



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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Twenty Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year A
Sunday 4 October 2020

HIGHLIGHTING GODS BLESSINGS

We thank God for his many blessings
as we are able to continue normal
Mass times in the Parish

Now

School Holidays:

28 September to 11 October

Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day:

4 October

Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi:

4 October

NZ Election: Saturday 17 October

Weekend Mass Times

Vigil Mass: 6pm St Francis De Sales every 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month. St Bernard's every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

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

Covid 19 Update

We are now at Level 1, and Masses will be as usual.

The Council of Priests have recommended the following:
Communion in the hand only
No precious blood
No physical contact at the sign of peace

Weekday Mass Times

Monday: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales
Tuesday: 8.30am St Joseph's
Wednesday: 9am at St Bernard's
Thursday: 10am St Anne's
Friday: 9am St Francis De Sales
Saturday: 10am St Anne's

From Sr Margaret Mills

Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day Oct 4

Today we remember and celebrate the 'spirituality and good works' of Venerable Suzanne Aubert also known as Meri Hōhepa. It's the one day in the year when all Catholics are encouraged to reflect on what this remarkable woman achieved here in Aotearoa/New Zealand and to be inspired and encouraged by her example. It's also a day when we are asked to pray that she will soon be formally recognised by the church as New Zealand's first Saint.

Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa was 25 years old when she migrated to Aotearoa/New Zealand to answer God's call to serve those most in need. Her response to what she encountered was practical care and compassion. It included the establishment of New Zealand's first soup kitchen that still serves thousands of meals a year. She established orphanages for abandoned children and provided care for the severely disabled, the sick, and the dying. She befriended the Maori dedicating much of her time to helping them. For 66 years of her life in New Zealand she sought to be the compassionate face of Jesus to all that she encountered. Suzanne died here in her adopted country aged 91 years.

The Cause for her sainthood has reached an important milestone. Medical evidence from the diocesan inquiry held last year to investigate an alleged miracle through her intercession is right now being closely examined in Rome. If the cure attributed to her intercession is accepted as miraculous, Suzanne will be beatified and known as Blessed. She can then be universally acclaimed as a true and humble follower of Jesus, which will inspire us on our own journey or hikoī of faith. And as we wait, the Sisters of Compassion invite you to consider visiting the final resting place of Venerable Suzanne Aubert/Meri Hōhepa in Island Bay or any of the places she visited and worked around New Zealand. Details can be found on the Suzanne Aubert website. And be encouraged by Suzanne's favourite prayer, "Thanks be to God for all he has done and is doing for us."

If you in your family, in your neighbourhood start out with envy, with fights, there will be "war" in the end. Instead, if you start out with love, sharing love, forgiveness, there will be love and forgiveness for everyone.

Pope Francis: General Audience 9 September 2020

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last.



Remembering the Holy Souls

Mass has been offered for: Fr Brian Traynor, Fr Phillip Handforth, Chrissie Keogh, John Muollo, Vincent Manuel, Meluz Blaze, Steven Nicholls, Gregory James, Mieczystaw, Zofia, Ryszart and Michat Mackiewicz.

VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT/ MERI HŌHEPA CELEBRATION SUNDAY OCT 4

This Sunday we remember and celebrate the spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert known to Maori as Meri Hōhepa. It's the one day in the year when we can take time to reflect on what this remarkable woman achieved here in Aotearoa/New Zealand and be inspired and encouraged as we hope and pray that she will soon be formally recognised by the church as New Zealand's first Saint.

Cardinal John Dew received a personal letter last month from the president of the Causes for Saints, confirming the cure attributed to Suzanne's alleged intercession is right now being closely examined in Rome. If the cure is accepted as miraculous, she will be beatified and known as Blessed. This will be a very significant stage on her journey to Sainthood.

One can only wonder what Suzanne Aubert would say about the COVID-19 pandemic but we know she would be working at the coalface ensuring all were cared for during this time of upheaval and stress. Her wairua lives on in the work of the Sisters of Compassion and their co-workers today.

To coincide with Celebration Sunday, the Sisters have launched a special video project design for students. Details are on the Suzanne Aubert website.

www.suzanneaubert.co.nz

You will also find new resources including a video book on her life and a booklet of 35 reflections.

<https://youtu.be/QjCTAJLqwc>

Please pray for her beatification and eventual canonisation. And, let us remember her constant prayer. "Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with Moss Family in Brooklyn Contact the Parish Office for further info.

Joshua Men's One-Day Retreat at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 31st October 2020, 8:30am – 5:00pm Theme: "Don't Worry. Trust in Jesus" Retreat Leader is Fr James Lyons
Also, Joshua meeting on Thursday 15th October 2020 at 7:30pm in the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral, corner Hill and Molesworth streets.
Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Readings for this week

Sun 4: October: 1. Isaiah 5:1-7, 2. Philippians 4:6-9, Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Mon 5 Oct: Galatians 1:6-12, Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Tues 6 Oct: Galatians 1:13-24, Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Wed 7 Oct: Acts 1:12-14, Gospel Luke 1:26-28

Thurs 8 Oct: Galatians: 3:1-5 Gospel Luke 11:5-13

Fri 9 Oct: Galatians 3:7-14, Gospel Luke 11:15-26

Sat 10 Oct: Galatians 3:22-29 Gospel Luke 11:27-28

Sun 11 Oct: 1. Isaiah 25:6-10, 2. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Farewell to the Capuchin Friars

Parishioners are invited to a Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass for the Capuchin Friars who are withdrawing from work in the Wellington Archdiocese at the end of 2020. The Friars have been involved in Parish and Mission work since 1958. They will be sadly missed.

The Mass will be celebrated on:

9.30 a.m. on Sunday 18th October

at St Patrick's Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie, Wellington
To be followed by a cup of tea in St Patrick's Church Hall.

What's happening in our Churches

Sunday 4 Oct: 1pm Filipino Choir in the Meeting room
4pm Life Teen in the Hall at St Anne's
6pm Divine Mercy St Anne's Church

Tuesday 6 Oct: Legion of Mary 4pm at St Anne's Church

Thursday 8 Oct:

10am Mothers Prayers at St Francis de Sales
10.30am Eucharistic Adoration St Anne's Church
6.30pm Samoan Community Choir Practice St Anne's
7.30: Jesus Youth at St Anne's Church

Friday 9 Oct: Samoan Youth at 7pm in the St Anne's Hall

Saturday 10 Oct: 10.30 Reconciliation at St Anne's
5pm: Portuguese Mass at St Josephs

Sunday 11 Oct

11am Cook Island Mass 11am at St Anne's Church

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of 'last resort'. It will not just apply to the 'exceptionally difficult cases'. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care.

Nau Mai Haere Mai: "COME AND SEE"

Come and explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy Saturday 10th Oct 2020 Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm
Venue: St Anne's Parish Hall, 22 Emmett Street, Newtown
RSVP for Catering and for more information Sr Fatima, vocations@mercy.org.nz 021 084 29440
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Combined Island Bay Churches Event: Peace Grove Prayer Trek. On 3 October, the Island Bay churches are invited to join the Peace Grove Prayer Trek to the beautiful Te Raekairau headland above Princess Bay on the south coast. The walk will be on Saturday 3rd October, 10am - 3pm, and is organised by Liz Bruce starting at the Island Bay Presbyterian church.

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