



# 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 July 2**

**13th Sunday Ordinary Time**

"Following Christ is not an inward-looking fact: without proclamation, without service, without mission, the relationship with Jesus does not grow."

*Pope Francis, General Audience, 15 February 2023*

**Now**

**Peters Pence Collection**

Sunday 2 July

**Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle**

Monday 3 July

**Coming up**

**Matariki at St Annes**

Friday 14 July

**Parish AGM**

Saturday 22 July

**Climate change workshop**

Sunday 23 July St Annes

**World Day for Grandparents**

Sunday 23 July

**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** 11am every 3rd Sunday

**St Bernard's Mass** 10.30am every 1st Sunday at the school Hall

**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

**Ready to lose life, in order to save it?**

If we are looking for a key to today's readings, it lies surely in the piece from Paul's letter to the Romans, where he reminds those early Christians that in baptism they have been buried with Christ in his tomb, so that they can now rise with him to walk in newness of life. 'You must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus,' he tells them.

Our gospel reading comes from the conclusion of Jesus' instruction to his 12 disciples, on how they are to go out, teaching and healing in his name. They must remember that they follow a crucified master who promises life, only if they are ready to lose it for his sake. This means accepting that faith in Jesus means turning our whole world on its head: nothing is as important as the values of God's kingdom, a world in which no one is sidelined or left behind.

A cup of cold water given to those who thirst will not go unrewarded. Ordinary relationships of love, for our parents and our own children, must be transformed by this golden rule of serving their needs rather than our own. This is a kingdom where no one is to be a stranger or outsider; hospitality – te manaakitanga - is the sign that the Spirit of Jesus is alive within and among us. What does this say to us about refugees and migrants? About the lonely residents from Loafers Lodge? About children in our neighbourhood who are living below the poverty line? How will this message of Jesus help us in deciding how to vote three months from now?

Our first reading is a snippet from the second Book of Kings, where a wealthy woman from Shunem persuades her husband to help create a space where the prophet Elisha can stay and rest whenever he passes by. The holy man, who lived more than 800 years before Jesus, accepts this generous gesture with a promise: within a year, the childless woman will hold a son in her arms. It's a beautiful glimpse of how the grace of God stretches beyond our usual expectations and can make empty lives fruitful, if only we have faith to let it happen. There's an echo here of Mary's response to the angel, 'Let what you have said be done to me.' Perhaps that can be our prayer today.

**By DENNIS HORTON**



When was  
the last  
time you  
did good  
to  
somebody  
in need?

**Responsorial Psalm:** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel acclamation:** You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**Remembering the Holy Souls**

**RIP:**

**Anniversary:** Luigi & Angelina Mollo, Antionette Mollo,



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### Celebrating Matariki at St Anne's

The Māori New Year, Matariki, is marked by the rise of the Pleiades star cluster Matariki, and the sighting of the next new moon.

Come and join us for a special prayer service at 10am **Friday 14 July** to celebrate Matariki. Please bring finger food to share for a cuppa afterwards.

### Parish AGM

There will be a Parish AGM on **Saturday 22 July** after the 10am Mass at St Anne's. There will be brief reports from the various ministries in our Parish. Suggestion boxes will be in the foyer for agenda items.

This Sunday is **Peter's Pence Collection** which is a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need.

**Climate Change Workshop-** the Social Justice Group is organising a workshop on climate change in the Pacific to be held at St Anne's Church Hall Newtown **Sunday 23rd July 1.30pm - 4pm**. This will be a chance to listen, and discuss actions we can take. Peter Lang from Caritas NZ will give a short talk about climate change in the Pacific. We will have a reflection on the spirituality of climate change with references to Pope Francis Laudatory si and the Synods call for us to act as stewards of creation, as Kaitiaki. Ph John Feeney 043864956 for more details .



**XLT at St Anne's, Newtown**  
on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. 7-9.30pm  
for all youth and young adults.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 2 July:** 2Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42  
**Mon 3 July:** Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
**Tues 4 July:** Gen 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27  
**Wed 5 July:** Gen 21:5,8-20; Mt 8:28-34  
**Thurs 6 July:** Gen 22:1-19; Mt 9:1-8  
**Fri 7 July:** Gen 23:1-4;19-24:1-8,62-67; Mt 9:9-13  
**Sat 8 July:** Gen 27:1-5,15-29; Mt 9:14-17



### Confirmation:

Last Saturday Archbishop Paul Martin Confirmed 44 of our children at St Francis de Sales Church. He spoke to the children about growing their relationship with God and the special importance of the Holy Spirit in their lives



### COME & SEE PRIESTHOOD VOCATIONS MORNING

For young men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood.

**SATURDAY 1st JULY - 9am to 12pm.**

St Theresa's Parish, 210 St Andrews Road, Plimmerton  
To register, contact Lucienne on l.hensel@wn.catholic.org or visit our FB page - <https://www.facebook.com/wellingtonpriests.org>

**Marist St Pats RFC** – The Clubs annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 2 July at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be celebrated by a light lunch. All welcome.

**Divine Mercy** at St Francis de Sales starts 9.10am before the 10.30 Mass every Sunday. All welcome

**Divine Mercy** at St Anne's starts at 6pm after the 5pm Mass every Sunday. All welcome

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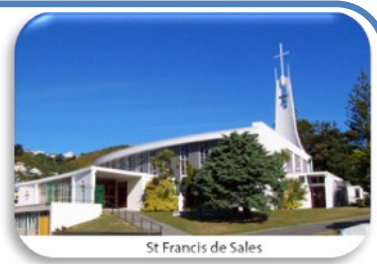


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