



# 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 October 15 28th Sunday Ord Time

'It is a matter of not settling for comforts and the customary ways of evangelization and witnessing to charity, but rather of opening the doors of our hearts and our communities to everyone, because the Gospel is not reserved to a select few. Even those on the margins, who are rejected and scorned by society, are worthy of his love.'

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 11 October 2020*

## Now

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 15 October

## Coming up

### World Mission Sunday

Sunday 22 October

### Next meeting of the PPC

Wednesday 25 October

### All Saints Day

Wednesday 1 November

### All Souls Day

Thursday 2 November

## Weekend Mass

### Vigil Mass

6pm at 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

As Gospel readings go, this one is a tough nut to crack for many people. It starts off easily enough, with the Kingdom of Heaven being compared to a king giving a wedding party for his son. But from there things get squirrely. The invited guests murder the servants who ask them to come. That's weirdly rude. Then, after the king offers an open-door policy for the party, he becomes enraged with the guy who comes in and isn't dressed for the occasion. So that guy gets cast out into the outer darkness to suffer for all time. For a wedding reception, this event sounds like a pretty rough night.

But before we dismiss this reading, let's consider the context. The Gospel of Matthew emphasizes a particular theme: the people of Israel have turned their backs on God. Moreover, sinners and Gentiles seem to be more open to God's message, and are welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven. This is a shift for the Jewish people, who, according to the original covenant, would be the only ones who are saved. However, the coming of Jesus heralds a new covenant: all people can be saved. That doesn't mean there are no requirements for entry, though. Salvation requires faith in Jesus Christ.

So if we look at the parable from a more symbolic standpoint, these seemingly violent events really represent the shift in the human relationship with God that the coming of Jesus brings. Ultimately, we are all eligible for salvation, if we come to the feast of God properly "attired" with hearts of faith open to God's word. So let's party!



The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast\* for his son. – Jesus (Matthew 22:2)

*Jackie Posek*

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

## Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Patricia Hannaway

**Anniversary:** Maryann Jones, Burt Saffiotti, Caterina Moereno Maria Costa



## October - Month of the Rosary

Traditionally, October is known as the month of the Rosary in the Catholic Church. The Rosary was given to St Dominic by Our Lady in 1208 in a forest near Toulouse, France. It begins with the Apostles' Creed, includes the Our Father, Hail Mary, Hail Holy Queen and Glory Be prayers, and is divided into 4 Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous, each depicting the lives of Mary and Jesus. The link below gives more details.

<https://catholicreadings.org/the-rosary-how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

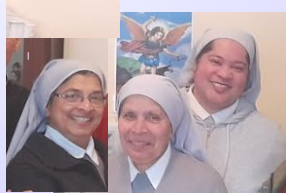
Join the **Sisters of St Peter Claver** for a shared Meal with entertainment on Saturday, **11th November**

From 6.30pm at St Anne's Church Hall, 22 Emmett Street, Newtown.

Please bring your favourite dish.

Tickets Adults -\$15.00, Ages 6 to 12 \$10.00, 5 and Under Free

Proceeds from this fundraising event will go to the Missions.



All Wellington South Parishioners invited for an **Anointing Mass at the Home of Compassion**, Thursday 19th October at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea. RSVP:

[events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

or Sister Rachel – Phone 282:1959.



Last Days! **Joshua Wellington** invites men to come to the Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming Thursday 19th October at 7:30pm followed by supper. Speaker: Kim von Lanthen on "What do we need to do differently?"

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

**Liturgy Workshop:** Advent – History... Sounds and images... Relevance to today's world... This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved in organising your parish's celebration of Advent and anyone just wanting to learn more about this important season of the Church. Venue: **St Bernadettes Hall, Naenae**.

Saturday 28th October 10.00am-12 midday. Please register with Christine at [c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Readings for this week

**Sun 15 Oct:** Isaiah 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14; Mt 22:1-14

**Mon 16 Oct:** Romans 1:1-7; Lk 11:1-29-32

**Tue 17 Oct:** Romans 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

**Wed 18 Oct:** Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9

**Thurs 19 Oct:** Romans 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

**Fri 20 Oct:** Romans 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

**Sat 21 Oct:** Romans 4:13,16-18; Lk 12:8-12



**Bishop Stephen Lowe** as President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has issued a public and media statement on Laudate Deum. In it, he says: "Laudate Deum is a clarion call to us all, as individuals, as industry and as nations, to examine whether our attitudes and actions towards care of mother Earth are consistent with the passing on of this taonga, this treasure, to our future generations."

Bishop Steve's statement is attached. It is also online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/laudate-deum/>

**Te Kupenga** - Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for 2024. Programmes offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, NZ Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, our programmes will empower you to analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. Enrolments close Friday 24 November. For more information, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes)

**Refugee family coming to Wellington.** Can you help by Option 1 – become one of our regular volunteer groups who provide a house pack and pantry items once or twice a year. We will provide you with a list of items

Option 2 – gather some likeminded people together and start fundraising so that Catholic Social Services can purchase household items and pantry packs as we need them

Option 3- Be an ongoing gatherer of good quality electrical goods and kitchen ware to donate over the course of a year. (To be stored at CSS) Contact [refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz) or phone John Feeney on 04 3864956.

**CompassionFest** is a festival for the south coast of Wellington, New Zealand, seeking to celebrate and re-tell local stories of local heroes of compassion like Kae Miller and Suzanne Aubert. A weekend smorgasbord of events that blend words, taste, actions, music, creativity, fun, acts of pilgrimage, and times for reflection.

**Sun 29th Oct**, 10am - 4pm. Visit Te Raekaihau Reserve - "the headland eaten by wind". Learn of the ground where Kae lived her vision of restoration.

**Sun 29th Oct**, 7-8:30pm. Home of Compassion. A presentation and Q&A, hosted by Kae Miller's grandson, journalist and economist Max Rashbrook.

**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 Francis de Sales