



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*

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 July 2019

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St Francis de Sales

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St Joseph

Ellice Street, Mt Victoria. Tel: 385 0915
Office open: Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30am to 12:30pm

St Bernard

Taft Street, Brooklyn. Tel: 934 4099

Dear Parishioners

Last Wednesday I went to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Waikanae for the Requiem Mass for Joe Green's mother Mary.

During the Mass as we prayed for Mary we also remembered and prayed for loved ones and all those who have inspired us by their lives of faith, hope and love. I especially remembered my own mother who died during the past year. Others came to mind as well. It is good for us to remember and pray for those who have died. It is good for us to ponder the love shown by them and to give thanks for the blessings that their lives have brought us. Our reflection should lead us to gratitude because of the many gifts and blessings we receive through the love of God.

The main focus of the Catholic funeral liturgy is God's wonderful plan for us. Our ancient rites link us to the faith of Christians down through the centuries. They highlight the hope we have, which is based on what Jesus did for us by his death and resurrection. Praying for the living and the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. Thinking and praying more about others can be very helpful for a fruitful prayer life that leads us to imitate the love and care that God has for us.

Last Wednesday during Mass, Margaret, a parishioner from my years in Heretaunga came to mind. Margaret suffered from poor health for many years, but she endured it with patience and good humour. Being close to Christ helped her to trust in God's mercy and presence every day. Margaret prayed the following prayer daily:

*Every day I need you Lord,
but this day especially
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to be.
This day I need to feel you are near
to fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.
By myself, I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.
There are times when human creatures need a higher power
to help them bear what must be borne;
and so Lord Jesus I pray
hold on to my trembling hand and be with me today.*

Nga mihi nui

Fr David

Psalm Response:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Our sympathy to our Lay Pastoral Leader Joe Green whose mother Mary passed away on Saturday 29th June. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe and his family in this time.

St Bernard's Community Meeting

This Sunday after 10:30am Mass in the Church Foyer. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council

Joy Andersen has recently stepped down from the Pastoral Council and Rain Forest has joined the Council. Thank you to Joy for her service to the parish, and welcome to Rain. Joy is the administrator of our parish website: www.wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

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 three final opportunities coming up at the Catholic Centre (Level 1, room 2) starting at 5:30pm on: Thursday 18th July / Tuesday 6th August / Wednesday 7th August. This workshop is a requirement for all who are involved in the above-mentioned parish ministries. Kindly contact the Parish Office to register.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will operate on reduced hours from Monday 8th to Friday 19th July, due to school holidays.

Parish Mid-Winter / Matariki Gathering

Thank you also to all those who attended the annual mid-winter gathering at St Joseph's last Saturday. Special thanks to all who shared their talents with the community to make it a truly enjoyable evening for all.

Fr Denis O'Hagan wishes to thank the Parish for hosting his Jubilee celebrations last weekend.

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 0276658579 or 897 0925.

Food Basket Donations - Please consider bringing something to Mass each Sunday. Every little bit helps! Food donated goes to St Vincent de Paul and to Downtown Community Ministry to help local families in need.

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with Philippa Gunn, Severn St, Island Bay this week. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week.

Passionist Family Group

- Combined Passionist Family Group on 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.
- The Mixed Fours met on Sunday 23rd June for a hot lunch cooked by the kids, with entertainment! A big thank you to the kids for cooking; we can't wait to taste what you whip up next year!

To join a PFG Group, contact Mary-Ellen on 027 333 6440.



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington

invites men to come along and join us on Thursday 18th July from 7pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. Don't forget Saturday 27th July for the men's RETREAT at Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St, Palmerston North.

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.

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@extra.co.nz)

Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA

Webinar on Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA on Wednesday July 24th at 7pm. This webinar is open to anyone just curious or wanting to learn about Alpha, those maybe interested in starting Alpha in their parish, or those wanting to be involved in running a series. Email c.walker@wn.catholic.org.nz or call Chris on 496-1706.

Taize in Aotearoa event

Save the date for this event. 15-17 November 2019. Home of Compassion 2 Rhine St, Island Bay, Wellington.

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

Drawing on insights from the life of Suzanne Aubert, a time for gentle reflection and quiet. Next quiet day is Thursday 11 July. Simple lunch provided. Please register - call 383 7769 or email: spirituality@compassion.org.nz

Christian Meditation

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

ReStart - a day of retreat with ICPE Mission

Saturday 20 July, 10am - 5pm at St Gerard's Monastery, Mt Victoria. \$10 per person, lunch provided. Call 801 7797 or email new-zealand@icpe.org to register by 13 July 2019. Children's ministry may be available if numbers permit.

