



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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 1 Sept 2024

22nd Sunday Ord Time

We too could ask ourselves: why do Jesus and his disciples disregard these traditions? After all, they are not bad things, but good ritual habits, simple cleansing before eating. Why is Jesus not concerned with this? Because for him it is important to bring faith back to its centre and to avoid a risk of observing outward formalities, and putting the heart and faith in the background. *Angelus, 29 August 2021)*

Now

Second session Holy Communion

Sunday 25 August

Day of prayer for Care of Creation

Sunday 1 September

Coming up

Social Justice week

8-14 September

Suzanne Aubert Combined Mass

Sunday 6 October

10.30am St Francis de Sales

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

Our hearts desire

Today's readings and psalms tell us God's plan for a joy filled, peaceful, fruitful life for all people. A holy nation comes from loving and being in communion with God, and, following his commandments. Imagine a world where everyone fulfils their calling in the work of creation. Wow!

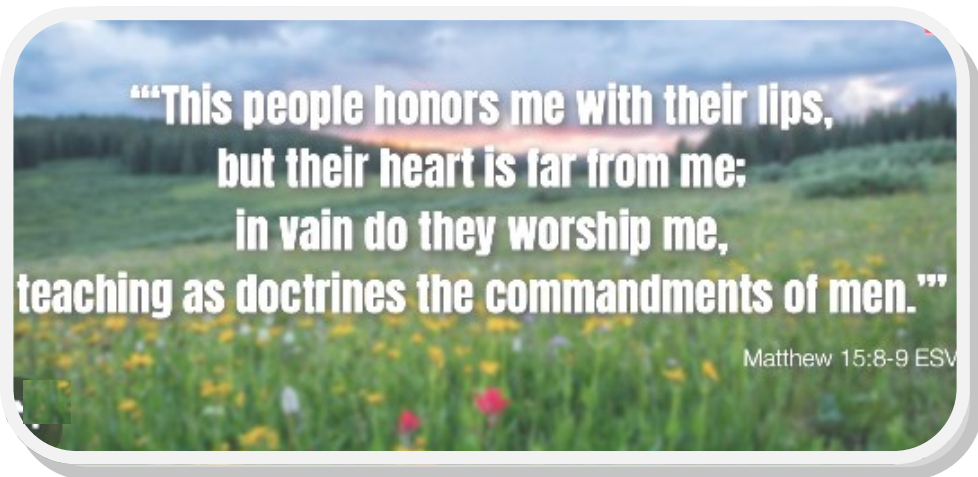
But, we see in the Gospel that the Pharisees and scribes seem to think that good handwashing practices are critical to God's plan? This raises the questions of what is at the heart of God's plan for us in contrast to customs or traditions that may or may not bring people closer to God. Are our actions life giving to all people or self-serving? Do we judge others by what they do or don't do?

Jesus responded to the Pharisees and scribes saying 'People honour me with their lips but their hearts are far from me' and 'You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition'. We are all sinners and our hearts cannot be fixed by our own efforts. It is through will and grace that we are made right with God. Let us be willing to accept we need help.

When we truly know the depth and breadth of God's love, follow his commandments, and desire communion with God, then, there will be no room left in our hearts for evil and sin. Nothing that comes from outside will be able to shake us – including poor handwashing practices.

Believe in, and, desire God's constant love with all your heart. Go well, spread God's love and serve one another.

Christine Ammunson



Responsorial Psalm: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversary: Francesco (Mini) Di Leva, Raffaele Volpicelli, Luigi Mollo, Salvatore Volpicelli, E J ChanFoung, Iris Germetis



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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

From St Anne's liturgy Committee:

Celebrating the 2024 Season of Creation: Let Justice and Peace Flow (**1 Sept-4 Oct**)

1. Sunday Eucharist throughout the Season will include creation focused hymns and prayers, taking into account Social Justice Week and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.
2. There will be a 'put and take' table in the foyer. Bring an item(s) that you no longer need or want. It may be useful for someone else. Take something from the table if you wish. This action will encourage us to keep items in circulation rather than going into the rubbish tip.
3. Other suggestions:
 - a. Get involved in a sustainability project (e.g., local park, beach, street, or parish peace garden clean-up).
 - b. Display the Season of Creation daily calendar available here: https://www.mercyworld.org/f/45074/x/cf51d113ae/season-of-creation-calendar-2017_a4.pdf or make your own.
 - c. Explore this year's theme here: seasonofcreation.org/
 - d. Click on this link to receive daily reflection <https://www.seasonofcreationdaily.org/>
4. On Sunday 29 September at 3pm we will have the Season of Creation **Stations of the Cross**

Our Priests were away at a Clergy gathering on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 August at St Thomas More Church in Wilton. Topics covered were matters relating to Safeguarding and focusing on our role as leaders.

"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding Lecture 6 in the series, **A Taste of Theology**. Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about "Christian identity, life and mission in Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This will be on Tuesday, 03 September 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register."

Readings for this week

- Sun 1 Sept:** Deut 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27;
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
- Mon 2 Sept:** 1Cor 2:1-5;; Lk 4:16-30
- Tue 3 Sept:** 1Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37
- Wed 4 Sept:** 1Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
- Thur 5 Sept:** 1Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
- Fri 6 Sept:** 1Cor 4:1-5; Lt 5:33-39
- Sat 7 Sept:** 1Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5



First Holy Communion

Please pray for our 30 children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist . This is a spiritual experience designed to give all those involved a closer relationship to God and a deeper understanding of our faith.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

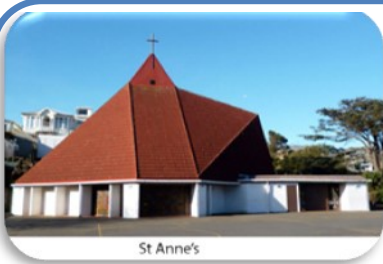
All engaged couples are strongly encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Wellington's flagship marriage preparation course, Limited places left available in the next course of 'Love is a Decision,' the flagship marriage preparation course of the Archdiocese. Sundays, 9th & 15th September. Enrol online at wn.catholic.org.nz Only two more courses in 2024 – the last course for 2024 will be in November.

Social Justice Week: 8-14 September

2024 Imagine Peace for all: Choose forgiveness, know peace. Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week.



Congratulations and prayers for our Wellington seminarian **Kinh Nguyen**, who recently made his Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith in preparation for his Diaconate Ordination next Friday.



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St Francis de Sales