



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 22 Sept 2024 24th Sunday Ord Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Now

1st Holy Communion Mass

Sunday 22 September
9am St Anne's Church

Coming up

Stations of the Cross

Sunday 29 September
3pm St Anne's

Ethnic Dinner

with the Peter Claver Sisters

Saturday 5 October 6.30 St Anne's

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

Samoa 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

The readings for the Sunday encourage us to embrace humility and service as the true marks of greatness in Gods Kingdom. They help us deepen our understanding of what it truly means to live a life in service to others. Today's first reading paints a picture of the righteous person being persecuted by the wicked. Human ambition and jealousy is the path of true greatness in the eyes of the world where power, status and personal gain often define success. This passage reminds us that the way of righteousness is often difficult misunderstood and even persecuted, but it is in this very path of suffering and endurance that we witness the true strength of the just person trusting in Gods ultimate justice and vindication.

The psalm Echoes "the Cry of the just person", calling out to God for help and deliverance behold God is my helper the Lord sustains my life it is a prayer of trust and hope in the face of adversity. This trust in Gods help is a hallmark of the righteous who do not take matters into their own hands through violence or revenge but seek refuge in Gods protection and justice.

In todays second reading St James gives us a practical insight into the source of conflict and disorder in human relationships. How often do we see division and conflict whether in families' workplaces or even within the church caused by pride envy and the desire for power? James contrasts these with the wisdom from above which is pure peaceable gentle willing to yield full of mercy in good fruits of peace, love, joy, forgiveness, kindness and justice. He says that many of our prayers go unanswered because we pray with selfish motives seeking to satisfy our own desires rather than seeking Gods will.

In the gospel Jesus imparts a powerful lesson on humility in service through his interactions with his disciples. Despite knowing that he would face betrayal and suffering, Jesus teaches his disciples about the true meaning of greatness in the kingdom of God. He reveals that greatness is found in the least among us and embracing a childlike Spirit of innocence and trust. We participate in Gods kingdom here on earth as we reflect on these readings. Let us ask ourselves are we motivated by selfish ambitions and desires or are we guided by a genuine spirit of humility and service? Do we seek greatness in the eyes of the world or do we strive to be true Disciples of Christ by following his example of selfless love.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel acclamation: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Patrick Anselmi

Anniversary: Helen Powell, Antonio Mollo, Tina Cuccurullo, Gennaro Cuccurullo





CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert
6 October 2024

He wahine whakapono nui
A women of great faith

WHAKAPONO FAITH



Kia rite tō whakapono ki tō
Te rahi o te kākano mātete.

Have faith the size of a
mustard seed

Suzanne Aubert Combined Mass

At 10.30 on Sunday 6 October at St Francis de Sales. Please bring along non perishable food items (eg canned tomatoes, baked beans and spaghetti etc) to be donated to the Sisters of Compassion Soup kitchen. Also, please bring some finger food to share with the cuppa afterwards. On that weekend there will be **no 9am Mass at St Anne's**

Come and join us for our **Parish annual Anointing Mass** at the Home of Compassion, 3rd October at 1.30pm. Remembering the Anniversary of Venerable Suzanne Aubert's death. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



First Holy Communion

Last Sunday at St Francis de Sales we celebrated the First Holy Communion of 17 of our children. This Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion at St Anne's

Pilgrimage with the Saints Tour 2025

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788.

Holy Hour: You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 September beginning at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

Readings for this week

- Sun 22 Sept:** Wis 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37
- Mon 23 Sept:** Prov 3:27-34;; Lk 8:16-18
- Tue 24 Sept:** Prov 21:1-6,10-13; Lk 8:19-21
- Wed 25 Sept:** Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thur 26 Sept:** Ecc 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
- Fri 27 Sept:** Ecc 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
- Sat 28 Sept:** Ecc 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43-45



Season of Creation

"We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, it's meaning and it's limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival" (#22 Laudate Deum)

Action: Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.

Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family Sebastian Pardo-Fineman who was Baptised at St Anne's Church last Saturday by Fr Doug



The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding an **Ethnic Dinner with Entertainment**

Saturday 5 October 6.30pm at St Anne's Hall in Newtown. Bring your favourite dish to share. Entry \$15 Adults, Children \$10, under 5 free. Important: Tickets available on the night. Arrive a little before time as dinner is served 6.30pm sharp. Contact peterclaver@xtra.co.nz or 383 8401



Midweek Mass at St Bernard's School in Brooklyn

Last Wednesday we celebrated a whole of School Mass in the Hall at St Bernard's with Fr Doug.

Fabric a brac: A fundraiser for Mary Potter Hospice. Vintage and modern sewing and upholstery fabric, patterns, haberdashery and more. It brings the sewing community together to share stashes, stories and delight in our mutual love of textiles. **St Anne's Hall** Saturday 28 Sept



St Anne's

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Away from the Parish September/October

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St Francis de Sales