



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



Sunday May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

It is the Spirit, who guides us, enlightens, us strengthens us so that we may go forward in life through adversity and difficulty, joys and sorrows, remaining on the path of Jesus.

Pope Francis May 2022

Now

Mothers Day

Sunday 14 May

Coming up

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 21 May

**Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity**

21-28 May

**Sacramental Programme
Confirmation**

Sessions begin 28 May

Kings Birthday

Monday 4 June

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

Samoan Mass every 3rd Sunday

Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

From Fr Michael

A central question for the first disciples of Jesus after the Resurrection must have been, "What now? Does the Resurrection complete his mission or is there more?" After all the Resurrection was proof that Jesus' message of love and forgiveness was authentic. God was on their side. But there was no sign of defeat for the dreadful Romans. Those who had killed Jesus were still around and still powerful. There was no sign yet of the Kingdom of God being ushered in.

It must have been a strange mix of hope and fear, joy and sadness, confusion and certainty. There was joy that Jesus was with them and they could now see him again and talk to him, and yet everything was utterly different to what they expected.

So they ask themselves: "Have we missed something? Perhaps Jesus had prepared us for this and we have misunderstood?" We can so easily imagine them, huddled in their locked and bolted rooms – going over what he said to them, the stories he told, the things he did... remembering, re-telling, pondering, discussing, praying, disagreeing, arguing, searching... trying to piece together the future for themselves.

Sometimes the words of Jesus can seem like disjointed or repetitive statements put together in a kind of list, and indeed they are: individual memories of the truths Jesus proclaimed. But now, after the Resurrection, they have a deeper meaning than when they were first uttered.

It happens to all of us all the time. People say things for us, or do things for us, and it is only later that we suddenly realise what it was all about. This will be an 'ah-ha' moment, an insight which makes everything different from then on. These moments can come suddenly, but are usually the result of questioning, doubting, pondering, searching.

Jesus is showing us what to expect and preparing us for what will happen... Promising that he will never leave us... Offering us God's own peace... Telling us not to be afraid, that the Holy Spirit will be given to us... Providing wonderful gifts... But somehow we still do not see or we seem to forget.

Pentecost is the great 'ah-ha' event of the early Church. It is the moment when everything Jesus said and did suddenly falls into place. Pentecost is what gives meaning and value to our personal story too. As a dear friend, Jesus picks up our story and weaves it into his own story and then it becomes a blessing.

Fr Michael Bellizzi

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Johnny Gifford, Roberto Sabio, Herbert Timtim

Anniversary: Victor Savill, Atanacio Teves, Merivit Balais, Rosalinda Solis, Fred Solis, Ernesto Miraflor, Members of the De Gregorio, Mollo and Cuccurullo families.



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

Parish AGM

There will be a Parish AGM on Saturday 22 July after the 10am Mass at St Anne's. All Church ministries are invited to send in a brief report of their activities during the year.

From Cardinal John

It has been six weeks since my last newsletter, because of the time needed to recuperate from spinal surgery. Thanks be to God I have made a good recovery. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Pope Francis has accepted my resignation as Archbishop of Wellington. Canon law requires that bishops offer their resignation to the Holy Father when they reach 75 years of age, and on Friday I reached that age.

It is with sadness that I say goodbye, and an enormous THANK YOU to you all. Your constant support, your prayers, your commitment, your willingness to walk the way of Jesus, tell the truth of Jesus and live the life of Jesus have been inspiring.

Archbishop Paul Martin has now succeeded me and has become the 8th Archbishop of Wellington. I wish Paul every blessing and ask that you support him in the same way as you have supported me.



Volunteers needed: Would you like to join the musicians on a regular basis to serve at Mass, 2nd Sunday of each month, 10.30am at St Francis de Sales?

New voices/instruments are very welcome. Please contact the Parish Office and we'll get in touch with you before the next practice.

NEW Planned Giving envelopes will be out next week 21 May

Readings for this week

Sun 14 May: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1Peter 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Mon 15 May: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tues 16 May: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wed 17 May: Acts 20:6-38; Jn 16:12-15

Thurs 18 May: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Fri 19 May: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Sat 20 May: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28



Baptisms

Last weekend we welcomed another new member to our Parish community. Maya Baranda was Baptised at St Francis de Sales by Fr Michael.

Fr Michael who has been a Priest for 25 years will be leaving us at the end of May to be Parish Priest at Richmond. We wish him all the best on his new appointment.



Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Fundraiser.

An Afternoon with Chris Skinner. Sunday 11th June, 2.00 -4.00pm. Ss Peter & Paul's Church. Lower Hutt

Last Days! **Joshua Wellington** invites men to come to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming Thursday 18th May at 7:30pm followed by supper. Speaker: Fr Kevin Connors on "For He has worked wonders" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra on 0274477280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Saint Madeleine Sophie's School Reunion:

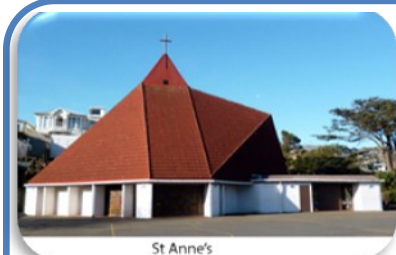
The Pines Cabaret is booked for Sunday 11 June 2023 lunch time after mass. Lunch, Music, Dancing, and Bar will be open. Cost will be confirmed near the date.

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Mothers Day: We praise you, O God, for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. For mothers who have joined you in heaven and whom we miss dearly this day, we give you thanks. For mothers who work day and night to raise and care for their children, we give you thanks.

This Saturday 13 May His Excellency **Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa** will be saying the 10am Mass at St Anne's.

He is the Pope's representative in NZ. Members of the Filipino Boholano's group will be attending. The Mass is dedicated to St Joseph the worker.



St Anne's

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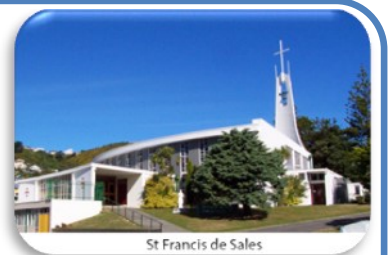
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