



# 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 October 1 26th Sunday Ord Time

Conversion, changing the heart, is a process that purifies us from moral encrustations. And at times it is a painful process, because there is no path of holiness without some sacrifice and without a spiritual battle. Today's Gospel passage calls into question the way of living a Christian life, which is not made up of dreams and beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, in order to always open ourselves to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters.'

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 27 September 2020*

## Now

### Suzanne Aubert Day

10am Mass Sunday October 1st  
at St Francis de Sales Church

## Coming up

### Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday 7 October

### World Mission Sunday

Sunday 22 October

### All Souls Day

Thursday 2 November

## Weekend Mass

### Vigil Mass

No Vigil on 30 September

### Sunday Mass:

10am St Francis de Sales 1 October

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: 9am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

## From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners

The parable of the two sons in today's gospel can teach us that promises can never take the place of real action, and fine words can never be a substitute for good deeds.

Faithfulness is one of the greatest and most necessary values that underpins our Christian lives.

But being faithful comes with some cost. It is not an easy road to journey on. It demands unselfishness and a spirit of sacrifice. Mother Suzanne Aubert is a wonderful example of this. She devoted her life to the service of others making faith and trust in God real in so many lives.

She told her sisters: 'A Sister of Compassion should be found wherever there is good to be done. At the lonely hearth of the poor, at the bedside of the sick dying, in homes for suffering... and to bring to those who suffer the heart of a mother, a sister and Guardian Angel.'

Suzanne Aubert's life was a constant Yes to God: 'We should strive to be faithful in small things to prepare ourselves for the greatest.' And unlike one of the sons in today's parable her yes meant exactly that.

Not just in her words but in her deeds as well. Again, like the son in the parable who said yes to his father but did not go to the vineyard, we might say 'Yes' to God in our words, and 'No' to God with our deeds. We profess to believe, but fail to translate our belief into a reality.

We need to examine ourselves constantly, every day so that we can perhaps turn one of yesterday's 'nos' into one of today's yeses'.

*With every blessing.*

**Fr Doug**

## The Parable of the Two Sons



**Responsorial Psalm:** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**Gospel acclamation:** My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

## Remembering the Holy Souls

### RIP:

**Anniversary:** Mieczyslaw and Zofia Maciewicz. Ryszard and Michał Maciewicz. Genaro Cuccurullo, Antonio Mollo





CELEBRATION

# SUNDAY

Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

October 1st 2023

He wahine whakapono nui

A women of great faith

## WHAKAPONO FAITH



Kia rite tō whakapono ki tō  
Te rahi o te kākano mātete.

Have faith the size of a  
mustard seed

### Celebrate Suzanne Aubert Day

with Wellington South Parish and the Home of Compassion

**Sunday October 1st at 10am**

at St Francis de Sales Church.

A whole of Parish Mass at 10am followed by a shared morning tea. On that weekend there will be no 9am Mass or 6pm Vigil.



### Baptisms

We welcome into  
our Parish

*Adrien Rhys*

### Visitacion

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



### A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please make yourself known by visiting the Church office or fill in a New Parishioner form available in our Church foyers and drop it in the collection basket.

### 2023 Clergy Assembly

Our Priests will be away from 9 to 13 October to attend the National Clergy Assembly in Rotorua.

There will be no Monday or Friday Mass at Island Bay that week.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 1 Oct:** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

**Mon 2 Oct:** Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5,10

**Tue 3 Oct:** Zech 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

**Wed 4 Oct:** Nehemiah 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

**Thurs 5 Oct:** Nehemiah 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12

**Fri 6 Oct:** Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

**Sat 7 Oct:** Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1:26-38



### BISHOPS' 2023 ELECTION STATEMENT PUBLISHED

The NZ Catholic Bishops have published their 2023 Election Statement, which urges the politicians elected on 14th October to focus on issues that matter to the people of the nation rather than the trivia and scandals that dominate public debate.

The Election Statement is also available online here as a PDF: [https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC\\_Election2023\\_A4.pdf](https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC_Election2023_A4.pdf)

And it is available here as a web page: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/election-statement-2023/>

A general announcement about the Election Statement is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/election23/>

### SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY—7th- 8th OCTOBER

The Bishops' chosen focus is The Consistent Ethic of Life. The bishops are revising their 1997 statement Te Kahu o Te Ora – the 'Garment of Life'. This statement explores the application of what is a uniquely Catholic ethical framework to contemporary moral issues.

### TAIZÉ

Inspired by communities in France, Taizé incorporates music and chanting into a restful and reflective practise. Join our Sisters for a Taize session in our chapel.

Next Friday 6 October, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm,  
Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington

**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.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. Call 027 486 0700 or email [simonolsen@gmail.com](mailto:simonolsen@gmail.com)

Not so long to go now to the **Current of Grace** Wellington event Saturday 7th October 2023 at St Joseph's Church Mt Victoria between 10:00am and 3:30pm.

Speaker; Josie Olsen. Healing service led by Fr John Rea SM. Bring lunch to share. Everybody welcome.

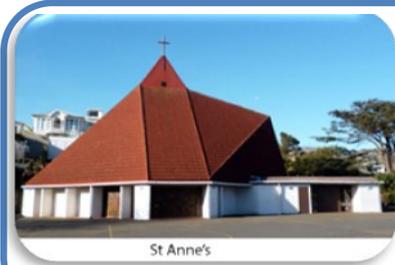
Contact Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: [currentofgracewellington@gmail.com](mailto:currentofgracewellington@gmail.com)

**XLT Youth Group:** Friday evening 6 October at St Anne's Hall. Adoration food and Friendship. All Youth 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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St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales