



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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 September 2021

A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Pope Francis: Laudato Si' paragraph 49

Pope Francis: Gaudete et Exsultate (paragraph 135)

Now

All Masses cancelled
until further notice

Zoom Sunday Liturgy
Sunday 5 September 10am

Fathers Day
Sunday 5 September

Coming Up

Season of Creation September

Social Justice Sunday
12 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 Joe Green

From about 310CE until very recently the only people who seemed to have any say in the Latin Catholic Church have been "men ... beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on".

Pope Francis is challenging the Church to adopt a different approach, to return to a style described by Cyprian of Carthage (c. 255CE), in 'that while nothing should be done without the Bishop and his Council of Presbyters, it is equally true that nothing should be done without the consensus of the people'. While we here in Wellington are used to synods, having had at least four in the last 40 years, and we hear of the Australian and German synods, Francis is working to re-establish this 'Synodal way' (synodality) as the normal way of doing things throughout the whole Church, and at all levels from Parish to the Universal Church.

Being synodal means recognising we are the People of God, pilgrims together on a journey, in COMMUNION with each other, and that includes Christians who don't identify as "Catholic". It means all of us PARTICIPATING in the process. And it means knowing that we are a People with a purpose – we are on a MISSION.

The synodal process itself is in three part: a time of PREPARATION, a time of CELEBRATING being the People of God participating as such, and then a time of IMPLEMENTING the outcomes of the synodal process.

Starting with a bang on 17 October 2021, the Universal Church will enter into the preparatory part of the synodal process. We will all be challenged to participate, including, and perhaps especially, "the poor person, shabbily dressed, usually made to sit to one side or on the floor".

In my life time I know of numerous times where the People of God, that's us, have been asked our views on a particular topic, but never on the very operational style of the Church. Exciting, and challenging times

Joe Green

Covid 19 Update

We are still at Level 3 until Tuesday 7 September, and await information from the Government about what Level we will move to next. In the Archdiocese of Wellington, at Alert Level Two or above there can be NO MASS. Mass can be accessed online at <https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>

Happy Fathers Day!

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel acclamation: Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Rosalie Gifford. (*Sister of Tony Muollo—Funeral Friday*)

Anniversary: Jean and Ken Marshall, Giuseppe Muollo, Raffaele Greco, Giovanna & Guiseppa Cangiano



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

Parish Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 5th September 2021 (via Zoom)

Malia and Steve from the CPWS Liturgy Committee are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on Sunday to celebrate an online Liturgy of the Word.

Topic: Liturgy of the Word (Zoom Service)

Time: Sep 5, 2021 09:45 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83967777845?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83967777845?pwd=MTJwb2hkdFRjTGxVRFVTenlHMkRWZz09)

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Meeting ID: 839 6777 7845

Passcode: 940767

Our Church Community

Victor Frankel was a famous survivor of Nazi concentration camps during WWII. He was an Austrian psychiatrist who said that prisoners who lost faith in the future were doomed. In order to survive, in order find meaning, they had to look up, to look around and to look back. Three tasks. So, in order to get through our current national crisis, we too need to look up, to look around and to look back.

What we are doing now as a faith community by coming together online to pray is looking up, that is, we are turning to our belief system, turning to our God, placing all our confidence and all our trust in this God to sustain us at this difficult, stressful and unsettling time.

We can look around for others who may need help, who may need a listening ear. We can provide this help through a phone call, an email, perhaps an offer to do grocery shopping for an elderly neighbour, checking on those who live alone.

The third task, looking back means learning the lessons of history. Looking back can also help us understand that being human always involves struggle and challenge. It's never plain sailing.

Peter asks 'Lord to whom should we go? You alone have the words of eternal life. We believe. We know you are the Holy One of God.' Is that our answer today? When we look up, look around, look back, what do Jesus' words of eternal life call us to do in homes, in our bubbles today?

Sr Elizabeth

Readings for this week

Sun 5 Sept: Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5 ;Mk 7:31-37

Mon 6 Sept Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tues 7 Sept: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wed 8 Sept Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thurs 9 Sept: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 10 Sept 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42



Help for Afghanistan families coming to Wellington

As part of the planned resettlement of some Afghan families into NZ, a group of the new arrivals will be settling in Wellington.

Please contact Catholic Social Services to help with-

1. Rental housing
 2. Household and/or pantry items
 3. Basic furniture eg. beds, drawers, dining table
- Contact Paul Alsford at Catholic Social Services on 021 754145 or Email p.alsford@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Wellington South and St Mary of the Angels Social

Justice Group- initiative to help with the setting up of houses for Afghan families. Once we have confirmed details of new Afghan families coming to Wellington, a list of specific household items needed e.g. linen, bedding and kitchen items and food items will be requested. Parishioners who are willing to assist can then commit to providing a specific item from the list. The St Bernard's Church has been offered to store the donated items.

John Feeney/Susan Johnson/Joe Green Social Justice Group

Contact joe.green@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org or johnsonfeeney@gmail.com

What is the Pink Shoes Project?

Be the Change is a group working for gender equality in the leadership of the Catholic Church. We are holding an event on Sunday 19 September (Women's Suffrage Day) called **Pink Shoes into the Vatican**.

If you'd like to participate, we are asking you to donate a non-returnable pair of worn-out women's shoes. Please attach a tag to the shoes with your first name and a line or two about YOU and YOUR JOURNEY with the Church.

Using your shoes, and flyers, banners and ribbons, we will create an eye-catching pathway from Parliament to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill St, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew has agreed to meet us there and accept a message that we are asking him to convey to the Vatican.

We need your shoes and notes by **12 September**. There is a box in the foyer of the St Anne's church where you can leave your shoes once the church reopens at Level one. Alternatively, please deliver your shoes to 104 Majoribanks Street, Mount Victoria or contact Carolyn Carr on 027 477 7558 or Maria Rodgers on 027 780 8236 and we will arrange to collect them once Lockdown is over.

St Francis of Assisi **Ohariu Parish** is seeking a Part-Time Parish Manager to work collaboratively with the Parish's office team, parish leadership and volunteers. The role is approximately 20 hours per week - open to negotiation. For more info or to apply email ohariuparish@xtra.co.nz Or visit <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies/>

The Compassion Soup Kitchen

If you or someone you know are facing difficulties with putting a meal on the table, please remember that the Soup Kitchen is serving takeaway meals between 12pm and 1pm every day. As an essential service, we are able to remain open at level 4. This year, we are serving on average 230 meals a day which is a significant increase from our usual 60-100 meals a day. We have had great support from the community and city council.

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