



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

1st Sunday in Lent

1st March 2020

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Dear Parishioners

I once read a story about a priest who spent years serving as a school chaplain - something dear to my heart for in the parishes I have served and am now serving, I too have been privileged to be a school chaplain.

Anyway, back to the story... Late one night one of his former students, now a young man, came to see this priest. He had a very sad and distressing story to tell. After leaving school he entered the adult world of having to work for a living. Unfortunately, he got himself caught up in criminal activity. He told the priest that he now wanted to get out of this murky existence.

He said to the old priest, "Father, make me the boy I was when I was fifteen."

The priest was deeply moved by the young man's earnest request.

The young man knew he had tarnished himself. Now he was longing for the unstained innocence of his boyhood, knowing in his heart that he had lost his childhood innocence.

The priest could see within that young man something of the innocence and awe that he had when he received his First Holy Communion. It still was there!

In every human heart there is a longing for the lost Eden, that time of pure innocence.

The Lord says to us, "Unless you become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

In a way Jesus is inviting us to recall our own lost childhood, but he also makes it possible for us to be reborn in the innocence of our true being when we can fully depend and trust in him completely. A childlike trust and dependence.

May the Lord help you to resist evil and conquer it with good.

May you stay firm in the faith and strong in time of trial.

May you be filled with joyful trust in God, and never tire of doing what is right.

With every blessing
Fr Doug

Psalm Response:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation:

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

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.

We welcome Fr Cirilo Barlis who will begin his ministry in our parish this weekend. Fr Cirilo joins the Parish Leadership Team with Fr Doug and Joe Green. He previously served at Te Awakairangi Parish, Lower Hutt.

We thank Fr Binu Matthew for helping out in our parish this past week, and wish him every blessing.

Parish Anniversary Mass: Musicians invited to lead music at the Parish Mass on Sunday 22nd March. Please contact the parish office. We are planning a practice on Thursday 12th March, 7pm at SFdS church.

Sacramental Programme Introduction Evening

Wednesday 11th March at 6:30pm at St Anne's Hall, Newtown. Please contact the Parish Office or see your parish school office for an enrolment form.

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. Please consider donating food when you can.

Christian Meditation @ Home of Compassion

Every Monday evening @ 7pm / Thursday morning @ 11am

Big Garage Sale

hosted by the Sisters of St. Peter Claver
Saturday 7th March 2020 at their Convent grounds -
1 Mersey Street, Island Bay from 9 am to 1 pm.

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

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

Rosary Statue will be with St Bernard's School. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week.

Taizé Prayer- Lecto divina in music, reading and spoken prayer along with silence. Next Taizé evening is 7pm, Friday 6th March. All welcome! Home of Compassion, Island Bay

Caregiver Sought - We are looking for a kind and compassionate live-in caregiver to care for our elderly mother in her own home in the Southern suburbs. Hours ideally daily from 6pm to 8am, but open to negotiation. Private bedroom available. Please email angelavn@actrix.co.nz

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. Home of Compassion, tel: 383 7134

Changes in Weekday Liturgy Timetable

Please note that a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated on the following days from 1st March:

- Mondays: 8:30am @ St Joseph's
10am @ St Anne's
- Wednesdays: 8:30am @ St Joseph's

There will no longer be a Liturgy on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at St Anne's.

World Day of Prayer Hosted by our Parish

This Friday 6th March @ St Anne's

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.

Cleaner Needed at St Francis de Sales Church. The job typically requires three to four hours to clean the church, sacristy and foyer. Please contact Lucienne on 934 4099 at the Parish Office to apply.

St Joseph's Feast Day BBQ - Thursday 19 March

St Joseph's Day is a great occasion to feed our spirits, our souls and our tummies. We'll start with prayer at 6pm and then have a shared meal from about 6.30pm. We'll provide bread, sausages and sugary doughnuts for dessert as this is a St Joseph's Day tradition. Please bring a salad to share and something for the BBQ if you'd prefer not to have sausages.

Creatively Experiencing the Sacred - 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 at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Wellington Pilgrimage Walk - Discover the places where the remarkable Suzanne Aubert lived out a life of faith and compassion in a practical way. Sr Sue Cosgrove will lead the tour. Registrations essential. Saturday 7th March - 10am to 2pm. Phone 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.

This is your home and you should have been

safe here... You are invited to a Remembrance Labyrinth Walk to reflect, pray and light a candle for all who died and suffered in the Christchurch Mosque attack last March. All are welcome between 1pm and 5pm on Sunday 15th March at Island Bay Presbyterian Church, 88 The Parade, Island Bay.

Parish Passionist Family News

Come along and support Sarah Simmons and Jono Moore and Family as they take on the role of Coordinating Passionist Family Groups in our Parish. 5pm Mass at St Anne's on March 15th with a meet and greet afterwards in the church foyer.



St Joseph's Working Bee - Saturday 28 March

It's time to get the church and grounds looking lovely for Holy Week. A great way to get to know others in the community. 9am start - there'll be jobs to suit everyone - inside and out.

Psalm 102

Ash Wednesday
Evening Prayer

However great the number of sins
committed, grace was even greater.
(Rm 5:20)

*During Lent, we who are dust entrust
ourselves to the healing care of the
Lord who promises forgiveness and
breathes new life into that which he
created in love.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his Holy Name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you
with love and compassion,
who fills your life with good things,
renewing your youth like an eagle's.

He does not treat us
according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are
high above the earth
so strong is his love for
those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has
compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on
those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust.

Fixing our gaze on Christ...

The Lenten journey we have begun is all about "fixing our gaze on Christ."

