



# 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



## Sunday July 16

### 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

*"Today's Gospel presents two ways of acting and of experiencing history: on the one hand, the vision of the master who sees far; on the other, the perspective of the servants who see the problem. The servants care about a field without weeds; the master cares about good wheat. The Lord invites us to adopt his vision, one that is focused on good wheat, that knows how to protect it even amid the weeds."*

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 19 July 2020*

## Now

### Parish AGM

Saturday 22 July

### Climate change workshop

Sunday 23 July St Anne's

### World Day for Grandparents

Sunday 23 July

## Coming up

### Feast of St Joachim and St Ann

Wednesday 26 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

There are two versions of the Gospel today, one nine verses long, the other 23, in which Jesus tells the crowd the parable of the sower. The seed is "the word of the kingdom", or, I suppose, Jesus' message. The fuller version helpfully explains what Jesus means by the different places the seed is sown. The seed sown on the path, falling on a place where it will quickly die, represents the person who hears the word but does not understand it. The seed landing on rocky ground, and so not able to put down deep roots, represents the person who enthusiastically welcomes the word, but when things get hard the word dies. The thorns other seed is sown amongst are the competing things which "choke the word". The seed, the word, sown in good soil can put down roots, withstand the pressures of the world, and as it is well rooted, bear fruit.

I was drawn to write the reflection for this reading as there are different soils in my own garden. There is stoney soil where I try to grow plants, but they are not healthy. The stones provide no food for them - I really should dig out the stones, but it is a big job. In another part of the garden there is sticky clay which becomes boggy in Winter. I need to work out ways to improve the drainage.

Jessica Hutchings and Jo Smith in 'Te Mahi Oneone Hua Parakore: A Māori Soil Sovereignty and Wellbeing Handbook' seek to champion "soil as a taonga that we must look after to ensure the wellbeing of our whānau, communities and Aotearoa". I should treat my garden's soil as the taonga, the treasure, it is, remove the stones in the stoney soil and add compost to the clayey soil. Likewise, I need to work on nurturing my personal 'soil' so I may better receive the word and create a place where it can put down deeper roots.

Climate change is much on my mind at the moment. It is bringing changes to our lives that most of us do not fully understand. This emphasises the importance of deep roots; this reading tells me I must do all I can to foster a deeply rooted understanding of Jesus' message to safeguard against the unknown and unpredictable that will surely come. I have gardening to do.

**Maria Rodgers**



*The Parable of the Sower*

**Responsorial Psalm:** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Gospel acclamation:** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Angela James, Mattia Iovine

**Anniversary:** Francesco and Gino Di Leva, Giuseppe & Salvatore Volpicelli, Raffaele Volpicelli



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

## World Day for Grandparents Sunday 23 July

Wednesday 26 July is the feast day of St Joachim and St Anne, the Parents of Mary III World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly «His mercy is from age to age» (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the III World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and for the Message, that bears the date of the Feast of the Visitation.

To celebrate Grandparents Day, there will be a **Mass with the school on Wednesday 26 July at 10.30am at St Anne's Church**



## 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.



## Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish

### **Giang Thanh Tat**

who was Baptised at St Anne's Church last Saturday by Fr Doug.

**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 .

**J** **Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on Thursday **20th July** at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Small group activity based on theme: "Come to me – learn from me"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

## Readings for this week

**Sun 16 July:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

**Mon 17 July:** Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1

**Tues 18 July:** Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24

**Wed 19 July:** Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27

**Thurs 20 July:** Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

**Fri 21 July:** Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

**Sat 22 July:** Songs 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2,11-18



## Synod News

Manuel Beazley (Vicar for Māori Auckland Diocese and Fr Dennis Nacorda (Parish Priest, St Joseph Hāto Hōhepa Parish Levin) have been selected by Pope Francis to attend the October Synod of Bishops in Rome as two of the 10 non-bishop attendees from the Church's Oceania Region.

Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM will attend as the NZ bishops' representative.

We congratulate Fr Dennis on his invitation to the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October and keep him, Archbishop Paul and Manuel Beazley in prayer as they prepare for this important meeting in the history of the Church.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** Sunday, 6th August 2023. Wellington Celebration for World Youth Day. 1pm – 8pm, in Bishop Viard College, Porirua. Join us for Worship from 1pm, Mass from 1.45pm celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. Followed by events, speakers, workshops and a Youth Rally.

**Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024:** Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship

While Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now sold out, we are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship! There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before August 15, 2023.

## Christians Against Poverty

Free budgeting courses for people in South Wellington. The 3 sessions of the CAP Course will put you in control of your money, whether you have a lot or a little.

The next course runs for 3 sessions starting on Monday July 17th, at 7.30pm, then 24th July and 7th August. It is being held at St Hilda's, 311 The Parade and the hosts are Cliff and Irene Studman. To register go to [www.capnz.org](http://www.capnz.org) and follow the link at the top to "find a course near you" or contact us at email [ibhildas@gmail.com](mailto:ibhildas@gmail.com), or text/call 022 139 2005

**Engaged Encounter** is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married.

Weekends for 2023 are on 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. Registrations close 2 weeks before.

For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. Call 027 486 0700 or email [simonolsen@gmail.com](mailto:simonolsen@gmail.com)

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St Francis de Sales