



# 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 September 3 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

'The task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile.'  
*Pope Francis, Angelus, 30 August 2020*

### Now

#### 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

#### Nativity of the

#### Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8 September

### Coming up

#### 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

## From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners

On Sunday 3rd September in 2017 Pope Francis spoke about the sacrifice of the cross, explaining how as followers of Christ we must embrace suffering, because it is through the suffering and death of Christ that his love is made known to us.

"Always, even today, the temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross, rather, to teach God the right path," the Pope said Sept. 3. Like Peter we maybe say: "No, this will never happen."

"But Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of love," Pope Francis said, and there is no true love without Christ's self-sacrifice. We must embrace suffering, because as Christ told his disciples: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

As the Pope reminds us the only thing that makes our sacrifice true and worthwhile is love.

Love enables us to surmount the greatest challenges and trials in our lives.

What Jesus did and accomplish was an expression of love for His Heavenly Father. The road to Jerusalem brought Jesus to the cruel cross on Calvary.

But it did not end there as many believed. It led to Easter!

Jesus accompanies all who follow Him down the narrow road of sacrifice and share with Him in the victory of Easter.

**With every blessing**

**Fr Doug**

Then Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Gospel acclamation:** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

#### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:**

**Anniversary:** Raffaele Greco, Giuseppe Muollo, Francesca Muollo, Hilda Greco, Br Hubert Clifford FMS



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



## 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)



### Wednesday Mass at St Bernard's school.

With Social Justice week starting soon the children have been learning about Service and Respect.

There was also a cake for Fr Doug's 10 year Ordination anniversary

Everyone is welcome at the Wednesday Mass.



### Readings for this week

**Sun 3 Sept:** Jer 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Mon 4 Sept:** Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

**Tue 5 Sept:** Thes 5:1-6,11; Lk 4:31-37

**Wed 6 Sept:** Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

**Thurs 7 Sept:** Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

**Fri 8 Sept:** Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16,18-23

**Sat 9 Sept:** Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5



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.

**XLT Youth Group** was back on the 1st of September 7-9.30pm at St Anne's Hall. We had our brand new guest speaker who just recently was one of those special people representing our beautiful country over in Portugal for World Youth Day! Next time is 6 October at St Anne's.

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

Weekends for 2023 are on 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.cce-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. Call 027 486 0700 or email [simonolsen@gmail.com](mailto:simonolsen@gmail.com)



**E Waste Collection** Saturday 9 September 9am to 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item 027 2458859

St Anthony's School, Seatoun We would love to have you join us at our **centenary weekend** events on 13th-14th October 2023. Click the link below to book your tickets and tables! **BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW** <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/OUW>

**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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St Anne's

### Fr Doug Shepherd - Parish Priest

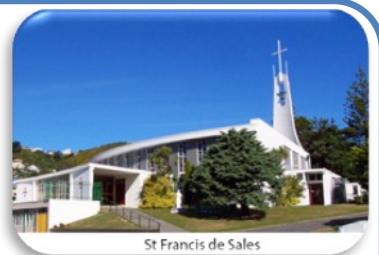
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St Francis de Sales