



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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World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

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Office open: Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30am to 12:30pm

St Bernard

Taft Street, Brooklyn. Tel: 934 4099

Dear parishioners,

My eldest brother flooded my memory recently. I have this fond memory of him skillfully washing my feet every night before I crawl on a flax mat for the night. Kneeling before me, he poured water and brushed my feet gently with soap while endearingly say, "Off, you go, you who got carabao's teeth!" His humble act of love for me had drawn me closer to him.

It seems that all of us have an unconscious yet innate affinity towards people who show humility. And I think there is something about humility that resonates deeply in our psyche.

Jon Bloom, in his article "Why is Humility So Attractive," explains that "deep down in the primal places of our personhood, perhaps scripted into our genetic code, we carry the ancient historical knowledge that we humans, unlike the other terrestrial creatures, are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26)."

He goes on to say, "We are unique, there is a holiness about us, and we are subject to a holy moral law that requires us to 'do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God' (Micah 6:8)."

Creatures in the image and likeness of God, we are therefore designed to be attracted to God who, in His greatness, is the most humble person in existence.

God's humility is expressed clearly in Jesus Christ. We see in the incarnation and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the height of God's greatness in the depth of God's magnificent humility. And when we see it, it touches us in the deepest places of our hearts.

That is why we are attracted to humble people because we see in them the likeness of God in Christ.

Nga mihi mahana nui,

Fr. Dennis Nacorda

Psalm Response:

God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

Heartfelt thanks from the St Joseph's Liturgy Committee to all those who helped with the First Holy Communion Mass and morning tea last Sunday - especially the musicians and the families of last year's sacramental candidates, who decorated the Bill Pearce Room and provided a beautiful cake and special food for the children. Ngā mihi nui.

A big thank you to all those who contributed to our beautiful First Eucharist liturgies and celebrations across the Parish last weekend.

Parish Ministry Training - Sunday 15th September

A Ministry Training session will be held at St Francis de Sales Church on Sunday 15th September at 3pm. All those who recently signed up for new ministries are requested to attend. This session is open to people from across the Parish who may be interested in joining new ministries in our four churches. It is also a good opportunity for those already serving in liturgical ministries to refresh their training. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Mass for all affected by Divorce or Separation

Cardinal John extends a warm welcome to any and all who are affected by separation and divorce to join him in the celebration of Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt, 7pm, Wednesday 25 September 2019, followed by a glass of wine and light refreshments. For more information or if you would like to help in any way with the Mass, please contact Felicity at the Marriage, Family and Young Church Ministries Office (04) 496 1719 or email f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz



Family Group Movie Afternoon

Meri Hohepa PFG invite you to a movie afternoon on Sunday 8th September at 3pm at Time Cinema, Lyall Bay. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Movie - UnPlanned will be screened at The Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn on Wednesday 16th October at 6pm. Unplanned is the true story of Abby Johnson, former Director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. It is a story of hope and inspiration that is touching lives wherever it is viewed. To purchase a ticket go to <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-penthouse-cinema-cafe/> To find other venues and times visit the Fan Force website.

Taizé Prayer @ Home of Compassion

Lectio divina in music, reading and spoken prayer along with silence. 7pm on Friday 6 September.

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

Led by Sr Sue Cosgrove. September 12th, 10am - 2pm, The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion. Simple lunch included. Suggested contribution \$20.00. Registration is required. Email: spirituality@compassion.org.nz or Ph. (04) 383 7769.

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with St Francis de Sales School this week. Please consider having the Rosary Statue in your home for a week.

The Marist Messenger

Fr Kevin Head SM will be visiting St Francis de Sales church on the weekend of 14-15 September to sell subscriptions to the Marist Messenger. It costs \$50 per year for 11 issues. Great value for money! No need to pay immediately. An account will be sent when any new subscriptions are processed.

Christian Meditation

Our Lady's Home of Compassion Chapel at 7-8pm on Mondays and 11am-12pm on Thursdays.

Garage Sale at St Anne's

All are invited to get involved in this year's St Anne's Garage Sale fund-raising sponsored by the Spring of Life Fellowship (SLF) on Saturday, 7 September, 8am to 12noon at St Anne's hall in Newtown. Proceeds will go to St Anne's Liturgical projects and the SLF's scholarship fund. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday, 7 September at 8am. Donations in kind can be delivered on Friday, 6 Sept, 6pm to 8pm at the Parish Hall. *One's trash may be another's treasure!* Any queries pls contact Gina on 029 917 1176.

St Anne's Recycling Table

For the season of creation (1 Sept-4 Oct) we will have a recycling table in the foyer. Please bring an item(s) that you no longer need or no longer want but may be useful for someone else. Leave it on the table. There may be an item on the table that you want. Please feel free to take it.

Diocesan Social Justice Week event

Wednesday 11 September, 6.00-7.30pm, Connolly Hall, Thorndon, Wellington

Come join us this Social Justice Week, as we explore fairness and unfairness in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to learn about the experiences of Wellington Filipino healthcare and construction workers, and the courageous and practical response of the Barangay Assumpta (Kapiti) Servant Team/ Filipino Chaplaincy. Speakers include:

- Representatives of the Barangay Sta. Maria Assumpta/ Filipino Chaplaincy Outreach Ministry
- Cardinal John Dew
- Hon. Iain Lees-Galloway, Minister for Workplace

Relations and Safety

For more information, please contact Lisa Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz

More Safeguarding Training Dates

Cardinal John has asked that all parish volunteers in ministry to children, youth and the vulnerable attend training in safeguarding. To ensure that everyone has undergone this important training, further seminars are being offered. If you are in one of the above roles and have not yet attended this important seminar, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Have your say - Abortion Law Reform

The Abortion Law Reform bill has been referred to a Special Select Committee for further consideration and to give the public of New Zealand a chance to comment through the parliamentary submission process. You can find the Bill here: <http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0164/latest/whole.html#LMS237550>. All Catholics are encouraged to have their say. The Submission process closes on Thursday 19 September. Watch this space for more details of how a submission can be made.

Food Basket Donations - Thank you to all those who give generously each week. Every little bit helps! Please consider donating some food items when you can.

Stewardship Network Meeting

Sacred Heart School Hall, Petone. 1-4pm on Saturday 21st September. Three dynamic speakers including Cardinal John Dew, Afternoon Tea followed by small group discussion. Please register by September 18th with Chris Walkerdine at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz or telephone 496 1706.

St. Mary's College PTFA Fundraiser QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 12 September at The Shepherds Arms Hotel on Tinakori Road. Tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CGS>. Tickets are also available from the school office; or email st.marys.wellington.ptfa@gmail.com.

Pray the Word

Psalm 45

Your salvation lay in conversion and tranquillity, your strength, in complete trust. (Is 30:15b)

God in his power is refuge and strength; God in his mercy is the river that refreshes the soul; God in his beauty stills all our useless struggles and gathers us into his peace.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand,
in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though
the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall
into the depths of the sea,
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains
be shaken by its waves.

The waters of a river give
joy to God's city,
the holy place where
the Most High dwells.

God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at
the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult,
kingdoms are shaken:
he lifts his voice,
the earth shrinks away.

Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has
done on the earth.
He puts an end to wars
over all the earth;
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.
He burns the shields with fire.
"Be still and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations,
supreme on the earth!"

Stewardship

TIME - TALENTS - TREASURE
A way of life, a way to live

Stewardship calls us to embrace
a vision for what it means to be
a disciple of Jesus every day.

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Humility, Simplicity, Sincerity...

From divinemeracy.life

There are three words to ponder today: humility, simplicity and sincerity.

Humble souls see and know God because they do not turn to themselves in their need. They recognize that God is everything and, without Him, they are nothing.

Simple souls do not get caught up in the complications of life. They are able to cut through the countless distractions and live a childlike trust in God.

Sincere souls are honest souls who are pure in heart and pure in their intentions. Be honest and truthful in your Christian walk and God will overwhelm all that is not of Him in your life (See Diary #55).

Ponder these three gifts today... humility, simplicity and sincerity. How well do you live them in your life? If one stands out as the most challenging, then sit with that for a while. Let God speak to you as you open your heart to His Mercy.

Lord, I open myself to the gifts of humility, simplicity and sincerity. Help me to see each of them as a precious gift that You wish to bestow upon me. May my mind comprehend them and my will embrace them. Jesus, I trust in You.

Social Justice Week: 8 - 14 September

"Do unto others what you would have them do to you."

Matthew 7:12

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue.

In the 1920s, Cardinal Joseph Cardijn founded the Young Christian Workers who worked on a range of social justice causes. He developed the See-Judge-Act method as a way to reorient one's life toward social justice and solidarity. This method, grounded in Catholic social teaching, is a way of looking at a situation, analysing it, and taking appropriate action.

Jesus says: "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you". This means choosing gratuitousness rather than self-seeking and calculating to obtain a reward, seeking interest and trying to increase your wealth. Indeed, the poor, the simple, those who 'don't count', can never reciprocate an invitation to a meal. In this way Jesus shows his preference for the poor and the excluded, who are the privileged in the Kingdom of God.

Pope Francis, Angelus 28 August 2016

SEE

helps us name what is causing us concern. We observe and immerse ourselves in the lives of those living with injustice.

JUDGE

is a moment of discernment. We analyse the situation and make an informed judgment involving theological reflection, such as Catholic social teaching and scripture, and social analysis.

ACT

is making a plan for action, providing resources and ideas on how to act in solidarity and empower those who live with injustice. We invite individuals and communities to use this methodology to reflect on what is fair and unfair in their own context, and act toward fairness in our world.

Our Vision Statement

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Visit us on Facebook at Catholic Parish of Wellington South

Sunday 1	9:10am Father's Day	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Life Teen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church
Monday 2	7pm	Meditation @ Home of Compassion
Thursday 5	10am 10:30am - 12pm 6pm	Mothers' Prayers @ St Francis de Sales Presbytery Adoration @ St Anne's Church Celebrating Creation - Ecumenical Service @ St Anne's
Friday 6	9:30am-3pm	Adoration with Benediction @ St Francis de Sales Church
Saturday 7	6pm	Vigil Mass @ St Bernard's Church
Sunday 8	9:10am 5-8pm 6pm	Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Francis de Sales Life Teen @ St Anne's Church and Hall Divine Mercy Devotions @ St Anne's Church

Masses offered for
 Agnes Madden (RIP)
 Rita Dewey (RIP)
 Adeebe Wakem (RIP)
 Abigail Lagrutta (25 August)
 Teresa Elenio (26 August)
 Victor Clive George Savill (Sept 2)
 Nicolas Catalan (Sept 10)
 Francis Robinson,
 Pietro Elenio, Maria Lagrutta,
 Luigi, Angelina & Laura Mollo,
 Giuseppina, Salvatore & Raffaele Volpicelli

Please remember in prayer all who are sick, those who are lonely, and those who have died recently and their families.

Parish Consultation Update

The Parish Council has analysed and reflected on the input given by parishioners at the recent Stewardship Day. From this it is clear that retaining two churches is the most strongly preferred option of those who participated. 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 build one parish community; ensuring that ethnic and Samoan communities' needs are met; supporting and growing family groups, prayer groups, youth activity and CCD for children; considering the links between schools and churches; and honouring and respecting the legacies of the past.

Next steps: the Parish Council is now undertaking 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. We will update you regarding our view on this later in September.

Schools not included in Cardinal's directive to review churches and presbyteries

In February Cardinal John Dew, Catholic Archbishop of Wellington asked parishes to review the number of churches and presbyteries in each parish. Inevitably this will result in the sale or other disposal of churches and presbyteries.

The Archbishop's directive applies only to church buildings and presbyteries. It does not apply to schools.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation



Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which is entrusted to our care, and to implore God's help for the protection of creation, as well as pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

Season of Creation 1 September - 4 October

"Christians or not, as people of faith and goodwill, we should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion." **Pope Francis**

Celebrating Creation - An Ecumenical Event

A very warm invitation is extended to all to an ecumenical service celebrating the Season of Creation in St Anne's Church, Newtown on Thursday 5 September. The service will begin at 7pm but will be preceded by hospitality in the Hall at 6pm. Please bring your takeaway so we can have tea together. Tea and coffee will be provided.

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. Some of us pray, some of us do hands-on projects, some of us advocate. We all protect creation. It's powerfully good work that's urgently needed. During the Season of Creation, we live out our faith to care for creation.

Masses this week

Monday 2nd
9am @ St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 3rd
8:30am @ St Joseph's

Wednesday 4th
9am @ St Bernard's

Thursday 5th
10am @ St Anne's

Friday 6th
9:15am @ St Francis de Sales

Saturday 7th
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**

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	Sir 3:10-20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 <i>Saint Gregory the Great</i>
Wed	Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 <i>St Theresa of Calcutta</i>
Friday	Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday	Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
Sunday	Wisdom 9:13-18; Phil 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>