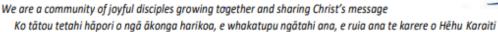




Catholic Parish of Wellington South

In the spirit of Suzanne Aubert

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Sunday 29 Sept 2024 25th Sunday Ord Time

The Gospel of Mark (9:38-43) tells us, "Anyone who is not against us is for us." So let's not condemn the world, but give it a chance to be, for us. Pope Francis's addresses to the UN and the US Congress 2015

Now

Daylight Saving

2am Sunday 29 September Turn your clock forward 1 hour

Stations of the Cross

Sunday 29 September 3pm St Anne's

Coming up

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

Samoan Mass every 3rd Sunday **St Bernard's Mass** 10.30am every 1st Sunday at the school Hall

Gospel Reflection

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted

Apart from their names, we know very little about Eldad and Medad. They were among the 70 leaders chosen by Moses to share his task of leading the Jewish people on their pilgrimage to the land promised them by God. In our first reading, the pair begin to speak under the influence of God's spirit, without being authorised by Moses. But Moses does not seem put out by this turn of events; 'if only the whole people were prophets,' he laments, 'and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

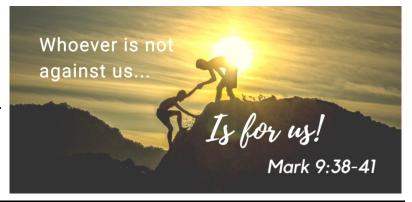
A parallel is drawn between this episode in the Book of Numbers and the scene in today's passage from Mark's gospel, where Jesus is told that someone who is not one of the disciples has been casting out evil spirits in his name. 'You must not stop him,' Jesus responds. 'No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.' Both passages are a reminder of Jesus' own words that the Spirit, like the wind, 'blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. This is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit.' (John 3:8)

The rest of our gospel text today contains some sharp warnings from Jesus about avoiding sin. They come as exaggerated figures of speech, advising that we would be better to cut off limbs or tear out an eye, than do anything that would imperil our entry into God's kingdom or, even worse, lead little ones astray. Though not to be followed literally, the figures are intended to be taken seriously.

The second reading continues the extracts from the letter of St James we have heard over recent weeks. Today, a sharp warning is sounded against the rich who have lived unjustly and cheated their workers. Their days of comfort and luxury are about to end, as God hears the cries of the poor. As our psalmist

reminds us today, the rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

Dennis Horton



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

9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass Fri:

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass **Responsorial Psalm**: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel acclamation: Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversary: Ken Jones, Gregory Jones





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 at **St Anne's** for our final liturgy to celebrate the Season of Creation. 29 September 3pm Sunday The Stations of the Cross for the Care of Creation



First Holy Communion at St Anne's

Last Sunday at St Anne's we celebrated the First Holy Communion of 11 of our children. It was a wonderful celebration and our thanks go out to everyone who helped.

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.

Readings for this week

Sun 29 Sept: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45

Mon 30 Sept: Job 1:6-22;; Lk 9:46-50

Tue 1 Oct: Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Lk 9:51-56 Wed 2 Oct: Exodus 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5,10

Thur 3 Oct: Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Fri 4 Oct: Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Sat 5 Oct: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Lk 10:17-24



Season of Creation

'Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things. (# 222 Laudato Si')

Action: Say a prayer of appreciation for the small things that make you happy e.g. a tree starting to bud in your garden.



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family Zianna Valeria who was Baptised at St Francis de Sales Church last Saturday by Fr Doug



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

October 14, 2024 The DRC NZ Wellington unit is hosting a retreat from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, led by Fr. Augustine Vallooran VC from DRC India. This event presents a valuable chance for everyone to participate in spiritual development and rejuvenation. Further inquiries: 0273476327 Email: drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com

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

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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