Vigil for the Unborn

Saturday 20th July. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12pm. For more information contact Family Life International - 021 231 7954.

Dove Catholic Women's Fellowship Retreat

27 to 29 July at Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland. There are optional registrations for residential or non-residential. Visit www.dove.org.nz or phone Judy Olsen 07 975 1824 or 027 486 3024 or email jude.olsen@gmail.com

School of Ecumenism 2019

Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October at Burns Lodge at Holy Cross Centre, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin. Email mm-e@methodist.org.nz for details and registration forms. Registration closes on 31 August.

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.

Pray the Word

Psalm 90

Saturday 6th July - Evening Prayer

The Lord has promised to guide and protect us, but we often fail to trust him and rely on our material possessions. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells the apostles to give up possessions and trust in him. What do we cling to in our lives that separates us from God or shows a lack of trust in his providence?

They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shade of the Almighty say to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Their love they set on me, so I will rescue them; protect them for they know my name. When they call I shall answer: "I am with you." I will save them in distress and give them glory.

With length of life I will content them; I shall let them see my saving power.

"Perhaps Thomas had a narrow escape from a great danger. He wanted proofs, wanted to see and touch; but then, too, it might have been rebellion deep within him, the vainglory of an intelligence that would not surrender, a sluggishness and coldness of heart. He got what he asked for: a look and a touch. But it must have been a concession he deplored having received, when he thought on it afterwards. He could have believed and been saved, not because he got what he demanded; he could have believed because God's mercy had touched his heart and given him the grace of interior vision, the gift of the opening of the heart, and of its surrender.

BLESSED ARE THOSE
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JOHN 20:29

God could also have let him stay with the words he had spoken: in that state of unbelief which cuts itself off from everything, that insists on human evidence to become convinced. In that case he would have remained an unbeliever and gone on his way. In that state, external seeing and touching would not have helped him at all; he simply would have called it delusion.... [What comes from God] is only seen and grasped when the heart is open and the spirit purged of self. Then it awakens faith. But when these conditions are not present, there are always reasons to be found to say solemnly and impressively that it is all delusion.... Blessed indeed are those who have not seen, and yet have learned to believe!"

Servant of God Romano Guardini
From Magnificat Publication, July 2019



"We are called to be co-workers. That is our mission, the purpose of our being sent. Our responsibility is global as well as local. Being Catholic is not just about going to Mass and saying some prayers; it is about applying the Gospel to the transformation of society. That, in turn, means helping one another to be formed and sent to build a better world. It means supporting one another as we take a fresh look at the call to serve and where it might take us, "lace up our shoes" and joyfully respond to the commission, Go, you are sent!"

Cardinal John Dew: Pastoral letter
"Go you are sent",
7 May 2017

Stewardship

TIME - TALENTS - TREASURE
A way of life, a way to live

"Gratitude can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for the future."

**Parish Bank
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Our Vision Statement

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<p>Sunday 7</p> <p>9:10am 11:30am 5-8pm 6pm</p>	<p>Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales St Bernard's Community Meeting LifeTeen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's 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>Mary Green (RIP) Sr Elizabeth (Trichur, India RIP) Sr Antonia (Madrid Spain RIP)</p> <p>Bernie O'Brien (2 July) Filomena Catalan (5 July) Giuseppina Mollo Giuseppe Mollo</p>
<p>Monday 8</p> <p>7pm</p>	<p>Meditation @ Home of Compassion</p>	
<p>Tuesday 9</p> <p>1:45pm</p>	<p>Ladies Auxiliary @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery</p>	
<p>Thursday 11</p> <p>10am 10:30am - 12pm</p>	<p>Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church</p>	
<p>Saturday 13</p> <p>5pm 6pm</p>	<p>Portuguese Mass @ St Joseph's Church Vigil Mass @ St Bernard's Church</p>	
<p>Sunday 14</p> <p>9:10am 11am 5-8pm 6pm</p>	<p>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</p>	

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.

Stephen Neal
Parish Council Chair

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

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.

Masses this week

Monday 8th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 9th
8:30am @ St Joseph's

Thursday 11th
10am @ St Anne's

Friday 12th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Saturday 13th
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	Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-9 <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday	Genesis 28:10-22; Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday	Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38
Wed	Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7. 17-24; Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday	Genesis 44:18-21. 23-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15
Friday	Genesis 46:1-7. 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	Genesis 49:29-33; 50:15-26; Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday	Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>