



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



Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 16 May 2021

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be.

Pope Francis, 9 May 2021

Now

2nd Reconciliation Session

10.15 at St Anne's Hall

Sunday 16 May

Samoa Mass

11am at St Anne's Sunday 16 May

World Communications Day & Ascension Sunday

Sunday 16 May

Coming Up

Ecumenical prayer for Christian

Unity— Tuesday 18 May 7pm

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 23 May

Wear something red to Mass to help celebrate the great feast.

Weekend Mass Times

Vigil Mass: 6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass: 9am St Anne's, 9am St Joseph's, 10.30am St Francis de Sales, 5pm St Anne's

Samoa Mass: Every 3rd Sunday 11am St Anne's

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales

Tuesday: 8.30am St Joseph's

Wednesday: 9am at St Bernard's School

Thursday: 10am St Anne's

Friday: 9am St Francis De Sales

Saturday: 10am St Anne's

From Fr Cirilo

All power, all authority will be his. What a completion of his mission. The Ascension marks the glorious and triumphant completion of the mission of Jesus, the Son of God made flesh. In Heaven, He will experience that full God given power so mysteriously.

And that was also the mindset of the disciples so they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?" Now that you are risen from the dead, now that you are victorious, will we finally see the glorious completion of mission which is all the foreign powers will be expelled, the Roman occupation will end and we will rule Israel. However, Jesus said, "it is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority."

The way the ascension event happens marks this boundary, the flowing boundary. As Jesus completes his gloriously; the mission of the disciples begins. He tells them to stay in Jerusalem, to wait. For the power on high will be sent by the Father through Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit. And with the Holy Spirit, they will now be emboldened to be missionary, to be sent like Jesus. They will preach the good news about Jesus to the ends of the earth, to all the known territories at that time.

So as Jesus earthly mission is concluded in heaven, the mission on earth of the disciples just begins. The Ascension, completion on mission, the beginning of another.

Upcoming changes in the Parish of Wellington South

Archbishop John Dew has reached agreement with the Society of Mary that the area of the former **St Joseph's** Parish in Mt Victoria will be removed from the Catholic Parish of Wellington South and incorporated into St Mary of the Angels (Wellington Central) Parish.

After the financial details have been agreed, Archbishop John will issue a decree changing the boundaries of the two parishes to bring this into effect .

The formal decree to close **St Bernard's** has been requested. Archbishop John will present this to the Council of Priests at their next meeting before he issues the decree.

These are major changes for our Parishioners to absorb and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding in this trying time. While many of us are adjusting to moving to a new church community, I would like to ask everyone to continue to be kind to each other.

With every blessing

Fr Doug

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel acclamation: Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Remembering the Holy Souls:

RIP Joe Barnao

Anniversary: Victor Clive George Savill, Rosalina Villamil, Merivict Balais, Cataldo De Gregorio, Aniello Lavia, Giuseppina & Salvatore Volpicelli, Antonietta & Gaetano Amitrano, Palma Aprea, Cataldo Aprea, Francesco & Mariaantonio Aprea



Workshop: The Archdiocese of Wellington has recently introduced a requirement for parishes to dialogue with Māori before selling any land. This workshop will enable participants to explain WHY the Archdiocese has this requirement.
8 June 2021 7pm
St Anne's Hall (Emmett St, Newtown).
Presenter - Joe Green (Lay Pastoral Leader)

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and a talk on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7:30pm (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start). Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets
Speaker: Jayne Sutherland on "Mary's influence on her husband's conversion to follow Jesus"
Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555
email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish Family
Elliana David
who is being Baptised at St Anne's this weekend

Marriage Preparation: Getting married soon or this coming summer? Or maybe you know someone who is? Now is the perfect time to start your marriage preparation journey. There are spaces available in the June and September Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course called "Love is a Decision". For more information please contact Felicity Giltrap at f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz or head to <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/> for more information and to book.

First Hui at St Anne's On Sunday 9th May, 34 parishioners attended the Hui held after the 9am Mass at St Anne's. The group endorsed the idea of holding a monthly Hui after the 9am Mass and agreed that the next one should be on Sunday 6th June. A copy of the minutes from the meeting is available at the back of the church on the noticeboard. See Rowan or Sara for more information.

The NZ Catholic Medical Association is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event. Registration and details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

Readings for this week

Sunday 16 May: 1 Acts 1:1-11; 2 Ephesians 1:17-23;
Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Monday 17 May: Acts 19:1-8; Gospel John 16:29-33

Tuesday 18 May: Acts 20:17-27; Gospel John 17:1-11

St Patrick's College Open Day Tours

The Open Day tours for those interested in enrolling their son at St Patrick's College for 2022 will be held on Tuesday 15 June between 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm and again on Thursday 17 June between 9.30 to 11.00am and from 12.00pm to 1.30pm. To make a booking please either email admin@stpat.school.nz with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpat.school.nz>

St Mary's College Open Day 2021

All those interested in enrolling at St Mary's College in 2022 are invited to our Open Day on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 9am - 11.00am.
Please look at our website: www.stmw.school.nz for more information.

St Catherine's College is having it's 'Open Night' on Wednesday, 9th June @ 6pm-8pm.

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre **Winter Film Series**, begins first week of June on Mondays or Thursdays for five weeks. Very limited places still available. For further information please contact Brian Cummings SM tbgcummings@xtra.co.nz or 021 703 580.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN **IGNATIAN RETREAT** IN DAILY LIFE "St Patrick's Church, 3 Childers Tce, Kilbirnie, Wgtn. over four Sunday afternoons May 16, 23, 30 and June 13 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Contact Sarah Dench 04 389 1038 or 021 0814 4424 sarahdench@yahoo.com

St Francis de Sales music groups welcomes any new members. Each group typically serves once a month and commitment is also to one practice leading up to the mass. First and 5th Sundays: Traditional hymns (choral singers + psalmists/cantors)
2nd Sundays: Family Mass / Children's choir and any instrumentalists who would like to support. We also need families/children to be rostered for serving during the mass (readers, offertory, etc).
3rd Sundays: OSM group.
4th Sundays: Any interested groups in doing a rotational roster. Please email the parish office with the group you're interested in and voice/instrument.

Healing Service Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Road, Karori on Wednesday 26 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.
Enquiries Ph 022 389 7460

Ecumenical prayer for Christian Unity: Home of Compassion chapel, Tuesday 18 May at 7.00pm. The theme is ABIDE IN MY LOVE AND YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT – John 15. All welcome.

Miha – Māori Mass for all, Sundays 11am, The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph (04) 383-7769.

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