



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 June 2

Body and Blood of Christ

'And thus, with simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament. His is a humble gesture of giving, a gesture of sharing. At the culmination of his life, he does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the multitudes, but breaks himself apart at the Passover supper with the disciples. In this way Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 6 June 2021

Now

Corpus Christi

Sunday 2 June

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday 7 June

Coming up

1st Session

'Belonging in this Land'

Monday 10 June 7-8.30pm

St Anne's Church

Matariki at St Anne's

Friday 28 June

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

From Fr Ravi

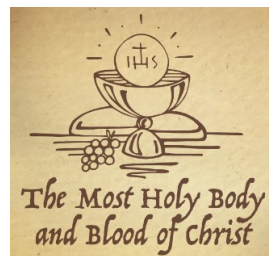
My dear friends today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. Before we get to the readings let us have a quick look at the history of this feast. Having originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century, it was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. Eucharist calls us to focus on manifestations of the Body of Christ – the Church. At every Mass, our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ (Transubstantiation of Jesus) in it. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples.

The readings this Sunday emphasize the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant. In the first reading, we have the narrative of the creation of the covenant between the Israelites and Yahweh. When Moses recounted the covenant demands to the Israelites, the people declared their willingness to obey. In ancient times covenants were usually sealed by blood. Therefore, Moses carried bowls filled with the blood of the animals sacrificed earlier as offerings. He splashed half on the altar, which symbolizes God. The other half he sprinkled on the Hebrew people, telling them it is through this ritual action that "the Covenant" between them and Yahweh, has been established. You may wonder why blood is so important. Such use of blood seems foreign to us, even objectionably gruesome. Yet we must understand that in the culture of the Israelites, blood was a symbol of life, purification and unity. Therefore, the Israelites were purifying themselves by shedding blood. It was also a symbol of unity, as the participants essentially became one entity, bound together in an unbreakable bond.

The second reading taken from Hebrews continues to emphasize the theme of the blood of Christ. The author mentions that Christ came as a high priest for the forgiveness of sins. Under the old covenant, sacrificial blood was required to sanctify almost everything. Forgiveness of sins, in particular, Jesus' death on the cross as a redemptive act for humanity – as "ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Just as sacrificial animals had to be without blemish; Jesus is without blemish – without sin. Jesus himself paid the deadly price for humanity breaking the covenants.

In the gospel taken from Mark, we hear the narrative of the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus replaced Moses as the God-chosen mediator, establishing the New Covenant promised through the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:31-34), by using His own Blood rather than that of sacrificial animals. The Eucharistic celebration is a sacrifice because it is the re-presentation or re-living in an unaltered manner of Christ's Death. As Jesus told us to do so: "Do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19). The Eucharist also teaches us the importance of community. Our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot coexist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters. We become the living Jesus, present in our world. An important element in the Eucharist is that of Jesus breaking the bread. It is a distinctive sign of our faith and the place where we encounter the Lord who offers himself so that we can be reborn to new life. In the Most Holy Eucharist, we truly receive Jesus – his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – nourishing us for those lonely moments that are so often part of our human experience, and reassuring us that God is always present in our lives. May God bless us all.

Fr. Ravi Kumar.Voliganti,



Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Patrick Brian Ward

Anniversary: Paulo Matafeo, Selia Stowers, Viane Ineleo, Iosefo Kelemete



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

Save the dates!

Following widespread concern about the present government's attitude to all things Māori, not least Te Tiriti, a group called Common Grace Aotearoa is offering a programme '**Belonging in this Land** - Treaty Basics from a Christian Perspective'. This consists of two video presentations followed by group discussion. The programme is an opportunity for us to learn more about Te Tiriti, and what it means to be Tangata Tiriti in the face of the Treaty Principles Bill. It is very important that all of us: Māori, Pākehā, recent migrants as well as those whose ancestors came to this country in the 1800s, have an understanding of te Tiriti and the Treaty (note they are separate documents). Sir David Moxon, former Anglican Archbishop of NZ is one of the presenters.

Date Session 1 Monday 10 June at 7pm -8.30pm

Date Session 2 Monday 24 June at 7pm -8.30pm

Venue St Anne's Church

Common grace would be very grateful for any donation. Go to treatyandbelonging.nz/resources There will also be a donation basket at the back of the church Please let the parish office know if you wish to attend so a participant's booklet can be prepared for you. Email: office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org Further questions contact Elizabeth, Carolyn, Christine or Maria.



Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish family Kalala, Lualei & Lise who were Baptised at St Anne's Church recently by Fr Doug



Readings for this week

Sun 2 June: Ex 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26

Mon 3 June 2Peter 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12

Tue 4 June: 2Peter 3:11-15,17-18; Mk 12:13-17

Wed 5 June: 2Tim 1:1-3,6-12; Mk 12:18-27

Thurs 6 June: 2Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

Fri 7 June: Hosea 11: 1.3-4,8-9; Eph 3:8-12,14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Sat 8 June: Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44



Christian Life Programme:



talk proper, sharing, and fellowship afterwards.

For more information, please contact Bro.

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or through our website <https://couplesforchristwellington.nz/>



ERSKINE OLD GIRLS

All Erskine Old Girls and Staff are invited to a service at Erskine Chapel, Avon St, Island Bay, 9.30am, on Saturday, 8th June. Service starts at 10am

The chapel will be open for old girls and staff to visit from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Please register <https://bit.ly/3T8oEz7> or contact monicatresch@gmail.com

REOPENING WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, HILL ST, WELLINGTON

Friday 7 June: 7.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving. *Invitation only*
Sunday 9 June Afternoon – Tours of the cathedral offered.

Catholic College Open Days

St Catherine's College Open Day—Wednesday 12 June
6pm to 7.30pm

South Coast Prayer Trek - Sat 22 June

Our theme is water, sharing thoughts and prayer on how we need it and how we use it, and how nature manages. A two hour trek over Island Bay hills. Meet at 10am at the Paekawakawa track entrance, 46a Derwent Street. Wear



good walking shoes, and bring walking poles plus your trusty water bottle. Contact Liz - 022 185 5357.

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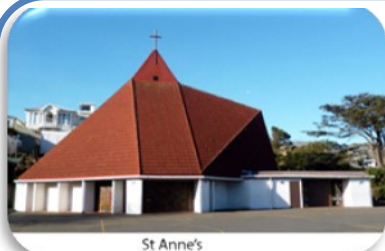
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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales