



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



Twenty Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year A
Sunday 13 September 2020
HIGHLIGHTING GODS BLESSINGS

No Sunday Mass?

Why not try Saturday morning Mass
10am at St Anne's Church
Capacity 80

Now

Social Justice Week:

6-12 September 2020

Upcoming

Maori Language Week:

14-20 September 2020

In September of 1972, 30,000 signatures were delivered to parliament asking the government to teach te reo Maori in schools.

Covid 19 Update

As we are still at Level 2, there will be no Weekend Masses on 13/14 September.

Weekday Masses have resumed with social distancing observed.

Weekday Mass Times

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

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful ; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation: I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Parish Bank Details ADW-CPWS:
02-0576-0064832-00

From Fr Cirilo

One of the hardest things to do is to forgive. Forgiveness requires a tremendous amount of courage and grace. It requires acknowledging and entirely accepting the person who wronged us.

The book of Sirach reminds us we keep feelings close to our hearts, we hug the sinner but not the sin. And by hugging them, we keep close to our hearts vengeful things and desires. In the meantime we keep all that anger in our hearts, and forget the person – the sinner that offended us. We are also reminded to review ourselves. Why do we shape our attitudes, our demeanour even our worldview and forget the person, the human? We seem to forget that we are also prone to sin. So it is a question of remembering that we are all capable of making mistakes, of sinning, of offending. Then we plead to the Lord saying, "Lord hug me but do not hug my offences." There is a correlation between asking God for forgiveness and our capacity to forgive as he forgives us. We will all die sooner or later. So while we are alive, we might hug the sinner and pray that the Lord forgive our own trespasses.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds the Romans that we have a Lord and master. So we should offer and dedicate our lives to him. We are not master of ourselves. We are servants. We belong to Jesus. So in life and in death, we should belong in Jesus. Jesus lived and died for the forgiveness of our sins. And as servants of this great master, we should forgive as he has done. We cannot claim that he is our Lord, if we prefer to hug sin and keep it close to our hearts and alienate the person. Is vengeance and anger the master of our lives? Or is Jesus our Master? In the Gospel, Peter asked Jesus, "how many times shall I forgive?" How many? One or two? See, Peter is quite generous by saying "seven times?" But Jesus said, no, it should be seventy times seven. Peter, might wonder, how is that possible? Jesus gives us the parable of the servant who owed his master, his king, a tremendous amount of money so big that all his property would be confiscated. Imagine that. The anxiety and distress is unsurmountable. But this servant pleaded with God, pleaded with the master. The master was moved with pity for him and his family. The heart of the master hugged the debt and the debtor. Instead of just giving him more time, the master forgets all his debt.

The servant then met a fellow servants who owed him the fraction of his debt. But he has forgotten the forgiveness he received from his master. He was harsh to the other servant. When this news reached the master, it infuriated him. He told the servant, didn't you just receive forgiveness, why couldn't you extend that to others?

It is difficult to forgive isn't it? But let us remember how many times the Lord has redeemed us from our own "debt." With the grace of God, let us try to look in the eyes of the people who wrong us and see through those eyes. Who knows, we might see what truly lies behind those eyes and in seeing it might give us the chance to accept, embrace and forgive.



Remembering the Holy Souls

Masses have been offered for: Maria Nicloa Volpicelli, Luigi Ruocco, Edward Richards, Shirley Moroney, Elaine Thomson Raffaele Volpicelli, Regina and Edward Lutomski, Victor Farry

On Line Mass this weekend: Go to the Cardinal's You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/MCSHWellington>
Go to Bishop Paul Martin's You Tube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw
Go to Fr Michael McCabe's page <https://youtu.be/H60o2EbjZDE>

For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Celebrating the 2020 Season of Creation 'Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope' (1 Sept-4 Oct).

You and your faith communities are invited to an

Ecumenical Prayer Service at St Anne's Church,

Monday 21 September at 7pm followed by a cup of tea in the foyer. *If you can help please contact*

*Sr Elizabeth Julian at elizabeth.julianrsm@gmail.com
or Joe Green at hohepa56@gmail.com*

Each Monday at 7pm there will be a half hour of prayer beginning with a traditional Catholic prayer (Rosary, Stations, Litany, Lectio Divina, Examen) all with a Laudato si' focus.

Some practical ways to follow Social Justice teachings

1. Make an effort to give an item of food to the food bank at Sunday mass or a supermarket food bank.
2. Be informed about the election.... which party and candidate to vote for.
3. Be informed about coming referendums. Cannabis and End of life bill.
4. Commit to a local sustainability project. Recycle goods.
5. Volunteer to help prepare the Ecumenical prayer service on September 21 at St Anne's.

Prayer in a time of lockdown

If you think you might be interested in participating in prayer on-line should we go back to level 3 or 4 lockdown, please send your name and e mail address to the parish office.

If you are interested in leading on-line prayer, please get in touch with Joe Green by e mail.

To participate in on-line prayer you will need zoom, either on your computer or phone.

Liturgy Resources for this weekend

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/resources/ritual->

Formation Session this Saturday 12th September at St Joseph's from 2pm until 4pm, open to all those involved in ministry in our 4 Churches within our Parish.

How can we be a committed community of disciples each uniquely called by God to participate and take action according to our personal gifts and to work together to go beyond where we are now – in these uncertain times?

RSVP John Dalgety : (johndalgety57@gmail.com)

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is at St Francis de Sales school in Island Bay. Contact the Parish Office for further info.

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men on Thursday 17th September 2020.

A cuppa available from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start in 'LOAVES and FISHES' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth streets.

Readings for this week

Sunday 13 Sept: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7, 2 Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18: 21-35

Mon 14 Sept: Numbers 21: 4-9, 2 Phil 2:6-11, John 3: 13-17

Tues 15 Sept: Hebrews 5:7-9, John 19: 25-27

Wed 16 Sept: 1. Corinthians 12: 31-13:13, Luke 7: 31-35

Thurs 17 Sept: 1. Corinthians 15: 1-11, Luke 7: 36-50

Fri 19 Sept: 1. Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 8: 1-3

Sat 19 Sept: 1. Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49, Gospel Luke 8: 4-15

From Cardinal John

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou. It has been a challenge over these last few weeks to remember what we can and cannot do at various alert levels, and the last few weeks with Auckland at Level Three, then two and the rest of the country at Level Two has added to the confusion.

It has been hard going, events have been postponed – sometimes more than once; family gatherings which have been long looked forward to have been postponed or cancelled; people have lost their jobs and their businesses, and deep anxiety about the future has arisen. These are strange and challenging times for everyone.

These challenges are all over the world, and in most cases they are much worse than we are facing in New Zealand. However, here in New Zealand we are anxious about not putting ourselves or anyone else in danger. We are all trying to be careful not to take any risks and we are looking for any ways we can stop the spread of the virus.

With anxieties, challenges and questions we might find it hard to pray, but even in the midst of Covid19 and what it is doing to us there is the chance to find God in new ways, to touch the depths of who we are and to seek ways to rekindle the fire in our souls. Remember this – we do not have to look for the extraordinary and sensational, the simple gifts of God are all around us, even in this time of pandemic.

Take the time to look around, find grace in the present moment, allow the simple everyday things and events of life – the people you see every day, to bless you – let everything nourish and inspire you, they are gifts of God. See the holy in the ordinary and you will be greatly and deeply blessed.

Even amidst the challenges and anxieties, the changes and the questions, bring the longings of your heart to the present moment and find the grace that waits for you there. With sincere thanks for all that everyone is doing.

Migrant Worker Exploitation- there have been recent incidents in the NZ media of migrant workers being exploited. As part of an extended Social Justice Week 2020 Julianne Hickey the CEO of Caritas Aotearoa will give a presentation about Human Trafficking in the context of Catholic Social Teachings and the COVID 19 environment. This meeting is being held in the St Anne's Catholic Church Hall in Newtown Wednesday 23rd September starting with a hot drink at 5.30pm. Julianne's presentation will be from 6pm - 7pm. Contact John Feeney, Wellington South Social Justice Group. Ph 043864956

Chris Skinner Concert 20th September 2pm Kapiti Church

Combined Island Bay Churches Event: Next month we're holding our Peace Grove Prayer Trek, to the beautiful Te Raekairau headland above Princess Bay on the south coast. It will be on Saturday 3rd October, 10am - 3pm, and organised by Liz Bruce. All welcome

Theology of the Body September 19 & 20 at Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville. Contact 0220289737

Fr Doug Shepherd - Parish Priest
027 248 3562
doug.shepherd@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org



Fr Cirilo Barlis
Assistant Priest 383 8625
cfbarlis@gmail.com

Joe Green Lay Pastoral Leader
021 121 3875
joe.green@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org



Parish Office
22 Emmett Street Newtown
Telephone - 934 4099
office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org