



# 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 August 27**

## 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

"It is necessary that the works of charity that we carry out, not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus. Christian charity is not simple philanthropy but, on the one hand, it is looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus and, on the other hand, it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor. This is the true path of Christian charity, with Jesus at the centre, always."

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 23/08/2020*

**Now**

**John the Baptist**

Tuesday 29 August

**Coming up**

**Social Justice Week**

September 3 to 9

**Holy Communion Programme**

1st Children's session September 3

9am St Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

**Season of Creation**

Ecumenical Prayer Service

10 September

**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

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, Eliakim is given authority to open and close the doors of the king's palace. He is given the key to the House of David. In the Old Testament world this means that he had control of everything that went on between the opening and the closing of the doors. Everything that would help people flourish. Only Eliakim can open and close the doors.

If you had the keys who would you let in? How would you enable them to flourish? What do people need today to flourish?

In the gospel we see Simon now being blessed by Jesus to be the foundation of the Church. Peter tells Jesus that while others give Jesus various names, he, Peter, recognises Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ (although he didn't come to this recognition by himself). How would you answer Jesus' question to Peter? Who and what spiritual practices in your own life help you to recognise who Jesus is?

Jesus gives him (Simon) a new name, Peter, meaning rock. It is Peter who is given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. It is Peter who is given the power to bind and loose on earth and in heaven and everything in between, that is, to forbid and permit. We only give the keys to our house to someone we really trust. Jesus shows that he now trusts Peter to interpret his message for the Church. Would Jesus trust you? If Jesus gave you the keys to the kingdom of heaven today, what would you do with them? What would you forbid and permit? **Luwi Buchie**



*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Gospel acclamation:** You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

**Remembering the Holy Souls**

**RIP:** Lusía Felise

**Anniversary:** Efrén Rodulfo, Luigi & Domenico Di Leva, Anthappen Palamattam



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## Caritas NZ Social Justice Week: 3–9 September 2023.

Caritas has introduced a new 3 year structure for Social Justice Week: 'Imagine Peace for all'. This year's focus is "Peace begins with you". A reflection booklet about conflict, peace and different ways to build personal peace is available online and in hardcopy for parishioners taking part in a weekly discussion group on the 4 Thursdays in September from 7-8pm in St Anne's Hall meeting room. Please contact Sr Elizabeth 0276805002 or Luwi Buchike after 9am Mass. For resources and more information visit [www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week](http://www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week)

From St Anne's liturgy Committee:

### Celebrating the 2023 Season of Creation: Let Justice and Peace Flow (1 Sept-4 Oct)

1. Sunday Eucharist throughout the Season will include creation focused hymns and prayers, taking into account **Social Justice Week and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori**.

2. There will be a 'put and take' table in the foyer. Bring an item(s) that you no longer need or want. It may be useful for someone else. Take something from the table if you wish. This will encourage us to keep items in circulation rather than going into the rubbish tip.

3. Other suggestions:

- Get involved in a **sustainability project** (e.g., local park, beach, street, or parish peace garden clean-up).
  - Display the Season of Creation daily calendar available here: [https://www.mercyworld.org/f/45074/x/cf51d113ae/season-of-creation-calendar-2017\\_a4.pdf](https://www.mercyworld.org/f/45074/x/cf51d113ae/season-of-creation-calendar-2017_a4.pdf) or make your own.
  - Explore this year's theme here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-5/>
4. On Sunday 10 September at 3pm there will be an **Ecumenical Prayer Service** hosted by the Wellington South Baptist Church 284 The Parade, Island Bay.



**St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue** is with Tony & Eileen Muollo. Contact the Parish Office for info.

### Food Basket

Many thanks to everyone contributing to the food basket at Church. SVDP says they are well supplied with pasta and rice. They would appreciate donations of canned soups, toiletries and laundry products.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 27 Aug:** Is 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**Mon 28 Aug:** Thes 1:1-5,8-10; Mt 23:13-22

**Tue 29 Aug:** Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29

**Wed 30 Aug:** Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

**Thurs 31 Aug:** Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

**Fri 1 Sept:** Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

**Sat 2 Sept:** Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30



## Ministering to the elderly in residential care

A significant number of elderly people live in residential care homes or hospital settings where their access to the outside world is restricted. Some of these care homes are very close to us: Te Hopai, Hospice, Alexandra, Village at the Park, Vincentian and Irwell.

One of the ministries of our Parish is outreach to such elderly people (and their carers) through visits to rest homes and hospitals.

Those of us involved offer Holy Communion, prayer, support and, we hope, some joy and comfort through getting to know the residents and staff.

We learn from and support each other in our visiting team and look forward to welcoming and buddying new members. Full training and ongoing support is provided. If you would like to be involved, please contact Sr Rachel, Koleta, Sherry, Sr Elizabeth, Fr Doug, Fr Jeff.



Fr Doug celebrated his 10 year Ordination to the Priesthood on Thursday at the 10am Mass. The children from St Anne's school joined parishioners to congratulate him.



St Anne's

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