



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*

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th July 2020

You have to first cast the seed!

As I sit in my workspace at home I can see five dirt patches left from where I shifted some roses. I've planted grass seed, but being mid-winter it's a bit slow growing. But if I hadn't scattered the seed, they would remain bare sandy patches in the middle of the lawn.

Last weekend I joined with about 70 other people in an Archdiocesan youth ministry event. We were of all ages: mid-teens to people in their 70s. All fired up and totally committed to opening the Church to the enthusiasm and imagination that the is the gift of the young.

We revisited the outcomes of our Archdiocesan Synod in 2017, and looked at Christus Vivit (Christ Lives!), Pope Francis' exhortation on young people – addressed to all of us. It's all about change toward a mission and vocational effort. In my notes I've written: *"what stops us? Lack of imagination, and we, the older generation (and that's not an age thing!) have all the reasons why not!"*. Reasons not to adopt a mission focus; reasons not to let young people address the challenges they face, and do so in our church; reasons not to move from my comfortable space doing what I've always done!

When I reflect on these parables involving sowing and reaping it's easy to get into discussions about finding people to do the sowing; the effort the sower has to put in; the seed not growing unless it falls on the right ground; the good seed growing with the bad, the risks associated with wasted effort and wasted seed, and so on. However, for me what really stands out is that the seed has to be cast, there's no point in it remaining in the bag!

Ask yourself: am I casting the seed? Or do I feel more comfortable with it safe and secure in the bag?

Nothing will happen unless we cast the seed!

Joe Green
Lay Pastoral Leader

Psalm Response:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Parish Office Support Roles

We are seeking to employ suitably qualified persons to join our Parish Office Support Team in administration and finance roles. Both are part-time, and the parish is open to one person with suitable skills doing both. For a copy of the job descriptions please email office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org. Please send your application and CV to Fr Doug Shepherd: doug.shepherd@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Farewell Morning Tea for Lucienne - Following the 9am Mass at St Anne's, next Sunday 26th July there will be a farewell morning tea for Lucienne in the St Anne's Hall. This invite is extended to the whole parish. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share for morning tea.

St Joseph's Community Meeting - 2 August

A St Joseph's community meeting is planned for after Mass on Sunday 2 August, to discuss the Cardinal's response. We hope that there will be more information about the process by then, and we need to discern as a community how we are involved in that.

St Anne's Community Meeting - 2 August

An opportunity for the St Anne's community to come together after the 9am Mass on Sunday 2nd August, to share feelings about and discuss the Cardinal's response to the building proposal. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests welcomed by Sisters

Please remember that the Sisters of Compassion welcome the opportunity to pray for the special intentions of all friends and supporters. If you have a special intention that you would like the Sisters to pray for, in confidence please email Sister Josephine Gorman at: sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre

Revised Programme for 2020, with dates for the Winter Film Series, Spiritual Theology Course and Non-Residential Retreat. For an emailed copy, please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

Mary Potter Hospice Street Appeal

We are looking for volunteers who can help us collect for the Mary Potter Hospice Street Collection on the 18th and 19th September. All the money raised at the Appeal will be used to help us keep our services free-of-charge for anyone that may need us. It is because of all our amazing volunteers (and the support we receive from the community) that come back year after year to support us, that we are able to continue to provide the great service that we do. If you can help us by volunteering at this year's street collection, please register your support on our website: marypotter.org.nz/events/street-appeal/ We will be collecting in Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti regions, so you can choose any location as per your convenience and for any number of hours. Contact Steve Yee, M: 021305290 | E: Steve.Yee@marypotter.org.nz

Rosary Statue will be with Joseph & Philippa Gunn this week. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week. Contact the parish office for details.

Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith will be held this year on Saturday 15th August at 3 pm. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, please go to www.coasttocoastrosary.org.

Please pray for our Seminarians

Our seminarians are grateful for your prayerful support. Matthew White, Kinh Nguyen and Emilio Capin are at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland and Alfred Tong is on pastoral placement in Our Lady of the Bays Parish in the Tasman District. Gerson Badayos is in Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish preparing to enter the seminary next year. The Vocations Director Fr David Dowling will be with the seminarians in Auckland this week and will pass on your prayerful good wishes.

"My cousin was a religious priest and I still remember watching him giving the Eucharist during Sunday Mass. One day he spoke to me about his life as a priest, and how he experienced his vocation. Finally, he asked me – 'would you like to become a priest?' I said no, because I didn't think I was intelligent or holy enough, and so I felt I was not worthy. But he assured me that no one is worthy, and suggested that I think about it.... Now I know that it is not because I am worthy that God calls me to priesthood, but because of His great love for me."



Kinh Nguyen spent some time in Wellington South Parish before starting Seminary formation in 2019. Find out more about our seminarians on your church noticeboard.

Important note to our Envelope Givers

If you are still using cheques for Planned Giving, please make sure these are made out to **CATHOLIC PARISH OF WELLINGTON SOUTH**. Addressing cheques to individual churches means that these cheques will get rejected. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Wellington South Passionist Family Groups are back up and running!

Please ring Mary-Ellen on 0273336440 if your keen to join us or you would like to know more.



Marist St Pats RFC – Past Players and Supporters

Complimentary luncheon and launch of the Clubs 50th Jubilee Book "C'mon Red" Saturday 25 July at the Hataitai Clubrooms.

Opportunity for Online Formation

MaristFormation is a Marist e-learning site where you can enrol in a variety of online courses tailored to formation and spirituality. All courses are free and available to all people. Visit maristformation.thinkific.com/courses/mlf101-engaging-in-scripture

Christian Meditation at the Home of Compassion Mondays at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am. All welcome.

Are you looking to downsize?

We're a young family looking to upsize to a family home 3 bedrooms+ in Island Bay / Southgate / Houghton Valley / Melrose. Can also exchange houses plus pay the difference. Our current home is warm, with 2 bedrooms, 2 toilets + garage, 115sqm, with easy access, views, all day sun in a lovely cul-de-sac in Southgate / Island Bay. Perfect for a retired couple. Phone 021 32 4040.

The journey toward complete trust...

For many years my favorite verse has been “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6). When I chose that verse, it was because I hoped that one day I would get to the trusting part.

In the year 2000 I married Bill Coopender and we moved to Gainesville, Florida. Bill and I were fortunate to find Queen of Peace Catholic Church, a welcoming and happy community. It was there that I was first introduced to spiritual direction. It would be the beginning of my journey in Ignatian Spirituality, although I certainly didn't know it at the time.

In the first few years of spiritual direction, my director listened as I brought to our monthly sessions my guilt over my failed first marriage and the heartache over some of my past decisions. I know that we also talked about my relationship with God, my prayer life, and my joys and challenges, but what I remember most are the painful family issues that we talked about in that sacred space. I left each meeting with hope that I would find peace. I also left those meetings with renewed purpose, with motivation to dig deeper into my prayer life, and with a desire to trust in God's plan for me.

I don't think that my directors would be surprised that I don't recall any specific advice that they gave. In fact, spiritual direction, as I now know, is not about giving advice, it is about accompanying the individual as God works in her life. My director helps me notice where God is present with me and in me. Consequently, I am better able to know God's will for me.

In Ignatian spirituality, we call the process of discovering God's will discernment. I've discovered, through on-going spiritual direction, that discernment is not a once-and-done process. I've also discovered that it is not easy to become aware of God's desires for me and that it helps to have a director to accompany me....

... I've learned that discernment becomes easier as it is practiced. It's not complicated, but it does require prayer and listening. And it helps to have a good spiritual director to share the journey. Trusting God has given me great joy as I grow in the vocation to which He has called me.

After these last twenty years receiving and offering spiritual direction, I know firsthand what it means to “trust in the Lord.” Ignatian spirituality, especially its discernment wisdom, has been instrumental in bringing me closer to the Lord so that I can trust Him to direct all my decisions.

Faye Coopender



Psalm 85

Sunday 19th July

Christ's parables that we hear today make this conjoined point: God in his providence will use even the apparent evil that attends us in life to some perfecting purpose. Out of our littleness, our emptiness, our nothingness, God's greatness will flower in an astonishing way. The parables verify that our God is the God “who cares for every thing”: every situation, every circumstance, every moment.

God shows his might precisely when his “sovereign power is questioned”. It is easy to despair of our weakness and thus give way to it. Yet if we pray with real faith, “your power is there”. “The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.”

R/ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R/**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R/**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R/**

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Our Vision Statement

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Sunday 19	9:10am 5pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Life Teen @ St Anne's Church & Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church	Please remember in prayer all who are sick, especially, those who are lonely, and those who have died recently and their families. Masses offered for Roma Waluszewski (RIP) Ellen Carver (RIP) Raj Vellasamy (RIP) Ilma Ruocco (28 July) Aldo Cuccurullo (23rd July) Tina & Gennaro Cuccurullo Raffaele L Mollo, Annie Casey Maria & Antonio Mollo, Papali Savali, Senia Tagatavao, Luigi Ruocco, Antonio Cuccurullo, Antonietta Canzano
Monday 20	7pm	Meditation @ Home of Compassion	
Thursday 23	10:30am - 12pm	Adoration @ St Anne's Church	
Friday 24	2:30pm	Adoration with Missionary Sisters of Charity at @ St Anne's	
Saturday 25	6pm	Vigil Mass @ St Bernard's Church	
Sunday 26	9:10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Church Sacramental Programme @ St Anne's Church Life Teen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church	

Response to Cardinal John’s letter by our Parish Pastoral Council, dated 1st July 2020

Dear Cardinal John

Thank you for your letter of 24 June responding to our proposal to address the future of the properties in the Catholic Parish of Wellington South.

Your letter was shared widely within our Parish and has been met with concern and dismay.

Our Parish sought to fully engage with the spirit of the consultation. We feel our proposal enables a future for Wellington South that is both financially viable as well as one that embraces a future in which we are missionary disciples. As you are aware the consultation we undertook was extensive. It was a painful and at times divisive process which now appears to have been unnecessary.

We were surprised to receive your detailed alternative directive as the expectation you set in your letter of 14 November 2019 was that you would not be directly endorsing or declining submissions. Your decision clearly considered views that bypassed the formal consultation process, however at no time over the last eight months was any further information or clarification sought from the mandated Parish Council.

The decision to single out the Samoan community and direct the aulotu to support St Frances de Sales Church has caused distress. We consider the Samoan community at St Anne's to already be well integrated with the wider community, seamlessly so. To admonish the Samoan community in this way has been deeply insulting and shaming for a group who have a strong and integral connection to our Parish. Many in the Parish share with

them the hurt your comments have caused. We know you will be aware of the degree of social need in Newtown and it is the view of the Parish Council that prioritising Mount Victoria and Island Bay over Newtown looks like prioritising the white middle class over the needs of our most vulnerable communities.

We would appreciate further explanation regarding the decision to retain St Frances de Sales as the main parish church and using St Anne's church as a week day only mass centre. We are concerned firstly about the pastoral implications with nearly all ministry in the parish currently centred at St Anne's campus. Reduced hall space impacts adversely on our ministry, including Life Teen, Scouts and young adults. We have developed the hall space in recent years to include space for private meetings with parishioners. We are also concerned about the financial implications of maintaining two churches and the burden this will place on both current and future parishioners. We will not, for example, have the financial base to do the refurbishment work you refer to.

We ask that the independent investigation into potential boundary changes that may enable St Joseph's to separate from Wellington South and partner with the Cathedral be urgently initiated. We do not see a role for the Wellington South Catholic Parish Council in this process but are aware that the work we are required to do will depend on the outcome of this review.

We appreciate that you and the Archdiocese wish to support us meeting the challenges that we currently face. We would like to meet with you to discuss these issues further. Such is the depth of feeling that we also ask that you meet with our parishioners.

Yours sincerely

Wellington South Parish Pastoral Council
Lorraine Forest; Rachael Cahir; Ivan Moss; Melania Luka-Lui; John Whiting; Penny Holden; Francis Fanning

Masses this week

- Monday 20th**
9am @ St Francis de Sales
- Tuesday 21st**
8:30am @ St Joseph's
- Thursday 23rd**
10am @ St Anne
- Friday 24th**
9am @ St Francis de Sales
- Saturday 25th**
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 Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
- Wed Song 3:1-4 / 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
St James, Apostle
- Sunday 1 Kg 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time