



# 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 November 5 31st Sunday Ord Time

'We disciples of Jesus must not seek titles of honour, of authority or supremacy... because among ourselves there must be a simple and fraternal attitude... We are all brothers and sisters. If we have received talents from the heavenly Father, we must place them at the service of our brothers and sisters, and not exploit them for our own satisfaction and personal interests. Modesty is essential for an existence that seeks to conform to the teaching of Jesus, who is meek and humble of heart and came not to be served but to serve.'

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 5 November 2017*

## Now

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Coming up

**Peter Claver Sisters Fundraiser**  
11 November 6.30pm at St Anne's

**World Day of the Poor**  
Sunday 19 November

**Young Church Mass**  
Sunday 26 November  
5pm St Anne's

### 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

In this Sunday's second reading from Thessalonians we have a different picture of Paul's attitudes to women from the one in which he often portrays them in submissive roles. Here he describes his ministry to the Thessalonian people in compassionate, female terms. He compares his approach to the loving actions of a mother 'taking care of her children' (1 Thessalonians 2:7). This image of gentleness and love speaks to us of the way Paul and his companions share themselves in the community. Indeed it echoes Jesus sharing his body in the Eucharist. In contrast to the Lord's warning to the priests who 'have caused many to falter', in the first reading (Malachi 1:8), Paul thanks God for the way his word has reached the community as the very word of God. Paul and his companions have tried to give witness by their lives as much as by their words. This is a timely reminder of the old saying that actions speak louder than words.

Paul's insights contrast with the Gospel reading where Jesus criticizes the officials for posing as teachers who did not 'practise what they preached' (Matthew 23:3). Jesus ends his talk of hypocritical ministers with a theme to which he often returns: 'The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever makes himself great will be humbled and whoever humbles self will be made great'. (Matthew 23:12). Here we do well to recall the humble ethos preached by Parihaka leaders Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kākahu and their response of passive resistance to the sacking of Parihaka on 5 Nov 1881. Invading soldiers were met by mana whenua singing waiata and offering freshly baked bread. It is worth reflecting that were it not for Te Whiti and Tohu's teaching of peace and aroha, based on scripture, we could be living in very different circumstances in Aotearoa today, considering the ongoing conflicts in other parts of our world.

Paul didn't ask the Thessalonians to be missionaries like himself. He only asked them to allow the word of God to continue to work in them as it had in him. How do we conduct our relationships? In our families, at work, at play, in our neighbourhoods. Do we practise what we preach? Are we open to the rich diversity around us in a generous and responsive way? We can all make changes, no matter how small, in our own lives and communities.

**Carolyn Carr**

"Whoever humbles himself  
will be exalted," Matthew 23: 1-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**Gospel acclamation:** You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

#### RIP:

**Anniversary:** Bonifacio Mahinay, Liberato & Cristina Vinaccia, Caterina Zino, Winifred Jones



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

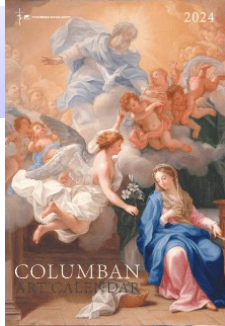
**Caritas Aotearoa** New Zealand has called for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by this ongoing conflict. We remain dedicated to our mission, calling for an end to the violence and seeking a just and lasting solution for the region.

#### Holy Land donations:

Caritas is receiving donations for the Holy Land which will be used to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Donations can be made through the Caritas website: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>

#### Columban Calendars

for sale in the foyer from this weekend  
\$12



#### All Saints Day

One of the 3 Masses on All Saints day was at St Francis de Sales with the school. Fr Doug spoke especially to the children "We too can live our lives as Saints if we follow the Gospel"



**Joshua Wellington** invites men to join other men on Thursday **16th November** at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Theme: "Wisdom: ordering all things for good?" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

#### Readings for this week

**Sun 5 Nov:** Malac 1:14-2:2,8-10; Thes 2:7-9,13; Mt 23:1-12  
**Mon 6 Nov:** Romans 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14  
**Tue 7 Nov:** Romans 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24  
**Wed 8 Nov:** Romans 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33  
**Thurs 9 Nov:** Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22  
**Fri 10 Nov:** Romans 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8  
**Sat 11 Nov:** Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15



#### News from the Synod

The Vatican released its much-anticipated Synod synthesis report. The synthesis report summarises synodal discussions about how a synodal Church's ministries and structures can give a wider role for laity which is more in line with the vision of Vatican II.



Archbishop Paul Martin and Fr James Martin SJ in their Synod group.

**FINAL XLT** youth event. Come and join us for the final XLT of the year! Friday **10th November** 7pm at **St Anne's, Newtown.**

Join us for an epic finish to the year with worship, adoration and reconciliation! Bring your friends! Bring your youth groups! Everyone is invited!. Follow @XLTWellington for more info

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.

**YOUNG CHURCH MASS** Our final Young Church Mass for 2023 is happening on the **26th of November.** This Mass will be hosted by Life Teen Wellington, **5pm at St Anne's, Newtown.**

All youth and young adults are invited to celebrate with us! We hope to see you there! Follow @ADWyoungchurch on social media for more updates on what's happening in the young church.

**Art Exhibition** with Yelena Barbalich At Baobab Café 152 Ridderford St in Newtown Open until 1st of December. Come and have a look.

#### Homestay Families need for St Marys College

If you think your household would like to be a part of our school's international family please get in touch with our Home Stay Coordinator, on 44735554 or email [philippa.smyth@stmw.school.nz](mailto:philippa.smyth@stmw.school.nz). She will send a Guide to Homestay booklet to see if your family would be a good fit.



St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales