



# 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



**Sunday May 7**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

'Each of us comes to the light because of love, and each of us is called to love in order to remain in the light.' Pope Francis equates faith as a journey that illumines all our relationships. This light will not scatter all darkness but will guide our steps on the journey.

*Lumen Fidei*

**Now**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

Sunday 7 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

## 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

## Gospel Reflection

"I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

Have you ever set out on a journey and got lost? What happened and how did you feel? We use maps and directions to plan a journey when we travel to a destination we have not visited before. In today's Gospel, Jesus confuses His Disciples when He tells them that they already know the way to a place they have never been to. How could this be? Listen carefully to find out. (John 14:1-12).

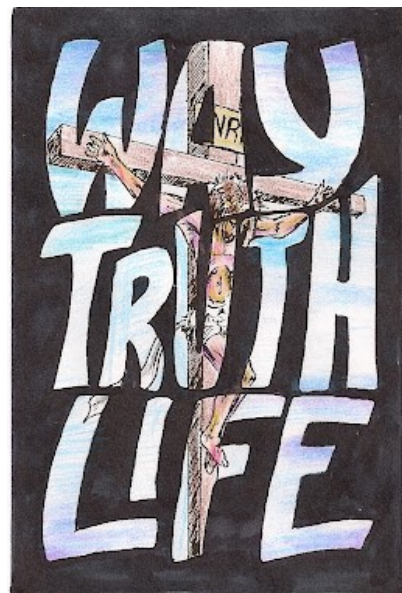
Jesus told the disciples that He would soon be leaving them. Where was He going? Jesus points that He is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. Jesus connects us to the Father as no one else can. Jesus also makes it clear that we should do what He does. Jesus' life is focused on doing the Will of the Father for the good of all Humanity.

As Christ's disciples, we also will find our highest motivation and glory by identifying ourselves with Christ's Obedience in our daily lives, especially by keeping His new commandment of sacrificial unconditional and forgiving love.

The readings of today tell us that "We are called to follow and serve Jesus," even though we don't know where that might lead us. The first reading tells 'how and why the first deacons were chosen.' Psalm reminds that God 'loves Justice And right.' Second reading, Peter calls the people to be a 'Holy Priesthood.' And in the Gospel, Jesus tells us to 'Have Faith in Him.'

Therefore, every Christian finds strength for the journey in Jesus Christ by; Living a life of prayer, acceptance of suffering, and always having faith and trust in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, believing that we are journeying with Him. "JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

*Koleta Teofilo Konise*



**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you

**Gospel acclamation:** I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

## Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Joyce Traynor, Fr Kevin Foote (Christchurch)

**Anniversary:** Dawn Hart, Regina Lutomski. Patricia Kendrick, Mary Dolan, Herman Heemskerk



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellington.southcatholic.org](http://wellington.southcatholic.org)

### Sunday 21st May E-Waste Recycling Opportunity

There will be another e-waste recycling day at Cardinal McKeefrey School, 66 Albermarle Road, Wilton from 12 noon to 4pm. Have a big "spring" clean and drop off your e-waste for a minimal cost. Please also tell your friends. This is a great opportunity to responsibly dispose of your e-waste whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause. The Refurbishment of the Sacred Heart Cathedral.



### Baptisms

Last weekend we welcomed a new member to our Parish community. Nikolai Buenacosa was Baptised at St Anne's by Fr Michael.



**ORGAN RECITAL:** 3pm, May 13th. At St Francis of Assisi Ohariu (formerly St Peter and Paul's), 37 Dr. Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville. David Dobson at the Allen Digital organ. All proceeds to fund-raising for Cyclone relief. Koha please.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 7 May:** Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**Mon 8 May:** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**Tues 9 May:** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

**Wed 10 May:** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

**Thurs 11 May:** Acts 15:17-21; Jn 15:9-11

**Fri 12 May:** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

**Sat 13 May:** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



**Living Liturgically** – Bringing the Liturgical Year to life in the rhythm of the parish." This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved or interested in Liturgy.

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Parish Church, Johnsonville. **Saturday 20th May**, 10.00am-12 midday. Tea and coffee available from 9.30am. To register please email Christine at [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Quiet Days with Sr Sue Cosgrove

Join us for next week's Quiet Day - with a focus on contemplation and reflection. Sister Sue guides participants through meditative activities and guided discussions. This year's theme is kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga, and exploring the seeds of compassion that Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert scattered. Next week's Quiet Day is on Thursday at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm.

**Joshua Wellington** invites men to come and worship our Mighty God in word and song on Thursday 18th May at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra on 0274477280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

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

## Whats happening for Youth

### XLT is back in 2023!

Come and join us for a night of Worship and Adoration on **Friday 12th May** at 7pm.

We're heading back to our old location of **St Anne's**, Newtown to bring a whole new feel to XLT.

Open to all teenagers and young adults, so invite your friends or bring your whole youth group.

Inviting all 13 to 23 year olds to Voice For Life **Youth Movie Night** on **Sat 13th of May** at Saint Mary of the Angels Parish Hall from 6 pm to 8 pm. Food and drinks will be provided at the event, and make sure to BYO pillows and blankets! RSVP to Helena 02041086611 (VFL Youth Leader for Wellington) or direct message to VFL Youth Wellington's instagram (@vflyouthwelly).

We would like to invite all Teenagers and Young Adults to our second **Young Church Mass** of 2023, hosted by Life Teen Hutt Valley. This is an occasion for all teenagers and young adults to come together as Young Catholics, to have fun, share in fellowship and celebrate Mass. Join us at 5.30pm on **Sunday 21st May** at Sacred Heart Church, Petone. For more info, check out our social media @adwyoungchurch



St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales