



# **Catholic Parish of Wellington South**

In the spirit of Suzanne Aubert

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We are a community of joyful disciples growing tagether 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 20 Oct 2024 29th Sunday Ord Time

The Holy Spirit always accompanies us. The Spirit consoles us in moments of sorrow and grief, when things are not going well, injustices seem to prevail, we realize how difficult it is to respond with good in the face of evil, we see how hard it is to forgive and what little courage we show in seeking peace. *Pope Francis, Synod, 2 October 2024* 

## Now

World Mission Sunday Special Collection Sunday 20 October

Next meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 23 October

# Coming up

All Saints Day
Friday 1 November

**All Souls Day** 

Saturday 2 November

#### **Weekend Mass**

Vigil Mass

6pm at St Francis de Sales,

Sunday Mass:

9am Št 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'sWed: 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**

My dear friends today we celebrate Mission Sunday as well as the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B.

We encounter a profound invitation to embrace a life characterized by selfless service, echoing the very essence of Christ's own ministry. The words of the prophet Isaiah, the Psalmist's hymn of praise, the Letter to the Hebrews, and the Gospel according to Mark all converge to guide us on a journey of reflection and transformation.

The first reading from Isaiah gives us the prophetic image of the Suffering Servant, who suffers not as a punishment but as a sacrifice for the sins of many. In our own lives, we are called to emulate this selfless love, offering ourselves in service to others without seeking recognition or reward.

Today's responsorial psalm reminds us of the steadfast love of God. "The eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear Him, those who hope for His kindness." God's love is the foundation of our hope. In times of difficulty, like the Suffering Servant, we are called to trust in God's love and care, even when His ways seem mysterious. This trust is a key element of Christian discipleship.

The world often measures success by how much power we accumulate or how many people we control, but Jesus tells us that greatness is not about being served but about serving others. The Son of God himself did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Let us ask ourselves how can we serve others more selflessly where is God calling us to sacrifice for the good of others. True leadership is to encourage others with humility.

I leave you with this quotation of St. Mother Theresa of Kolkata, "The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit

of love is service; the fruit of service is peace." I pray that each one of us may be able to fulfil our mission and contribute to the building of the Kingdom of God here on earth. May God bless us all.

Rev. Fr. Ravi Kumar.V, ravikmcal@gmail.com



**Responsorial Psalm**: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel acclamation**: The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

#### **Remembering the Holy Souls**

#### RIP:

**Anniversary:** Okusitino (Gus) Talia'uli, Michael Petagna, Camillo Amitrano





### World Mission Sunday Special Collection 20 October

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is: "Go and invite everyone

to the banquet" (Mt 22:9) The banquet is that of the wedding feast of the Son, of the One who comes to marry all humanity and therefore wants to invite everyone to the wedding feast!

The invitation to the banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood".

On this World Mission Sunday, let us respond to the call of all the baptized to serve and to give our lives. Let us invite everyone to discover the richness of our Christian spirituality. **Please give generously to the Missions.** 



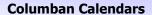
## **Baptisms:**

We welcome into our Parish family
Aaron Joseph Gallos
who was Baptised at St Anne's Church last
Saturday by Fr Doug

#### **Sacred Heart Cathedral Tours**

An opportunity to show the wonderfully refurbished category 1 Sacred Heart Cathedral to family and friends. Guided tours are being offered as part of the Wellington Heritage Festival. A rare opportunity to hear some of the stories behind this major refurbishment from the Project Architect for the work carried out over the last six years. Various heritage elements covered by previous building work have been revealed and the story of these and other areas of work will be outlined in a 45 minute tour of the building. Tea and scones served after the tour.

Saturday 26 October 10am-11am; 11am-12pm; 12pm-1pm Sunday 27 October 1-2pm; 2-3pm; 3-4pm Monday 28 October 10am-11am; 11am-12pm; 12pm-1pm



On Sale Now in the foyer. \$12

## Readings for this week

Sun 20 Oct: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

Mon 21 Oct: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21 Tue 22 Oct: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38 Wed 23 Oct: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48 Thur 24 Oct: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53 Fri 25 Oct: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59 Sat 26 Oct: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9



Thank you to everyone who came to support the **St Peter Claver Sisters** at their Pot Luck Fundraiser on 5 October at St Anne's. The sisters raised

\$1,316.10.





#### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY DAY**

Glimpses of God Through the Kitchen Window, facilitated by Raymond Eberhard. Join us for a reflective session where we experience the profound moments of awakening that arise in everyday life. **Saturday 9 November** starting at 10:00am with a cuppa, finishing by 3:00pm. Lyon Room, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay.

BEWARE! REQUESTS FOR FUNDS TO SEND OVERSEAS We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works. If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas. If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer, Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143 or email at e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz

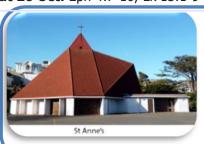
#### Tuesday 22 October

**Holy Hour** for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. 7.30pm – 8.30pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral Thorndon. You are invited to a Holy Hour which will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

**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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