



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 25 Aug 2024 21st Sunday Ord Time

'Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life, is his very flesh; him, in his incarnation. This means that... God... must be recognized in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 22 August 2021

Now

**First session
Holy Communion**

Sunday 25 August

Coming up

**Day of prayer for Care of
Creation**

Sunday 1 September

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

From Fr Ravi

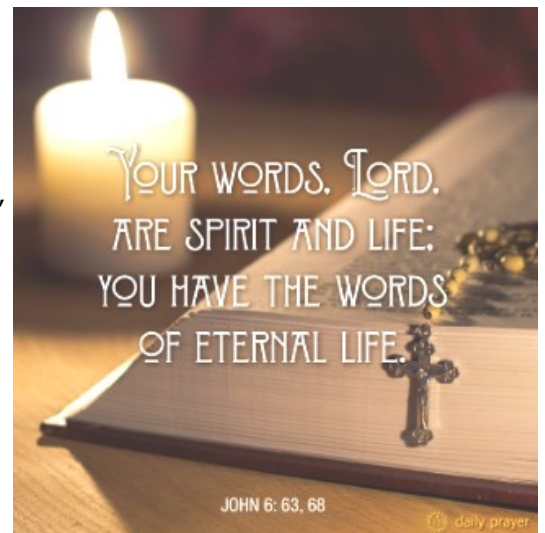
Dear brothers and sisters, the readings for the 21st Sunday in ordinary time called us to make a choice to serve the Lord with all our heart, to live out our relationships in a way that reflects Christ's love and to remain faithful to Jesus even when his teachings are challenging.

In today's first reading Joshua gathers the people of Israel to renew their Covenant with God. He presents them with a choice to serve the Lord faithfully or to follow other gods. Joshua boldly proclaims as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. This declaration underscores the importance of personal conviction and commitment to God,

The psalm expresses trust in God's protection and deliverance, reminding us that the Lord hears the cry of the faithful and is close to the broken-hearted. Our choice to serve God comes with the Assurance of his presence and help in our lives.

In the second reading St Paul speaks about relationships, particularly marriage as a reflection of the relationship between Christ and the church. Paul calls for mutual love and respect urging husbands and wives to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. It speaks about the deep commitment and sacrificial love that should characterize our relationships modelled after Christ's love for the church.

The gospel presents us with a moment of decision for the disciples after Jesus speaks about being the bread of life and the necessity of eating his flesh and drinking his blood. Many of his followers find his teaching too difficult to accept. They grumble and many choose to leave him in response. Jesus asks the 12 if they too want to leave, Peter's profound answer Lord "to whom shall we go" you have the words of eternal life. This epitomizes the faith and dedication needed to follow Christ. As we reflect on today's readings let us consider the depth of our commitment to God.



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Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Stephen Riley, Lesley Masters

Anniversary: Patrick Bruce



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

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our 32 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.

Hope and Act with Creation

Start preparing now for our PUT AND TAKE table in the foyer of St Anne's Church during the Season of Creation 1Sept-29 Sept. Further details next week'

Rest in Peace: Fr Denis O'Hagan SM died on Wednesday 14 August 2024 after a short illness. Fr Denis was ordained in the Church of St Francis de Sales in June 1969. Fr Denis recently lived in Newtown and often assisted with the celebration of Mass at St Anne's. The Parish extends its condolences to the extended O'Hagan and Gordon families.

His Vigil was at Saint Mary of the Angels on Sunday at 7pm and Funeral Mass on Monday 19th in the same church.

LIFE TEEN LEADERSHIP CONVENTION: 30th August - 1st September 2024. Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt, Wellington
We are delighted to announce that our Parish will be sponsoring 2 young people to attend this convention.

St Bernard's Legacy

The next projects to be funded by the St Bernard's Legacy are:

- ◆ Repair of the Driveway outside the Presbytery main door.
- ◆ A Scholarship programme to attend a Catholic Secondary school



Congratulations to Girmatsion Chine who has been awarded a scholarship to assist him with school fees to attend St Patrick's College in Kilbirnie. His family have recently emigrated from Eritrea and attend Mass at St Francis de Sales.

More opportunities to apply for a scholarship to attend a Catholic Secondary school will be announced shortly.

The St Bernard's Legacy has given our Parish a unique opportunity to give back to the community as well as to ensure our future.

Readings for this week

Sun 25 Aug: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Mon 26 Aug: 2Thes 1:1-5,11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tue 27 Aug: 2Thes 2:1-3,14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wed 28 Aug: 2Thes 3:6-10,16-18; Mt 23:27-32

Th 29 Aug: Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29

Fri 30 Aug: 1Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Sat 31 Aug: 1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30



Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco
We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARRIVING IN OCTOBER

We need your help to find long-term homestays for starting in October for Term 4. While we would love to find them a long term family immediately, we would appreciate a homestay taking them for Term 4 until we can find them a permanent home for 2025. Please consider this option.
1 Thai student and 2 Chinese students

All three boys are long term students, returning for the 2025 school year. St Patrick's offers a homestay fee of \$340.00 per week for 2024, and \$360.00 per week for 2025. If you would like to host one of these young men please email Meg Szulinski, at St. Patrick's College, at meg.szulinski@stpats.school.nz

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.

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.

For further details or to register email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz or visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/. Explore the realities of a lifetime of married love through a variety of relevant topics

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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