



Catholic Parish of Wellington South From the coast to the harbour

St Anne's
St Bernard's
St Francis de Sales
St Joseph's

*We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message.
Ko tātou tetahi hāpori o ngā ākongā harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti*

Parish Consultation – update and next steps

Retaining two churches was the most strongly preferred option of those who participated in the Parish Stewardship day on 3 August.

There was also strong support for:

- developing multi use spaces that we can share with the wider community
- ensuring future financial stability
- working hard to ensure we develop one parish community
- ensuring our ethnic and Samoan communities' needs are met
- supporting and growing family groups, prayer groups, youth activity and CCD
- considering links between schools and churches
- honouring and respecting the legacies of the past

The Parish Council has now begun the difficult task of weighing the options of which two churches would best suit the current and future needs of the parish, given the priorities voiced.

Sustaining the different strengths and cultures of our current mass communities will be an important focus going forward. The stewardship day highlighted the value and importance placed upon this across the whole parish and we will work to ensure this is strengthened and sustained whatever changes eventuate regarding the church buildings.

We have summarised below the relative strengths and weaknesses of each of the churches.

We want to ensure that the views and wisdom of all parishioners inform this decision. We will also be consulting with the principals of each primary school and the chairs of their Boards of Trustees.

So we invite parishioners to contribute any additional facts or information that they feel should be considered.

Please contribute in writing by Monday 30 Sept by email to office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org or by post to the Parish Office, PO Box 7173 Newtown, Wellington 6242.

Summary of the relative strengths and limitations of the existing parish churches

St Anne's	St Bernard's	St Francis de Sales	St Joseph's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Central location ✓ Good public transport ✓ Health and safety: flat site provides safer and easier church access ✓ "Campus" of school/church/hall ✓ Integrated into the wider community through their use of the facilities ✓ Church-School co-location and relationship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Church-School co-location and relationship ✓ Adequate parking ✓ Hospitality spaces in church and school hall ✓ Church-School co-location and relationship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Large size – capacity for 550 ✓ Flat space – potential for development into multi-use facility for church, school and local communities ✓ Church-School co-location and relationship ✓ Iconic architecture and light, spacious environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visibility to city community ✓ Modern design ✓ Good chapel ✓ Attractive gathering/meeting space – well used ✓ Draw parishioners from a large catchment across Wellington – an "intentional community" ✓ Refugee house and rental income opportunities <p><u>Note:</u> NZTA currently have no plans in place that impact St Joseph's</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊖ Car access – Emmett St ⊖ Medium-sized church acity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊖ Smallest current mass attendance ⊖ Smaller church ⊖ Does not meet NBS earthquake requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊖ Smaller mass attendances than St Anne's & St Joseph's ⊖ Limited hospitality space ⊖ Roof leak issues ⊖ In need of upgrades to improve heating, sound system and internal/external access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊖ Limited parking and vehicle access issues ⊖ No school community ⊖ Health and safety: trip hazards (internal and external) in building design ⊖ Roof leak issues ⊖ Sound system needs improvement ⊖ Problem behaviour in grounds (rough sleepers, etc)