



# 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 16 11th Sunday Ord Time

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

*Pope Francis*

### Now

#### Confirmation Mass

Sat 22 June 6pm at SFdS

#### South Coast Prayer Trek

10am Saturday 22 June

### Coming up

#### Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Sunday 23 June

#### Belonging in this Land

Monday 24 June 7-8.30pm

St Anne's Church

#### Matariki at St Anne's

11am Friday 28 June

#### Peters Pence Collection

Sunday 30 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

## Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners

What we see in today's Gospel reading from Mark is a collection of parables, most of which uses the growth of a seed. It helps to illustrate what is happening in the growth of the Kingdom proclaimed by Jesus.

In the First Reading the prophet Ezekiel foretells that God would take a sprig from the top of a lofty cedar and plant it in Zion. Under God's protective care that sprig would grow into a great and noble cedar. Ezekiel hoped and dreamed that God would transplant the exiled people of Israel back into the lands of their forebears. He glimpsed a future son of David whose kingdom would be universal. The promise is fulfilled in Jesus who ushers in the kingdom of God.

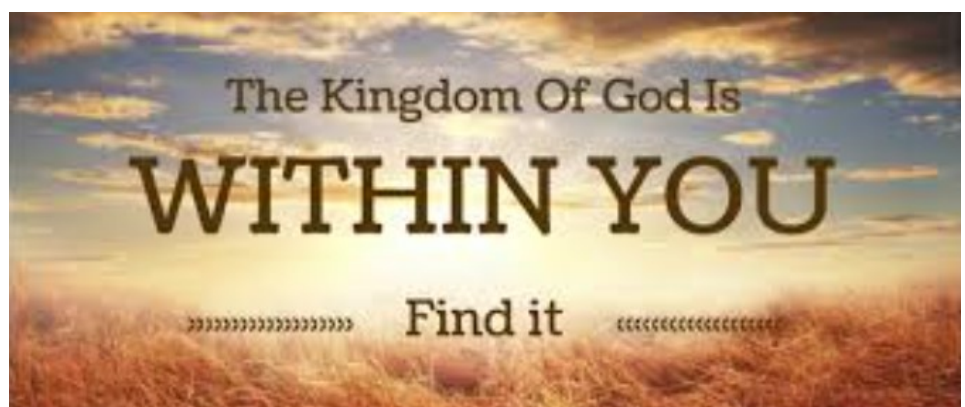
The parables of the seed that is produced by the earth itself and the mustard seed were meant to encourage the early Church which was worried about the kingdom's slow growth. These parables are telling the disciples to be patient, to trust and not to expect instant results.

Through the power of God, from small beginnings the kingdom will grow into something great and noble.

Our task is to help sow the seed remembering great things are done by a series of small steps to achieve the greatest kingdom of all.

*With every blessing*

**Fr Doug**



**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Gospel acclamation:** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** John Woods, Des Lyons

**Anniversary:** Grace Tindall, Joseph Barnao,  
Nina & Antonino De Gregorio



**Celebrate Matariki**

On Friday 28th June. Starting with a Liturgy at 11am at St Anne's Church. This will be followed by a Hangi in the Hall. All Parishioners welcome to this special Parish event.



**Reopening of the Sacred Heart Cathedral**

A packed Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington reopened on Friday 7 June with Archbishop Paul Martin leading a Mass of Thanksgiving. Cardinal John Dew concelebrated at the Mass with many of our Priests in attendance. It will once again be a place to worship and commemorate our special events as an Archdiocese.



Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert celebrates her 189th birthday on **Wednesday 19 June.**

You are welcome to attend Mass with the Compassion Sisters and Staff at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, at 9.00 a.m. This will be followed by morning tea in the Home's dining room. "Let us be kind, and we will give happiness."



**'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,

**Date Session 2 Monday 24 June at 7pm -8.30pm**  
**Venue St Anne's Church**

Dear Mission friends, With deep gratitude we thank you for your support this year towards our Annual Mission Fair & Raffle, and Sharing Dinner, and other fundraising. We know well that so many of our friends like yourself have prayed and made sacrifices and, thanks to your support, \$20,000 has been raised for the missions during the last year. Thank you for everything. God Bless you.



**Sisters Of St Peter Claver**

Put this in your diary. Everybody is welcome to the Wellington Prayer event hosted by 'Current of Grace Wellington' on **Saturday 27th July 2024** between 1:00 and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Contact: Josephine Olsen 027 367 4453

The **Annual Finance Report** for our Parish is now out. Copies are available in the foyer. The Finance Committee wish to thank all parishioners for their generosity in gifting to the Parish.

**Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on Thursday 20th June at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Speaker: Steve Ready on "Pray with meaning" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

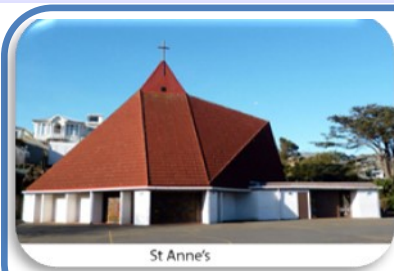
**Readings for this week**

- Sun 16 June:** Ez 17:22-24; 2Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
- Mon 17 June** 1Kings 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
- Tue 18 June:** 1Kings 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
- Wed 19 June:** 2Kings 2:1,6-14; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
- Thurs 20 June:** Ecc 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
- Fri 21 June:** 2Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20;Mt 6:19-23
- Sat 22 June:** 2Cron 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34



**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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St Francis de Sales