



# 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 20 July 2025**

**16th Sunday Ordinary Time**

'We are a people on the move. This does not set us apart but unites us to humanity like the yeast in a mass of dough, which causes it to rise. The year of the Lord's grace, reflected in the Jubilee, has this fermentation within it. In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it.'

- Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 7 June 2025.

**Now**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary time**

Sunday 20 July

**Coming up**

**Day for Grandparents**

Sunday 27 July 2025

**Feast of the Assumption**

Friday 15 August

**1st Holy Communion session**

Sunday 3 August

**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 monthly  
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

Fri: 9.15am St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am St Anne's

## Gospel Reflection

Today's readings speak to me about women of faith. In the first reading we learn that God promised Sarah and Abraham that they would have a child although Sarah was beyond childbearing years. Both laughed at the very idea but miraculously Sarah gave birth to a son. He was named Isaac which means laughter. So, God works through us even when we are sceptical and he works through us in different ways. Significantly, today is the feast day of St Margaret of Antioch who is the patron saint of childbirth and pregnant women.

In the gospel we hear the familiar story about Jesus visiting Martha and Mary. While Martha was busy with all the domestics Mary was sitting with Jesus. We can learn from this that work is prayer and contemplation is also prayer. While Mary was preparing a meal for them to share together Martha was feeding on a spiritual meal by listening to Jesus. We need to be mindful of both active work and active listening in our complicated lives.

Mary Magdalene, another significant woman in the New Testament, has her feast day this Tuesday. As we know, she stayed with Jesus through his Crucifixion when other disciples abandoned him and she was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection. She had the privilege of announcing the news of that miracle.

No matter who we are we can ALL take comfort from Paul's Letter to the Colossians that "Christ is in you". While each of us has been entrusted with different talents, roles and privileges, and we practise our beliefs variously, we are united in our whakapono which translates as faith and trust.

**Carolyn Carr**



**Responsorial Psalm :** He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel acclamation :** Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

**Remembering the Holy Souls**

**RIP:**

**Anniversaries:** Johnny Silveira, Aldo Cuccurullo



**For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellington.southcatholic.org](http://wellington.southcatholic.org)**

To celebrate the **Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly** on Sunday, 27th July there will be a morning tea after the 9am Mass at St Anne's. Please bring something simple to share if you are able.

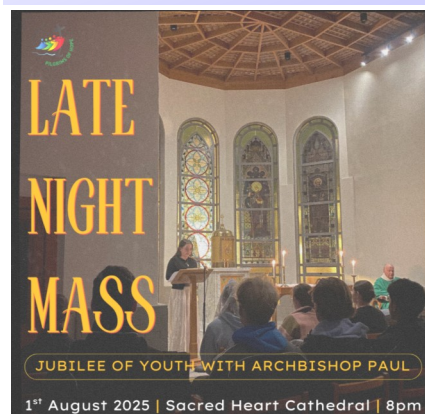
There will also be a special Mass at St Francis de Sales Church on Friday 25 July at 11am with the school. Everyone is welcome



"Come, Holy Spirit, breathe new life into your Church."  
As we begin our journey toward the **Hope and Renewal**

**Summit (3-4 October)**, this week we invite the Spirit to guide every step of preparation. Pray for the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our Church. Find out more: [www.hoperenewalsummit.com](http://www.hoperenewalsummit.com)

**Young Adult Retreat.** Special opportunity with Fr Giosue Busti at the Pa Maria Spirituality Centre, Thorndon, Wellington - Friday 25 July - Sunday 27 July. The Book of Revelation: The Book of Hope. Click on QR code for full details or email [revelationsretreat@gmail.com](mailto:revelationsretreat@gmail.com). It is not live-in and only \$50 for a great weekend of faith formation and encouragement with other young adults.



**Jubilee of Youth** Come celebrate the Jubilee of Youth with the archdiocese at the Late Night Mass! Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8pm on August 1st to celebrate the Eucharist together with Archbishop Paul. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer. You are all warmly invited!

**HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.** JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! **7:30 - 8:30pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on **Tuesday 22 July** and every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

#### Readings for this week

**Sun 20 July** : Gen 18:1-10 ; Col 1:24-28; Luke 10:28-42  
**Mon 21 July** : Ex 14:5-18 ; Matt 12:28-42  
**Tue 22 July** : Songs 3:1-4 ; John 20:1-2.11-18  
**Wed 23 July** : Ex 16:1-5.9-15 ; Matt 13:1-9  
**Thurs 24 July** : Ex 19:1-2.9-11.16-20; Matt 13:10-17  
**Fri 25 July** : Cor 4:7-15 ; Matt 20:20-28  
**Sat 26 July** : Eccles 44:1.10-15 ; Matt 13:16-17



**CONGRATULATIONS Fr. Kinh!** Wellington Archdiocese has its second new priest this year after the ordination of Fr Kinh Van Nguyen at Sacred Heart Cathedral on July 12. His initial ministry as a priest will be at Holy Trinity Parish, in Wellington's east.

**Laudato Si and the environment:** Pope Leo XIV has embraced Laudato Si' as a foundational document for his papacy. Laudato Si emphasises the interconnectedness of social and environmental justice. He sees the encyclical as a call to action. Pope Leo XIV also highlights the importance of aligning the environment with the common good, echoing concerns about environmental harm. At a recent Mass in Rome's Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo XIV recalled St. Francis of Assisi's focus on God's love for all of creation, which gives everything life. Go to: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-07>

A free talk by **Br Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory on **"From Galileo to Laudato Si': Why Science Needs Faith"**. **Wednesday 6 August from 6-7.30pm**, Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Wellington. You can register: [www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz) or by clicking on the [RSVP](#) link if you want to attend in person or the [Zoom](#) if you want to attend online.

#### Volunteer Candle Cleaners Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with candle cleaning at St Francis de Sales Church. If you're interested in giving back and lending a hand, please contact Nina Cuccurullo at 021 070 7474 for more details.

**The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation** – Love is a Decision - online registration now open for the next Course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive **Sundays 7 & 14 Sept** 10am-4pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces. Only two more courses before the end of the year, September and November. Email: [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

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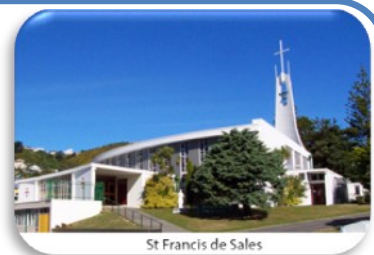
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