Lent is a time to hear again the call of Jesus to "repent and believe the good news." The call to personal conversion is at the heart of the message of Jesus and is clearly at the heart of the ministry of Pope Francis. The Pope is very clear about the fact that ALL of us are constantly called to conversion of heart. In his first year as Pope, on the Feast of St Ignatius Loyola, he said in a homily: "The question 'is Christ the centre of my life?' is for us, for any of us, the question that cannot be taken for granted. It cannot be taken for granted because there is always the temptation to think that we are the centre; and when we put ourselves and not Christ at the centre, we err, we go astray".

I think that sometimes the temptation for us is also to think that the call to personal conversion, to "fix our gaze on Christ" is for others and not for me. In this time of Lent when we are invited to pay closer attention to the Word of God, we know that is so we can personally focus on our relationship with Jesus, and not on all the other things that worry, distract or preoccupy us....

When Jesus is at the centre and the focus of our lives the relationships that we have with others improve, the things that worry us fall into place - even things like the question of Mass times, what will happen with "MY" parish, and how to cope with the many questions we are faced with today seems to fall into place.

The questions for Lent therefore are:

- How do I keep my gaze fixed on Jesus?
- How do I make Jesus the centre of my life?
- How do I focus on Jesus in the days ahead?

+ Cardinal John
27 February 2020

CARITAS LENT - WEEK 1

"We need to distinguish clearly what might be a fruit of the kingdom from what runs counter to God's plan. This involves not only recognising and discerning spirits, but also – and this is decisive – choosing movements of the spirit of good and rejecting those of the spirit of evil."

Pope Francis: *Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel* (# 51) 2013

E te Wairua Tapu, Holy Spirit, you invited Jesus into the desert to deepen his connection with the Father. Open the eyes of our hearts and shine your truth on us to reveal our vulnerabilities that will allow us to grow. Through our fasting, mould us in the image of Jesus through this Lenten season so that from our brokenness we can be remade. Āmene.



Lenten Giving Packs are available
in your church foyer. Thank you for
your generous support.

"Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry."

Pope Francis: *Message for Lent 2020*

Parish Bank
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Our Vision Statement

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Visit us on Facebook at Catholic Parish of Wellington South

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
Monday 2	7pm 7pm	Caritas Lenten Reflection Groups @ St Joseph's and St Anne's Meditation @ Home of Compassion
Wednesday 4	6pm	Parish Social Justice Meeting @ St Joseph's Church
Thursday 5	10:30am - 12pm	Adoration @ St Anne's Church
Friday 6	9:30am -3pm 10am 6pm 6pm 6:45pm 7pm	Adoration @ St Francis de Sales Church World Day of Prayer Service @ St Anne's Church Stations of the Cross @ St Anne's Sacred Heart Devotions @ St Joseph's Church Caritas Lenten Reflection Groups @ St Anne's Stations of the Cross @ St Francis de Sales
Saturday 7	6pm 6pm	Vigil Mass @ St Bernard's Church Spanish Mass @ St Josephs' Church
Sunday 8	9:10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Cook Island Mass @ St Anne's 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)
Thomas Ryan (RIP)

Pietro Esposito (28 Feb)
Chris O'Connell (2 March)
Celine Ryan



Archdiocese of Wellington Mission Expo 2020

Viard College, Porirua on Saturday 14th March 10am - 4pm.
An opportunity not to be missed! All are welcome!

Renewed by the Spirit -

Caritas Reflection Groups

Weekly groups to work through the 6-week Lenten Reflection programme based around the Sunday Gospels. Phone John Feeney 386 4956 for more information.

- **Mondays** - St Joseph's Church @ 7pm
- **Mondays** - St Anne's Church @ 7pm
- **Fridays** - St Anne's Church @ 6:45pm English / Samoan

Stations of the Cross

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



Introducing Lisa Small

- New Principal at St Bernard's School Brooklyn

My name is Lisa Small and I am thrilled to be the new principal at St Bernard's School. I have been working at the school since 2012 and held the positions of Assistant Principal and Director of Religious Studies as well as junior class teacher. This history with the school hopefully means that I can provide a smooth transition and that it will make it easier for us to continue to build on the wonderful experiences we provide for our children.

We are very excited about celebrating our increasingly diverse community and getting to know them more deeply. We have our first School Parish Mass on 29th March. Please come and introduce yourselves on that day and let me know if you have any ideas for ways in which we can strengthen links between the parish and the school.

I am from England and moved here in 2006 after marrying my husband Nick who is a Kiwi and also teaches at St Bernard's. We have an eleven year old daughter Bella, who keeps us entertained with her inquisitive mind and keeps me busy as Mummy taxi! We are active members of Holy Trinity Parish, based at Holy Cross in Miramar.

St. Bernard's School prides itself in helping students to be empowered in their learning within a Catholic community. Contact Lisa on 389 9377.



Catholic bishops warn proposed abortion law removes tenuous unborn rights

New Zealand's Catholic bishops are concerned that unborn babies will lose their existing tenuous legal rights if Parliament passes the Abortion Legislation Bill in the form proposed by a select committee. And unborn babies with a fetal disability will have even less protection than under the current law, the bishops note.... To read the full media statement, visit our Parish website or <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/abortion-law/>

Masses this week

- Monday 2nd**
9am @ St Francis de Sales
- Tuesday 3rd**
8:30am @ St Joseph's
- Wednesday 4th**
9am @ St Bernard's School
- Thursday 5th**
10am @ St Anne
- Friday 6th**
9am @ St Francis de Sales
- Saturday 7th**
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 Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Tom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
1st Sunday in Lent
- Monday Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
- Tuesday Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
- Wed Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
- Thursday Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7:7-12
- Friday Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
- Saturday Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
- Sunday Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9
2nd Sunday in Lent