



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 harikoo, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19 September 2021

Who is the most important in the Church? The Pope, the bishops, the Monsignors, the Cardinals, the Pastors of the most beautiful parishes, the Presidents of Lay Associations? No! The greatest in the Church are those who make themselves servants of all, those who serve everyone, not those who have titles. There is only one road against the spirit of the world: humility. Serving others, choosing the last place, not climbing the ladder. *Pope Francis*

Now

All Masses cancelled

until further notice

Zoom Sunday Liturgy

Sunday 19 September 10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055064977?pwd=ckkzWWt0QkF4NXh3a3pLY2JTb0lZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 5506 4977

Passcode: 570745

Maori Language Week

13-19 September

No Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

No Weekday Mass

Monday: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales

Tuesday: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's

Wednesday: 9am at St Bernard's Hall

Thursday: 10am St Anne's

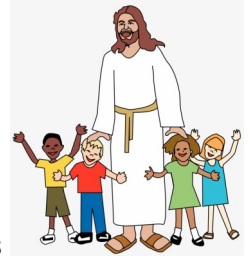
Friday: 9am St Francis De Sales

Saturday: 10am St Anne's

From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners

The way of Jesus is never easy because it is a constant battle between good and evil. Our Sunday's Readings highlight this, the battle between good and evil. The virtuous and righteous person in the First Reading, and Jesus Himself, both suffer greatly at the hands of the wicked and godless. Think of those times because of your faith and in trust of God that you were scorned or made fun of or even worse. The Christian Church still is the number one target for terrorists and extremists than any other religion in the world.



But as St James points out in our Second Reading, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us as well. We too have all been challenged in many different ways in the way we trust and love God and also in the way we trust and love other human beings.

Jesus uses the image of a child, one who is vulnerable, powerless, and deeply trusting especially of Him and the message of love and faith He brings. He expects this of all His disciples.

He offers a permanent challenge to all His followers to welcome the most vulnerable and powerless, to take to heart the neediest of the community in which they live. In our present circumstances how inspiring our parishioners who continue to stay in contact and connected with those parishioners of Wellington South who don't have internet or live on their own.

Jesus is on His final journey to Jerusalem. His human vulnerability will expose Him to all those who lie in wait to destroy Him and the Good News He brings. In drawing His own followers away from looking to power and prestige for models of discipleship, Jesus invites us to a new openness and trust in God the Father. No earthly power will save Jesus from death in Jerusalem: only His Father who He empties Himself to will. We too can rely on being saved if we truly believe what Jesus says, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

With every blessing a good wish

Fr Doug

Covid 19 Update

We are still at Level 2 Delta

**There can be no Masses or Church activities at this time.
We await information from the government and the Bishops office next week.**

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life

Gospel acclamation: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversary: Margaret (Peg) Holden, Rosalie Gifford, Owen Dolan Sr, Philip Dolan, Con O'Regan, Anthony Noaro



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellington.southcatholic.org

Zoom Invitation – Liturgy of the Word

LITURGY SERVICE - SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

You are warmly invited to join our Zoom Liturgy of the Word this Sunday. We extend a special invitation to those of you who have not yet attended. If you need help with Zoom, please phone Sara Cotterall on 021 153 6254.

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **CPWS Liturgy Service on Sunday** 19 September

Time: Sunday Sep 19, 2021 09:45 AM Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055064977?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055064977?pwd=cckzWWt0QkF4NXh3a3pLY2JTb0lZz09)

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These instructions apply in parishes until Tuesday 21 September

- There are to be NO public Masses or other liturgical events or in-person parish gatherings in the Archdiocese.
- Churches are to be closed except for funerals, as it is difficult to monitor contact tracing, social distancing, mask wearing, and numbers.

TV Masses for this weekend:

2.00pm Mass on Shine TV: Mass will be broadcast on Shine TV Sundays 2pm until further notice. It can be found on Free-to-air TV Channel 25 or Sky TV Channel 201. This will be pre-recorded In Auckland under the restrictions of the Covid-19 Lockdown Alert Level.

Māori Language Week. The National Liturgy Office has published a page of resources to help you include te reo in your daily prayer life and to emphasise the Church's commitment to using Māori in the liturgy.

Details: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/te-wiki-o-te-reo-maori/>

Season of Creation

The third reflection sheet for Sunday 19 September is available here: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Season-of-Creation-2021-week-3.pdf>

2022 Applications for Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarships are open

Tertiary students in the Archdiocese of Wellington and Palmerston North entering their third year of study are invited to apply for a scholarship. Each student selected receives \$3,000 towards their studies. Closing date 1 Oct.

<https://compassion.org.nz/latest-news/suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship-2022>

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with St Anne's School Contact the Parish Office for info.

Readings for this week

Sun 19 Sept: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Mon 20 Sept Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tues 21Sept: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Wed 22 Sept Ezr 9:5-9 ; Lk 9:1-6

Thurs 23 Sept: Hg 1:1-8 ; Lk 9:7-9

Friday 24 Sept Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday 25 Sept: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45



Help for Afghanistan families coming to Wellington Message from Catholic Social Services:

The appeal for household items and furniture is now closed for Afghan refugees coming to Wellington. Your response has been so overwhelming that we simply do not have the capacity to manage the volume of goods being offered- such is your generosity. We will honour the arrangements currently in place for delivery or pickup – but as of today we are unable to accept any new offers

Thank you for your immediate and generous response. When we made our appeal for help we had no idea of how our community would respond. We are moved and humbled by the outpouring of support and generosity from so many people. We should have known!

If you still wish to make a contribution, there is an ongoing and pressing need for suitable housing, if you can help please contact our community facilitator Paul Alford

at Refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz . Any financial donations will also be welcome and can be made by going to our website <https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/>

As the families arrive in Wellington and begin settling in we will try to update you on how your gifts were applied and the difference they have made in the lives of the Afghan people making a new life here in NZ.



Message from the Finance committee

Thank you to all of you who are able to continue your planned giving by automatic payment. It is this income that will keep us going through the current Covid crisis.

We have recently received the wage subsidy from the government to assist in paying our staff.

During level 2 if you are out and about we encourage any envelope givers to deliver their donation envelope to the following secure places.

- The letter slot of the St Anne's Hall.
- The letter slot in the front door of the Island Bay Presbytery

Mass intentions may also be delivered in this way

Reflections in a time of lockdown

Sr Elizabeth Julian has written some lovely reflections at https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/reflections-for-lockdown/

Postponement of "Pink Shoes into the Vatican" Event
"Pink Shoes into the Vatican" has been postponed until March 2022 due to Covid 19. This installation of women's worn-out shoes stretching from the steps of Parliament to Sacred Heart Cathedral was to have taken place on Sunday 19 September. However, with Wellington at Delta Level 2, the organising group felt it was too risky to hold even an open-air event. Many thanks for your encouragement and donations of shoes and messages.

The **Confirmation Mass** scheduled for 19 September is postponed. We await a new date.

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