



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 April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

But Jesus needs us too, like the vine with the branches...He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples — it is our task — to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples — we, Jesus' disciples — do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love.'

Pope Francis, Angelus 2 May 2021

Now

Day of prayer for Vocations

Sunday 28 April

Coming up

XLT Youth Group

Friday 3 May 7pm

St Anne's Hall

Christian Life Programme

starts Saturday 4 May

St Francis de Sales Church

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 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

Wed: 9am St Bernard's in Term time

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

Gospel Reflection

" I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES."

All of the readings of today are concerned with BELONGING, NOURISHMENT and APPRECIATION, something that we are all need of. Life revolves around these needs and desires. These precious gifts are not 'out there.' They must come from within ourselves when, only when we are connected to the vine Jesus Himself, and if not, why not?

In the first reading (Acts 9:26-31), we learn about an incident in the amazing life of Saul of Tarsus, later to become the great St Paul. He was not one of the original Apostles, rather, he was later called by Jesus Himself, and the Apostles learned how Jesus was to use him to grow the Church in the land of the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm (22:26b-32), 'The Victory over Death. It is a reflection on the RESURRECTION and an ASSURANCE that Jesus Christ is Risen and still lives among us.

Second reading (1 John 3:18-24) The beginning of this passage refer to the Sincerity of a loving heart. Therefore, if our heart or conscience is free from anxiety, then we will know that we love God and our neighbour in the way we were meant to, 'The Greatest Commandment.

The Gospel reading (John 15:L1-8.) "I Am The Vine, you are the branches." This statement describes a RELATIONSHIP between Jesus and us. It is a relationship of Intimacy, Intensity that demands an abiding that never ends. Abiding in Jesus the Vine and being pruned by Gods the Father, the Vinedresser, our lives begin to bear fruits of Joy, Love, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness and Self-Control. (Gal. 5:22).

If our Saviour is to reign in our heart so that we may bear FRUITS, then there are some things we must observe. The first thing in the morning is to prepare your heart to be at peace. Ask for God's grace and offer to God all the good you will do during the day. In this way, you will be prepared to bear with peace and serenity all the pain and suffering you will encounter during the day. We must put up with others, but first with ourselves. Most of all do not lose heart. Be Patient! Do all you can to develop a spirit of compassion. What matter most is that we do faithfully all things we need to do, to advance the Kingdom of God in our hearts. Then we can bear much fruit in the world.

FOR YOU AND ME: -

What does it mean to be a Branch who is attached to the Life-Giving vine?

Do I only see my relationship with God a personal one-on-one?

How do I see that I am part of a community of believers who are called to be united together with the life-giving wine?

What are some of the fruits of my relationship with God that are evident to others and that might draw them into a closer relationship with God and with others?

Therefore let us accept and respect people as they are no matter what. Always be alert and be ready to give a hand when needed, and a willingness to be a friend to those in need



I AM THE VINE,
you are the branches

Koleta Teofilo Konise.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel acclamation: Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversary: Dorothy Bruce, Salvatore De Gregorio, Vanessa O'Connor



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Refugee Collection

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Refugee Appeal. Sr Rachel reports we have reached over \$4,000. The Refugee Family of 10 currently living in our Parish are very grateful to receive our support. This money will go to the Reunification Programme to bring close refugee relatives from Ethiopia to join them here.

Can you help? Are you able to drive a van and have a full NZ licence? Village at the Park Community is looking for weekday volunteer (s) to drive residents in care households (accompanied by their staff) in the Village Van on various outings. Contact Sr Elizabeth 0276805002



Last Sunday Jim and Janine McLaughlin renewed their Wedding vows at St Francis de Sales Church. We wish them many more years as a happily married couple.

The **South Coast Arts Trail** will feature a multicultural and diverse range of artists living and working in Island Bay and Owhiro Bay. The **St Francis de Sales Church and Hall** will be open to the public on

*Saturday May 4th from 10-2pm
Sunday May 5th after Mass 12-4pm.*

Tax Receipts

For those on Automatic payments, you should have received your Church Tax Receipts by email.

For those who give by envelope, they are ready in the foyer of the Church.

Readings for this week

Sun 28 Apr: Acts 9:26-31; 1John 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Mon 29 Apr: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 15:12-17

Tue 30 Apr: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wed 1 May: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thurs 2 May: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Fri 3 May: 1Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-9

Sat 4 May: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage -

all engaged couples are strongly encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Wellington's flagship marriage preparation course, "Love is a Decision", the next course is on 9 & 16 June 2024 at St Catherine's College Kilbirnie. marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



Christian Life Program



Couples for Christ (CFC)

Wellington invites you and your family to rediscover God's love through our **Christian Life**

Program (CLP). This is open to all couples, widows, widowers, divorced, and single parents. This is a free event and refreshments will be served after each session. The CLP will start on the 4th of May 2024, Saturday at 2pm in **St Francis de Sales Church** (173 Clyde Street, Island Bay). For more information, please contact Bro. Augy Historillo - 0275417781, Bro. Gio Rival - 0291297060 or through our website <https://couplesforchristwellington.nz/>

Seek: Explore and Discern. Archdiocesan Vocations and Young Church event. Sunday 5 May at 12.30pm, St Anne's Newtown. For more information contact youth@wn.catholic.org.nz.

XLT Wellington is back in May 2024 on Friday the 3rd of May 7-9.30pm at St Anne's Hall, Newtown. XLT (eXaLT) is night of music, worship, Eucharistic adoration and more for teens and young adults! The XLT team are also looking for excellent people to join their team, so if you would like to serve on the prayer, environment, hospitality or production teams reach out to xltwellington@gmail.com or [@xltwellington](https://twitter.com/xltwellington)

Healing Service

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church Petone 41 Britannia St. on Tuesday 7 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.

Marist St Pats RFC – The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12 May at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Fundraiser for Mary Potter Hospice:
Fabric-a-Brac

Vintage and modern fabrics for bargain prices. St Anne's Hall Saturday May 4th 10am to 1pm



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



St Francis de Sales