdays 4th March, 25th March, 1st April - 7pm. The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Phone 383 7134 or 383 7769.

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

Creatively Experiencing the Sacred

Come and see how you can make use of over 350 videos on prayer and meditation. An Emmaus online video Prayer and Meditation library Workshop led by Sr. Anne Sklenars and Lynette Roberts-King at St Theresa's, Plimmerton on Thursday 26th March. 7pm-8.30pm. Please register with Ann Williams at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or telephone 04 496-1706. Find the poster on the noticeboard for more details.

St. Bernard's School Brooklyn

prides itself in helping students to be empowered in their learning within a Catholic community. Contact Lisa Small on 389 9377.



Masses this week

- Monday 24th**
9am @ St Francis de Sales
- Tuesday 25th**
To be confirmed
- Wednesday 26th**
See notices for Ash Wednesday liturgies
- Thursday 27th**
10am @ St Anne
- Friday 28th**
9am @ St Francis de Sales
- Saturday 29th**
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 Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
- Tuesday James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
- Wed Joel 2:12-18, 2Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
ASH WEDNESDAY
- Thursday Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
- Friday Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32
- Sunday Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Tom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
1st Sunday in Lent