



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 ākongā harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 July 2019

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9:30am to 12:30pm

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Challenged to do things differently...

In today's Gospel Jesus himself gives us the Great Commandment, *to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.*

In the parable of the selfless Samaritan, Jesus tells the story of one not rule bound, not caught up in themselves and their traditional ways of doing things. And, like Jesus, Pope Francis constantly reminds us that as a faith community we need to do things differently.

Pope Francis suggests that our role as a church has two courses of action, outreach to attract people to experience the Lord, and growth for those who now need to mature in that experience.

He points out that the young have much to teach us older people: we *'often worry about having everything properly planned, with regular meetings and fixed times'*. Perhaps we need to be a little more spontaneous? Finding times for *'conversing, celebrating, singing, listening to real stories and experiencing a shared encounter with the living God'* – in short, a community life, and, I suggest, one that extends beyond the weekly Mass.

As a community we *'should feel collectively responsible for accepting, motivating, encouraging and challenging'* young people. We should all *'regard young people with understanding, appreciation and affection, and avoid constantly judging them or demanding of them a perfection beyond their years'*. If we don't adopt this approach, we risk turning *'the Gospel into a dull, meaningless and unattractive proposition'* – and not just for the young!

Like the Samaritan in today's Gospel, in order to bring people, including young people into belonging, we may need to make sure we don't pass them by on the other side.

(Quotes from Christus Vivit, Christ Lives, an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis addressed to young people and the whole people of God)

Joe Green
Lay Pastoral Leader



Psalm Response:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of eternal life.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Musicians, singers and other ministry roles needed - St Francis de Sales Church

Contributing leads to belonging...

The St Francis de Sales community needs extra help for our Sunday liturgies - particularly musicians and singers as well as other ministry roles. *Everyone has something to contribute, and contributing leads to belonging.* Please think about how you can become a more active member of the community through sharing your time and talent. A sign-up form for the various ministry roles will be available at weekend Masses next Sunday 21st July.

Winter Choir at St Francis de Sales

Shake off your winter chills and raise a joyful song! Come join us and be part of a 'Winter Choir' at the 10:30am Mass at St Francis de Sales on 4th, 11th and 18th August. No commitment, all ages, all voices welcome. Just turn up at 10am to learn the songs and sit together to sing during the Mass. Come for one week or come for all three. Please sit near the piano at the front, we will start at 10am.

Change in Mass Timetable for 25/26 July

There is a change in Mass times and locations for Thursday 25th and Friday 26th July. Please see below:

- Thursday 25th - 9am @ St Francis de Sales Church
- Friday 26th - 10am @ St Anne's Church (celebration of St Anne's feast day)

Safeguarding Workshop

If you are involved in Parish ministry to children, youth or the sick and housebound and have not yet attended a Safeguarding Workshop, there are four final opportunities coming up at the Catholic Centre (Level 1, room 2):

- 10:30am-12pm on Tuesday 16th July
- 11am -12:30pm on Thursday 18th July
- 5:30pm-7pm on Thursday 18th July
- 5:30pm-7pm on Tuesday 6th August.

This workshop is a requirement for all who are involved in the above-mentioned parish ministries. Kindly contact the Parish Office on 934 4099 to register.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently operating on reduced hours due to school holidays. Normal hours resume on 22nd July.

St Joseph's Sunday Lunch Group

Cafe Breton, 20 Brandon Street, 12:30pm on Sunday 28 July. Homely French cafe food. Sign up on the sheet in St Joseph's foyer or phone Kathleen 027 665 8579 or 897 0925.

Holy Hour - Tuesday 16 July beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Includes prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and Benediction followed by supper.

Food Basket Donations - Please consider bringing something to Mass each Sunday. Every little bit helps!

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with Shiny at Rintoull Street, Berhampore this week. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week.

Passionist Family Combined Lunch

Saturday 27th July to coincide with our first birthday. An opportunity for the three PFG groups to gather, and anyone else who is keen to join. 12pm to 2pm at St Joseph's Church. To join a PFG Group, contact Mary-Ellen on 027 333 6440.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

Thursday 18th July from 7pm in Connolly Hall, Thorndon.

Day of Prayer for Seafarers - Sunday 14th July

Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic organisation dedicated to welcoming and supporting seafarers, port workers and fishers while they are in New Zealand. Stella Maris works collaboratively with other faith-based organisations and Maritime NZ to provide practical support to seafarers. The small Wellington Stella Maris team is seeking further volunteers, especially to help with support for cruise ship crews when the season starts again in October. Leaflets with further information and separate donation envelopes are available at the back of each church.



Young Adults Mass and Dinner

The Seatoun young adults community invites you to attend Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Seatoun on Thursday the 18th of July at 6.30pm. We will provide dinner at our home, 66a Falkirk Ave afterward. Please contact Georgia on 022 670 4422 if you have queries. Come along to meet new people and share in community!

Pa Maria Winter Film Series: *The Life Which Beats in Things*: - *A Spirituality for Living in Today's World*. Thursdays 15, 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September @ 7pm. Contact Brian Cummings SM (021 703 580; email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA

Wednesday July 24th at 7pm. This webinar is open to anyone just curious or wanting to learn about Alpha. Email c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz or call Chris on 496-1706.

Christian Meditation

Our Lady's Home of Compassion Chapel at 7-8pm on Mondays and 11am-12pm on Thursdays.

Vigil for the Unborn

Saturday 20th July. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12pm.

St Catherine's College Gala Auction

7pm on Thursday 1st August at The Pines, Houghton Bay. \$30 per ticket. Join us for a wonderful night of fun, friendship and fundraising. Items for auction include art, food & drink, accommodation and experiences. Email stcatherinescollegepta@gmail.com

A Caring Space is an invitation to those who care for a loved one to step away for a few hours; to reflect on your role as carer, to explore with God your thoughts and feelings in this role. At St Andrew's Church, Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton, on Thursday 25th July 11am to 2.30pm. Please contact Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email vjpdap@gmail.com for details and to register.

Update from the Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee met recently. Among the items considered were the following:

- Brougham Street property - tenders have been called and will be considered shortly.
- Clyde Street wall - a contract is being negotiated for the rebuild of the collapsed retaining wall.
- Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2019 have been reviewed. A report for the Charities Commission is being prepared.
- Parish Giving - There has been an overall increase in giving, but this still does not cover our costs.
- Buildings Review Consultation - the team are working on financial data projections to assist the consultation process.

Pray the Word

Psalm 14

Saturday 13th July - Evening Prayer

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers the Shema or Hear, O Israel (Dt 6:4-5) as a norm for upright life, following it by You must love your neighbour as yourself (Lv 19:18).

This is all contained within the Old Testament. Jesus' radical statement in the parable of the Good Samaritan is that all people are our neighbours.

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain?

They who walk without fault;
they who act with justice
and speak the truth from the heart;
they who do not slander with their tongue;

they who do no wrong to their
brothers and sisters
who cast no slur on their neighbour,
who hold the godless in disdain,
but honour those who fear the Lord;

they who keep their pledge,
come what may;
who take no interest on a loan
and accept no bribes against the innocent.
Such a person will stand firm for ever.

He first loved us...

This Sunday's Gospel tells the well-known parable of the Samaritan who reaches out to the traveller left stripped and wounded on the side of the road.

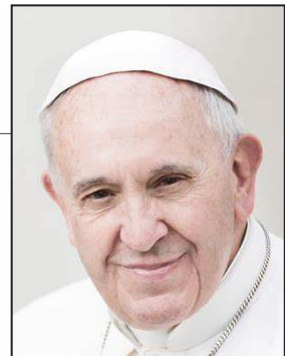


"Our tendency is to immediately place ourselves in the shoes of the Good Samaritan and derive a moral lesson from the story.

However, we are in the first place the one lying beaten and half-dead: Jesus approaches us with the 'oil and wine' of the sacraments. He lifts us up on the 'mount' of his cross, he takes us to the 'inn' of the Church, and pays for it with the 'two denarii' of the divine and human natures united in his Person.

Only when we have been loved back to life in this way are we able to 'go and do the same', Only in receiving God's mercy are we equipped to show it to others."

*From Magnificat Publication
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"The good Samaritan is Christ who draws close to the poor, to those who are in need.

The good Samaritan is also you when, like Christ, you approach those who are next to you, and are able to see the face of Christ in them. It is a path of love and mercy: Jesus finds us, heals us, and He sends us to heal others.

It is only permissible to look down upon someone if we are about to bend down and help them get up. We have no right to look down on anyone. Not with our nose upturned, like this, eh? If I look down from above it is in order to bend down and help someone to get up."

Pope Francis: Message to Youth Gathering in Rosario, Argentina, May 2018



Go you are sent to the peripheries of society

*Prisoners and prisoner re-integration-parish sponsorship and prayer, commit to practical actions and service.
(e.g. Arohata quilts, Volunteering for Seasons for Growth in prisons).*

**Parish Bank
Details:
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Our Vision Statement

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Sunday 14	9:10am 11:30am 5-8pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Cook Island Mass @ St Anne's Church LifeTeen @ 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 Kozyniak (RIP) Bernie Rowe (RIP) Renato Tapay (Phillippines, RIP) Michael Bieniowski (RIP) Mary Green (RIP) Herman Bullinga (5 July) Stan Witkowski (10 July) Raffaele Volpicelli (14 July)
Monday 15	11am 7pm	Requiem Mass for Bernie Rowe @ St Joseph's Church Meditation @ Home of Compassion	
Tuesday 16	6:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ St Anne's Meeting Room	
Thursday 18	10am 10:30am - 12pm	Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church	
Friday 19	9am 7pm	Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea @ St Francis de Sales XLT Youth Worship @ St Anne's Hall	
Saturday 20	6pm	Vigil Mass @ St Francis de Sales Church	
Sunday 21	9:10am 11am 5-8pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Samoan Mass @ St Anne's Church LifeTeen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church	

Parish Consultation Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first round of consultation sessions. The purpose of this consultation round was to capture parishioners' reaction to Cardinal John Dew's request to reduce the number of churches. It was not to get feedback specifically on the answer to this challenge.

As you might expect there has been a great deal of feedback which we reviewed at last week's Pastoral Council meeting. Given the extensive and varied nature of the feedback we did not attempt to distill it into simple ideas, although we did identify some themes such as:

- Our communities are important to us and loss of these communities through church building closure is a real concern.
- Ours is a sacramental church and somewhat inward looking.
- Further clarifying the roles of the laity and priests is an important issue.
- The connection between our schools and churches is an important one.
- We need a vision for the place of our buildings in the promotion of our mission and use for social justice.

As we move into the next phase of the consultation, the Council has decided to make the feedback from the consultation sessions available to all parishioners via the website. We ask you to take time to look at it and reflect on it. We have not included all individual written submissions, but these can be made available also if parishioners wish to see them and those who wrote them are happy for us to do so.

Next steps

We now move into the phase of beginning to formulate possible solutions. The first part of that will be a Parish session on Saturday 3rd August at St Anne's Hall, from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Please mark this date in your diaries and let the Parish Office know if you will be attending.

Parish Consultation Session

Saturday 3rd August
1:30pm to 4:30pm
St Anne's Hall, Newtown

Stephen Neal
Parish Council Chair

Mary Potter Hospice - 40 years of compassionate service to the Wellington community

Mary Potter hospice, the first hospice to be established in New Zealand, celebrated its 40th anniversary last week. The Hospice, established by the Little Company of Mary, is committed to providing our community with compassionate, free-of-charge palliative care. Sister Margaret Lancaster, a long-time parishioner of St Francis de Sales helped establish Mary Potter Hospice 40 years ago and remains a board member today.

Hospice services are provided wherever people are – at home, in aged care or in the Inpatient Unit in Newtown. Volunteers remain essential to the life and vibrancy of all Hospice services and connect the Hospice back to communities.

Together we can continue to care

Masses this week

Monday 15th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 16th
8:30am @ St Joseph's

Thursday 18th
10am @ St Anne's

Friday 19th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Saturday 20th
10am @ St Anne's

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 Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Exodus 2:1-15; Matthew 11:20-24

Wed Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time