



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2020

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9:30am to 12:30pm

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"Salt of the earth and light to the world"

Exactly one month ago I went to the funeral of Fr Patrick Dermot Greally (Pat), long time parish priest at Naenae.

I got to know Pat during my formation as a Lay Pastoral Leader. Pat was one of the first priests to call someone from his parish to formation as a Lay Pastoral Leader, and to work in a co-responsible way with her after she graduated and was commissioned. What was unique about Pat is that he studied alongside Barbara Rowley: he knew intimately the training and formation that Lay Pastoral Leaders are required to do. He had an exuberant confidence in the Lay Leadership model developing in the Archdiocese.

In his eulogy Fr Jim Dooley SM, Pat's cousin, told us about some of the work Pat had done since he was ordained in 1961. He described Pat as totally and positively dedicated to the ministerial priesthood, and that Pat saw the role of the ordained priest as being to support and collaborate with lay people. Jim told us that Pat believed that the faith resided first and foremost with the laity, not only with the ordained. That belief is what drove him to pioneer formal ecclesial lay pastoral leadership.

Pat was positive about everything, about life in general, and especially about young people. Pat came from a very large family, including many young people. In our conversations he could not emphasize enough that while many young people didn't 'practice the faith' as we traditionally understood it, they were wonderful, good people working out God's plan for them in the world.

Pat thought that the Church had yet to catch up with societal and sociological changes. As one theologian put it, "*the road map has changed, and the Church doesn't yet have the new map*".

It was an honour to know Pat, and to be motivated by his infectious positive attitude to the Church, changes in the Church, young people and the world in general.

Rest in Peace – salt of the earth and light to the world.

Joe Green
Lay Pastoral Leader

Psalm Response:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation:

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the one who follows me will have the light of life.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Blessing of the Boats - Island Bay Festival

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

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Statue in Paraparaumu

this Sunday 9 February at 2pm.

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

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.

Rosary Statue will be with Tony & Eileen Muollo, Clyde Street Island Bay this week. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre

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



Life Teen Wellington

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 on Sunday 16th February

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.



Celebrate Love on St Valentine's Day

Cardinal John Dew invites you to join in a celebration of love this St Valentine's Day, Friday 14th February at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. The Wellington Lantern Festival is happening on the waterfront that evening - a lovely opportunity for couples to round out the evening.

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



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.

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.

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. During Lent 2020, 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

Psalm 117

Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th February

As Christians, we bear the light of Christ to the whole world in our every action. Even when he seems far from us, when we feel most alone, his Spirit is nearby to support and strengthen us in this task.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

The nations all encompassed me;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me,
compassed me about;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me about like bees;
they blazed like a fire among thorns.
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he is my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished,
I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have
given answer
and you are my saviour.

Priorities: "Who Are You and Who Am I?"

Suzanne Tanzi

After joyfully announcing her engagement, my daughter answered frequent wedding-date inquiries with: "The priest has not confirmed—we won't set a date until then...."

She was not as impatient as family and friends; her main concern was to accommodate the celebrant, whose presence as God's representative was central. What a wonderful reminder to those of us (eager mothers like myself!) who want to press on with our plans, not concerned about accompaniment from the One who carries all to fruitful completion.

So it is that God's love binds us to each other and to himself in all aspects of our lives; he awaits our listening ears and welcoming hearts so he can guide and accompany us on the best path. How much better to have a concrete and expectant friendship with him, asking repeatedly, as Saint Francis did, "Who are You and who am I?" Within this disposition, which shapes and reshapes our identity as one who belongs to another, reality is not about planning but about living fully.

On our own wedding invitation decades ago, my husband and I printed our commitment to this question (and the answers that would come from the Source of love): "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless if love is not revealed to him, if he does not experience it and make it his own. This is why Christ the Redeemer fully reveals man to himself"

(Pope John Paul II, *Redemptor Hominis*).

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Prayer for Married Couples

Lord of love and of life,
bless these couples you see
before us today.

May they always be held
by each other
in good times and bad.

Give them strength to hold
on in times of stress and
disappointment and keep them
tender as they cherish each other
through the years.

Help them to continue building
a relationship grounded
in your love,
rich in caring and quick to forgive.

Renew their marriage covenant,
increase Your love in them,
so that they may be
Your light in the world,
shining witnesses of your
presence and peace.

Amen

"We want to kindle a flame of hope... Christians are the light of the world not only when everything is bright around them, but also when, in dark moments of history, they refuse to be resigned to the encircling gloom but instead feed the wick of hope with the oil of prayer and love."

Pope Francis: Prayer Meeting with Heads of Churches and Christian communities of the Middle East, 2018

Parish Bank
Details:
ADW - CPWS
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Our Vision Statement

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Sunday 9	9:10am 11am 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Cook Island Mass @ St Anne's Church 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 Bernard Weakley (RIP) Armando Teodoro (RIP) Fr Geoff Broad (17 February)
Monday 10	7pm	Meditation @ Home of Compassion	
Thursday 13	10am 10:30am - 12pm	Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church	
Friday 14	11:15am	Whole School Mass @ St Francis de Sales Church	
Saturday 15	6pm	Vigil Mass @ St Francis de Sales Church	
Sunday 16	9:10am 5pm 11am 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Life Teen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Samoan Mass @ St Anne's Church Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church	



Mission Expo 2020 Archdiocese of Wellington

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



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 10th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 11th
8:30am @ St Joseph's

Wednesday 12th
9am @ St Bernard's

Thursday 13th
10am @ St Anne

Friday 14th
11:15am @ St Francis de Sales

Saturday 15th
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 Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Mark 7:1-13
Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

Friday 1 Kings 11:29-32,12-19; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time