



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 ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday July 7

14th Sunday Ord Time

'It often happens in life that we seek from our experiences only what conforms to our own ideas and ways of thinking so as never to have to make an effort to change. And this can even happen with God, and even to us believers, to us who think we know Jesus, that we already know so much about Him and that it is enough to repeat the same things as always. And this is not enough with God. But without openness to God's surprises, without amazement, faith becomes a tiring litany that slowly dies out and becomes a habit.

Pope Francis Angelus, 4 July 2021

Now

Seafarers Sunday

Sunday 14 July

Coming up

Feast of Mary Magdalene

Monday 22 July

Grandparents Day

Feast of St's Joachim & Ann

Friday 26 July

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

God's power seen best in our weakness

Dictionaries often describe a prophet as someone who can foresee and predict the future, but our three readings today all give a much deeper and richer insight into the prophet's role. This is above all someone who speaks God's truth to an audience that doesn't want to hear it.

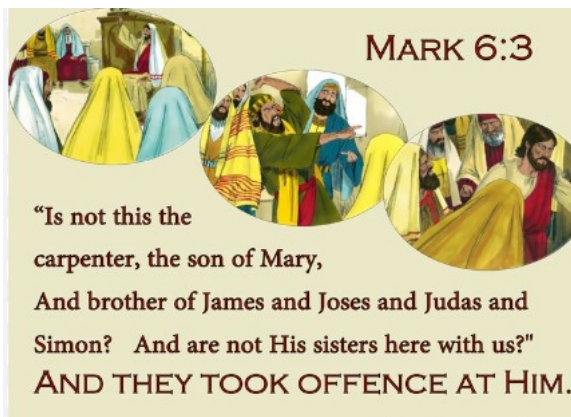
Ezekiel, the author of our first reading, is one of the major prophets of the Old Testament and lived about five centuries before Jesus. This morning, we hear how Ezekiel was sent by the Spirit to confront a religious community which had turned away from God and grown rebellious. 'Whether they listen or not, they shall know there is a prophet among them,' is the word Ezekiel hears.

In the second reading, Paul writes to the Christian community in Corinth, telling them that he feels very unequal to the task God has given him. 'My grace is enough for you,' God tells him. 'My power is at its best in weakness.' Paul admits that, to keep him from getting too proud, he has been sent 'a thorn in the flesh'. Scholars debate what this might mean – a physical or psychological ailment of some kind, or perhaps the realisation that there are divisions among the believers in Corinth that he has never been able to resolve. Whatever the problem, Paul writes that he is ready to bear this burden for Christ's sake; 'for it is when I am weak that I am strong.'

Our gospel reading, from Mark, tells of Jesus going with his disciples to his hometown of Nazareth. Even though he is well-known there, or perhaps because of this very fact, his message falls on deaf ears, and he is unable to work any miracles in this climate of faithlessness and disbelief. 'A prophet is only despised in his own house,' Jesus laments.

Who are the prophets in our midst today, and what are they saying to us? Is it a word about our welcome to refugees and other cultures? Or about child poverty or school lunches? What about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the rights of Maori in the land that was once their own? How open are we to what the Spirit is saying to us today?

Dennis Horton



Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel acclamation: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Samson Badayos, Bro Kieran Fenn FMS who died in Auckland. Tom Vitale, W Menerun

Anniversary: Patricia Hutchison



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

Matariki Event: Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Parish celebration of Matariki at St Anne's. We had a memorable Liturgy followed by a community Hangi in the Hall. Special thanks to the Chefs.



LIFE TEEN LEADERSHIP CONVENTION: 30th August - 1st September 2024. Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt, Wellington Year 13 + \$120 Per Person Go to <https://lifeteen.nz/convention> to register. Sponsorship available from the Parish. Email the Parish Office.

Living wage- You are invited to a discussion on Sunday 21st July after the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church Mt Victoria, to hear more about the Living Wage: how the Living Wage movement involves faith communities, current Living Wage initiatives and reflect how as individuals and a community we can support this cause. For more information contact John Feeney Parish Social Justice group: johnfeeney57@gmail.com

Readings for this week

Sun 7 July: Ez 2:2-5; 2Cor 12:7-10-15; Mk 6:1-6
Mon 8 July: Hosea 2:16-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tue 9 July: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wed 10 July: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7
Thurs 11 July: Hosea 11:1-11; Mt 10:7-15
Fri 12 July: Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Sat 6 July: Isaiah 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33



Last Sunday Fr Peter Janssen led an Italian language Mass at St Francis de Sales Church.

Island Bay is home to many of the descendants of the original Italian fishing families that came to live in New Zealand. The spire of St Francis de Sales Church was built to resemble the prow of a ship, in acknowledgement of the history of Island Bay as a safe harbour for fishermen and their families. We hope to make this an annual event in the Parish.



Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish family Duane Gutierrez who was Baptised at St Anne's Church last Saturday By Fr Doug

Saturday 13 July. Archdiocesan Mass for our migrant communities and chaplaincies. Mass starts at 9.30am at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. The Mass will be followed by morning tea, fellowship, a workshop and shared lunch between 10.30am – 1.30pm. Feel free to bring a plate to share. All welcome. Contact Deirdre at d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

"Ko Te Tiriti Mai Rānō: The Treaty is Always Speaking. A Covenant for the Generations" 9:30am-3pm, 6/7 July, Home of Compassion, Island Bay

Participants can attend one or both days with daily registration by koha. Lunch provided.

For more information <https://www.facebook.com/share/SJpYPzZc9ciesF26/>. To register contact Deirdre Meskill d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz.

6 July Te Tiriti in the light of Catholic Social Teaching
Te Tiriti as Covenant

7 July A Guide to using te reo in Liturgy and in daily life
What does a bicultural future look like?
What blessings can we hope for?

The hui is organised by Christian Life Community and the Bicultural Relationships Committee of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission.

Congratulations to John and Penny Holden who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday



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