

Catholic Parish of Wellington South

From the coast to the harbour

St Anne
St Bernard
St Francis de Sales
St Joseph

*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*

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 February 2019

Dear Parishioners

Isaiah, Paul and Peter express feelings of unworthiness in the scripture readings that will be proclaimed at Mass this Sunday. Isaiah received a vision of heaven, but he didn't feel worthy of this. He responded: *"What a wretched state I am in. I am lost. I am a man of unclean lips."* Paul said: *"I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."* After hauling in a huge catch of fish, Peter's response was: *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."*

The starting point for Isaiah, Paul and Peter was humility. Our humility, however, must not be a cop out to escape from the challenge of doing great things for God. Isaiah asked God to find someone else with a clean mouth. Peter asked Jesus to leave him alone because he was a sinner. They wanted to give in to their weakness, but they eventually accepted God's invitation. They achieved much more than they initially believed was possible.

When we humbly accept God's invitation, we can do incredible things. God accepted Isaiah, Paul and Peter for who they were, and they responded. The invitation to do incredible things as followers of Christ is an invitation to all of us.

Pope Francis asks these questions to help us respond:

"Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord's presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness?"

Taking a little time each day to place ourselves quietly in the presence of God, spending time with God and allowing God's love and tenderness to warm our hearts will help us to be inflamed with passion for the good news of the Gospel. We may relate to the initial thoughts and attitudes of Isaiah, Paul and Peter, but don't let them take over. Each day let's try to respond as Isaiah did: *"Here I am, send me."*

Sincerely in Christ

Fr David

Psalm Response:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Third Anniversary Mass for our Parish

Sunday 24th February from 10am to 2pm
Our Lady's Home of Compassion

- Mass celebrated @ 10am on the lawn outside the Lyon Room. *(The Lyon Room will be available for those unable to sit outside)*
- Shared picnic lunch, sausage sizzle, games and entertainment.
- A Food Basket collection will be taken up to help the needy.
- Parking is limited. If you are able to walk, please consider parking near Wakefield Park on Adelaide Road. If you have extra spaces in your car, please let us know!
- If you need transport, kindly contact the Parish Office on 934 4099 before 20th February.
- If you have a folding chair, we encourage you to bring it along together with a hat and sunscreen!



Postponement - if we need to postpone due to inclement weather, a notice will be sent out via email, website and the Parish App by midday Saturday. If you have no access to these and need to be notified by phone/text, please let us know. Up to date information will be available on the Parish office phone (934 4099) by midday Saturday.

There will be no other vigil/Sunday Masses that weekend unless the Anniversary Mass needs to be postponed to Sunday 10th March.

St Francis de Sales School Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 15 February in St Francis de Sales Church. All parishioners are welcome. The 9am Anointing Mass and morning tea in the presbytery is postponed until the following Friday (22nd February).

Food Basket Donations

There is a food basket at the rear or foyer in each of our churches. Gifts of non-perishable food are passed on to those in need. Thank you to parishioners who regularly support this initiative. Please consider bringing something to Mass each Sunday. Every little bit helps!



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

Compassion Movie night

Film, 'Cradle' traces the legacy of one of New Zealand's most important, yet somehow little-known, historical figures, Suzanne Aubert. Through a series of intimate interviews, Suzanne Aubert's legacy is illuminated and her influence is felt, rather than seen. 10 February, 7pm at the Empire Cinema, Island Bay or 14 February, 7pm in the Lyon Room, Our Lady's Home of Compassion. Tickets \$10. Call 383 7769 or visit <https://compassion.org.nz/>

Blessing of the Boats - Island Bay Festival

The traditional blessing of the boats in the bay will take place this Sunday 10th February around 2pm.

St Joseph's Men's Book & Discussion Group

Tuesday February 12 at 7.30 pm: Family Room, Rita Angus Village, 66 Coutts St, Kilbirnie. Topic: Open Slather. Contact John on 027 338 3576.

Pilgrimage to our Lady of Kapiti this Sunday

Starting at 2pm from Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu.

Passionist Family Groups

To join a group, please contact Mary-Ellen Leen: 027 333 6440 or maryellenleen@icloud.com



Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Saturday 16th February 1:30pm at Connolly Hall, Thorndon.

St Anthony's School Bazaar - Sunday 17 Feb

11am-2pm at 10 Ludlam Street, Seatoun. Our famous Farmers Market and Preserve stalls will be in operation, as well as Food Stalls (Pulled Pork, Rocket Burgers, etc), cakes/biscuits/slices, white elephant, etc. Electric Cars, bouncy castle, games and more.

Sacramental Programme 2019

If your child is in Year 4 this year, please note that enrollments for the Sacramental Programme close on 23rd February. Forms are available from the Parish Office or the Parish website.



Suzanne Aubert Scout Group

Do you enjoy camping, the outdoors and doing adventurous activities like kayaking, cycling, tramping? The Suzanne Aubert Scout Group is running Cubs (girls and boys aged 8 – 11) and Scouts (girls and boys aged 11 – 14) on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm at St Anne's Hall in Newtown. For more details either email SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz or contact Rob McCullough on 022 177 1007.

Celebrate Love on St Valentine's Day

Thursday 14th February, 6pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria.



St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with the Sisters of St Peter Claver, Mersey Street, Island Bay. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week.

Christian Meditation at the Home of Compassion

- Every Thursday from 10am to 11am
- Every Monday from 7pm to 8pm - All are welcome!

'Good Friday' Liturgical Workshop

Thursday 14th March, 6.45pm-9.00pm at the Catholic Centre. An interactive workshop with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor. Everyone welcome. Please register with Ann Williams by Friday 8th March at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Art for Sale - Make An Offer / Silent Auction

Paintings on canvas by Margaret and Ray Ritchie, deceased former parishioners of St Anne's. 2nd and 3rd March at St Anne's Hall from 10am to 2pm. If you can help, please contact Maureen on 027 343 9644 or Steve on 027 356 9555.

Joshua Fellowship

Mass followed by a shared supper on Thursday 21st of February at 7:30pm at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. All are welcome.

Alpha - an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. 'Alpha in the Catholic Context' - a must for those wanting to welcome others back into the church community. February 27th, 7pm at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. Register with Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz by Monday 25th February.

“You received without payment - give without payment”

From the message of Pope Francis for the XXVII World Day of the Sick
11 February 2019

“You received without payment; give without payment” (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick... the Church – as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm – reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved.

Life is a gift from God. Saint Paul asks: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Cor 4:7). Precisely because it is a gift, human life cannot be reduced to a personal possession or private property, especially in the light of medical and biotechnological advances that could tempt us to manipulate the “tree of life” (cf. Gen 3:24)....

“Gift” means more than simply giving presents: it involves the giving of oneself, and not simply a transfer of property or objects. “Gift” differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the basis of society. “Gift” is a reflection of God’s love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Each of us is poor, needy and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We will always be conscious of our limitations, as “creatures”, before other individuals and situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life.

I urge you to continue to be a sign of the Church's presence in a secularized world.

Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many volunteers who are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan.... I urge you to continue to be a sign of the Church's presence in a secularized world. A volunteer is a good friend with whom one can share personal thoughts and emotions; by their patient listening, volunteers make it possible for the sick to pass from being passive recipients of care to being active participants in a relationship that can restore hope and inspire openness to further treatment. Volunteer work passes on values, behaviours and ways of living born

of a deep desire to be generous. It is also a means of making health care more humane.

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.

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To read Pope Francis' full message, visit http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20181125_giornata-malato.html

Go you are sent to the peripheries of society

Parishes identify and promote social justice activities which parishioners can be involved in.

Practical Actions Ideas
Synod 2017



Psalm 139 Sunday 10 February Morning Prayer

As Christians, it is our duty to discern our vocation and follow God faithfully in it. If we are still discerning our vocation, are we open to God's will, including the possibility of celibacy, the religious life, or the priesthood? If we have already found our vocation, are we faithful to it even when it is difficult? It is only by following the path that God lays down for each of us, obedient to his promptings in our heart, that we find true happiness.

O Lord, you search me
and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue
you know it, O Lord,
through and through.
If I take the wings of the dawn
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,
even there your right hand would
lead me, your right hand
would hold me fast.

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my
mother's womb.
I thank you for the
wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the
depths of the earth.

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Our Vision Statement

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| Sunday 10 | 9:15am 11am 2pm / 6pm | Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Cook Island Mass @ St Anne's Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's | Please remember in prayer all who are sick, those who are lonely, and those who have died recently and their families. Masses offered for Stipe Baricevic (Croatia) RIP Lurenc Kolic |
| Monday 11 | 7pm | Meditation @ Home of Compassion Chapel <i>XXVII World Day of the Sick</i> | |
| Wednesday 13 | 6:30pm 7:30pm | Parish Finance Committee Meeting @ St Anne's Finance Committee & Pastoral Council Combined Meeting | |
| Thursday 14 | 10am 10:30am - 12pm 6pm | Meditation @ Home of Compassion Chapel Adoration @ St Anne's Church Valentine's Day Mass @ St Joseph's Church | |
| Friday 15 | 9:30am | St Francis de Sales School Mass | |
| Saturday 16 | 6pm 6pm | Indonesian Mass @ St Joseph's Church Vigil Mass @ St Francis de Sales Church | |
| Sunday 17 | 9:15am 11am 2pm / 6pm | Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Samoan Mass @ St Anne's Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's | |

Pastoral Council News

The Parish Pastoral Council met on 29th January. We spent time planning the Parish Anniversary celebration next month. We'd like people to stay on after the Mass and enjoy the opportunity to socialise over a shared lunch so will be organising some entertainment. Any ideas are welcome so please get in touch. We are also keen to hear from people able to help with hospitality, car parking etc – don't be surprised if you get tapped on the shoulder!

Work is underway to organise the sacramental programme for the year. It is being advertised now. If you know of any families with children wishing to complete the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and First Eucharist) please ask them to contact the Parish Office. We are also planning opportunities for spiritual growth during Lent with speakers and discussion groups. The first of our Safeguarding workshops will be taking place on Thursday 28 February, 6.45pm at St Anne's Church Hall. Council members will be attending along with others in our Parish.

Key issues for discussion at the next meeting relate to youth activities and how we can raise the profile of activities and groups across the Parish. We also want to consider how we engage with and support our own migrant communities.

Michael Mangan Workshop: This We Believe: Music for Sacraments of Initiation with Children

Songs for the preparation & celebration of Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion and Reconciliation for children. Tuesday 26th February 7.00pm-9.00pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church Lower Hutt. Please register before Monday 26th February with Ann Williams - a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. Entry by Koha.

Safeguarding Workshop for our Parish

Cardinal John is asking all parishes to have a Safeguarding workshop, to be facilitated by Brendy Weir - Safeguarding Advisor for the Archdiocese. The workshop is for anyone in the parish who would like to attend.

Safeguarding is ensuring we have a culture and environment where the safety of children, young people and adults is paramount. Safeguarding is about the physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual safety of everyone. Safeguarding is extending child protection to include adult protection.

Cardinal John has identified those who must attend as pastoral team members, pastoral council members, parish office administrators/secretaries, and all volunteers working with children, young people, or adults who may be vulnerable.

The workshop will be held on Thursday 28th February at St Anne's Church Hall, starting with a cup of tea at 6.45 pm. The workshop will include a variety of topics including: An understanding of Safeguarding, why it's important, who to consult, and what to do if you have concerns or complaints.



Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Mission Fair

10 am to 1 pm
Saturday 16th 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 11th
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 12th
8:15am @ St Joseph's

Wednesday 13th
9am @ St Bernard's School

Thursday 14th
10am @ St Anne's

Friday 15th
9:30am @ St Francis de Sales

Saturday 16th
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** of the month.

Sunday Mass

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| 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

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| Sunday | Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Monday | Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 <i>Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick</i> |
| Tuesday | Genesis 1:20-24; Mark 7:1-13 |
| Wed | Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 |
| Thursday | Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 |
| Friday | Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 |
| Saturday | Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 |
| Sunday | Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |