



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 Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 20 September 2020

HIGHLIGHTING GODS BLESSINGS

No Sunday Mass?

Why not try Saturday morning Mass

10am at St Anne's Church

Capacity 80

Now

Maori Language Week:

14-20 September 2020

Upcoming

Mental Health Awareness Week:

21-27 September 2020

This is run each year in September.

This year's theme is Reimagine Wellbeing

Together – He Tirohanga Anamata.

Season of Creation:

Monday 28 September at 7pm

Ecumenical Prayer Service at St Anne's Church,

NZ Elections:

17 October 2020

Covid 19 Update

As we are still at Level 2, there will be no Weekend Masses on 19/20 September.

Weekday Masses have resumed with social distancing observed.

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 Joe

On Tuesday 8 September 2020 I, along with about 65 other people attended a ministry formation day for leaders in the Archdiocese. Cardinal John shared a reflection by Bishop Derio Olivera, a north Italian bishop who had contracted and recovered from covid 19. His time of illness gave him opportunity to reflect. Like Jesus in today's gospel, Bishop Olivera speaks to real people, in real time, about real things. He speaks to us here in Wellington South.

He spoke about the pandemic: "going back to celebrating Mass is not enough for us to think we have solved everything. This time is not a period we should forget! We must not go back to the Church the way it was. Either we start changing the Church now or it will stay the same for the next 20 years. Do you remember what we were saying in our meetings at the end of February, before lockdown started? Every meeting we would complain that people don't come to Mass anymore, children in catechism don't come, young people don't come. Do you remember? And now we think we are going to solve everything by starting celebrating Mass again?"

He continued: "I no longer want a Church that just tells you what to do, what to believe and what to celebrate, but forgets to take care of relationships, inside and outside. We need to rediscover the beauty of relationships inside the church. We need to make the parish a place people want to come to, where they can say, "This feels like a community, it's good to be here!"

Then Cardinal John told us, "that's a challenge for every single one of us. What do we do to make the parish a community that people want to come to?"

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 28 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.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.



Remembering the Holy Souls

Mass have been offered for: Margaret Holden and John Muollo - Funeral Friday 18 September

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

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
Sr Linda, vocations@mercy.org.nz 021 263 0439

Chris Skinner Concert 20th September 2pm Kapiti Church

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

Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day 4 October 2020

Thank you for the support you gave last year with the promotion of the spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, especially on the annual Celebration Day. There continues to be very positive feedback received about the value of having this day annually. The Bishops Conference has again given our approval to this initiative to be held on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of her death. Despite the challenges we face with Covid-19 restrictions, it is still planned for our celebrations this year to take place as planned on Sunday 4 October. The Sisters are encouraged with the progress this year in the Cause for Venerable Suzanne Aubert. Just last week a letter was received from Cardinal Becciu, the prefect for the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, who confirmed that the translation of medical documents relating to the enquiry held last year into an alleged miracle, have now been completed and will shortly be studied by the Vatican appointed medical panel. We hope to hear further progress before the end of the year.

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

Readings for this week

Sunday 20th September: 1. Isaiah 55:6-9, 2 Philippians 1:20-24,27, Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
Mon 21 Sept: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13, Matthew 9:9-13
Tues 22 Sept: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13, Luke 8:19-21
Wed 23 Sept: Proverbs: 30:5-9 Gospel Luke 9:1-6
Thurs 24 Sept: Eccles 1:2-11 Gospel Luke 9:7-9
Fri 24 Sept: Eccles 3:1-11, Gospel Luke 9:18-22
Sat 26 Sept: Ecclesiasticus 11:9-12:8, Luke 9:43-45
Sun 27th Sept: 1. Ezekiel 18:25-28, 2. Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

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

Tawa Healing Service

On Tuesday 29 September Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa beginning at 7.30 pm. All are invited and especially those who need Jesus' healing. Jesus still heals today.

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. Under current law, people can already say 'no' to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law. See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or

The End of Life Choice Referendum 2020:

Are You Ready to Vote?

The Care Alliance Trust

Live-streamed presentation:

Tuesday 22 September – 7.00pm

Care Alliance Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/carealliancenz/>

Learn more about what you are voting on as Dr John Kleinsman, Chair of the Care Alliance, unpacks the End of Life Choice Act.

Authorised by Sinead Donnelly, Care Alliance, 15 Guildford Terrace, Wellington.

Holy Hour: You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 September beginning at 7.30 pm in Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace, which is now set up as a chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

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

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