



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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Twenty Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 27 September 2020

HIGHLIGHTING GODS BLESSINGS

We thank God for his many blessings as we resume normal Mass times in the Parish

Now

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,

Upcoming

NZ Daylight Saving

We spring forward this Sunday at 2am.

School Holidays:

September to 11 October

Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day:

Sunday 4 October

Covid 19 Update

We are now at Level 1, and Weekend Masses will resume on 26/27 September.

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 Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's Gospel we have the story of two sons being asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first son bluntly refuses but afterwards regrets his decision and has a change of heart and mind and goes and does his father's will. The second son says 'Certainly, sir.' But his polite and eager consent is not matched by his behaviour. For whatever reason he just does not go and do what his father wanted him to do.

The first son whose word was 'no' but whose action became 'yes' is the example of the one who did his father's will. Jesus does not say why he changed his mind only that his generosity of spirit had the last word. He has a counterpart in St Augustine, whose early life was a blunt refusal to follow the Gospel that his mother begged him to do. It was only when he was thirty-two that his 'no' became a committed 'yes'.

Later he would write:

Late have I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved thee!... Thou didst call and cry out and burst in upon my deafness; thou didst shine forth and glow and drive away my blindness; thou didst send forth thy fragrance, and I drew in my breath, and now I pant for thee; I have tasted, and now I hunger and thirst; thou didst touched me, and I was inflamed with desire for thy peace.

It is never too late in saying 'yes' to God. We must therefore constantly examine ourselves. We must try to turn our promises into reality and our words into deeds. Every day we can turn (as Flor McCarthy says) one of yesterday's 'no's' into one of today's 'yeses'.

With every blessing

Fr Doug

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: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: My sheep listens to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.



Remembering the Holy Souls

Mass has been offered for: Francesco Di Leva, Ken Jones

Investigation into the separation of St Josephs from the Catholic Parish of Wellington South.

Anne Dickinson has been appointed by the Cardinal to carry out this investigation. This week she met with the parish council and finance committee. The parish council has suggested she meet with the following groups:

- Parish Council
- Finance committee
- Samoan community at St Josephs
- St Josephs Community sub groups (wider community, practical and liturgy)
- Samoan community at St Anne's
- St Anne's Church Community
- St Francis De Sale Church Community
- St Bernard's Church Community
- The three school communities

If you belong to a group in the parish and wish to be part of this investigation please contact Anne Dickinson on a.dickinson@wn.catholic.org.nz, identifying your group and the date and time you would like to meet.

Lorraine Forrest (Parish Council Chair)

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.

Readings for this week

Sun 27 Sept: 26th Sunday 1 Ezekiel 18:25-28, 2 Philipians 2:1-11, Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Mon 28 Sept : Job 1:6-22, Luke 9:46-50

Tues 29 Sept Daniel 7:9-11,13-14, John 1:47-51

Wed 30 Sept: job 9:1-12,14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Thurs 1 Oct Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

Fri 2 Oct: Exodus 23:20-23; Matthew 18:1-5,10

Sat 3 Oct: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sun 4 Oct 27th Sunday Ordinary Time: 1 Isaiah 5:1-7, 2 Philipians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

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Farewell to the Capuchin Friars

Parishioners are invited to a Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass for the Capuchin Friars who are withdrawing from work in the Wellington Archdiocese at the end of 2020. The Friars have been involved in Parish and Mission work since 1958. They will be sadly missed.

**The Mass will be celebrated on:
10.30 a.m. on Sunday 18th October**
at St Patrick's Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie, Wellington
To be followed by a cup of tea in St Patrick's Church Hall.

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 www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

Please join the St Vincent de Paul Society to celebrate the Feast Day of the Society's patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. **This special Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal John Dew on Sunday 27 September, 5pm at St Benedict's Catholic Church, 3 Everest St, Khandallah.**

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

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

Weekend Mass Times

Vigil Mass: St Francis De Sales every 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month.

St Bernard's every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

Sunday Mass: 9am St Anne's, 9am St Joseph's, 10.30am St Francis De Sales, 10.30am St Bernard's, 5pm St Anne's

