



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 27 July 2025

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Our relationship with God comes first. Although it is true that we must live out our faith through concrete actions, faithfully carrying out our duties according to our state of life and vocation, it is essential that we do so only after meditating on the Word of God and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to our hearts. To this end, we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart. This is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times.

Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 20 July 2025

Now

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Grandparents

Sunday 27 July 2025

Coming up

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

From Fr Doug,

Dear Parishioners,

In the First Reading we see Abraham interceding with God for the righteous in Sodom, a city full of wicked people. Abraham is troubled by the idea of the innocent being punished along with the guilty, He begins to bargain with God. This Reading highlights the importance of intercessory prayer, and reveals a lot about the mercy of God.

It also highlights by being righteous, we follow the Commandments God has given us and listening attentively to His Word and prayer is an essential and important part of this. Prayer is a frequent theme Luke uses in his Gospel and in today's Gospel Jesus speaks about the way we need to pray with persistence and confidence.

"For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened." The Our Father is the first and greatest of all Christian prayers it contains the way we should live our lives in tune with the mind of Christ, because undoubtedly this is how He Himself prayed and lived. The Lord's Prayer is the prayer of the Church, confirming a person's identity as a beloved child of God, and reminding Catholics of the responsibility owed toward their brothers and sisters in Christ, Pope Francis said 2018.

"Our Father" : these two simple words offer us a roadmap for the spiritual life," the pope said in a homily at Mass in Geneva.

For the next eleven days I will in Melbourne visiting my beloved niece and great niece, who is now 12 years old and who I baptised some years ago at St Benedict's church in Khandallah. I will be keeping you all in my prayers as I hope you will keep me in yours.

*With every
blessing,
Fr Doug*



Responsorial Psalm : Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel acclamation : You have received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Anniversaries: Anne Richards

Special Intention: Bonifacio Mahinay Sr.

Prayers for the sick: Rowan Mooney thanks parishioners for their prayers.



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellington.southcatholic.org



Baptism :

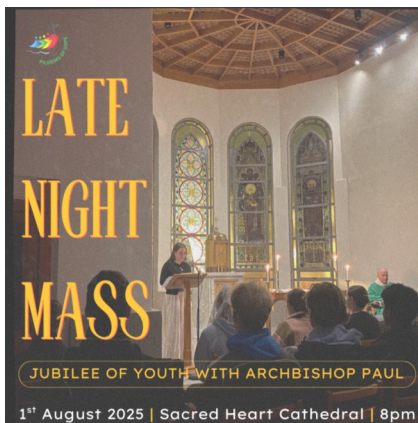
We welcome into our parish family,
Noah Te Aroha Kelly
 who was baptized at St Francis de Sales
 Church last Saturday by Fr Doug

St. Catherine's College 75th Jubilee

St. Catherine's College Kilbirnie is celebrating its 75th Jubilee over Labour Weekend, 24–26 October 2025. The long weekend will be an opportunity for past students and teaching staff to connect and share memories of their days at the College. Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/WYU> for three functions during the Jubilee weekend:

Friday 24 Oct 2025 Cocktail Party 5:30 to 8:30pm - \$40
 Saturday 25 Oct 2025 Jubilee Festival Noon to 3.00pm - \$30
 Sunday 26 Oct 2025 Liturgy & Lunch 11:30 to 2:00pm - \$20
 Please email sccjubilee2025@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 or by clicking on the [RSVP](#) link if you want to attend in person or the [Zoom](#) if you want to attend online.



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!

Come to a session with David Wells on Friday 29 August, which will be held at St Joseph's Church at Mount Victoria. The cost is \$10 per head, which includes morning tea. David will be discussing the topic, "**Hope does not disappoint!**" Exploring the virtue of hope in our Jubilee year."

Readings for this week

Sun 27 July : Gen 18:20-32 ; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Mon 28 July : Ex 32:15-24.30-34; Matt 13:31-35
Tue 29 July : Ex 33:7-11;34:5-9.28 ; Matt 13:36-43
Wed 30 July : Ex 34:29-35 ; Matt 13:44-46
Thurs 31 July : Ex 40:16-21.34-38 ; Matt 13:47-53
Fri 1 Aug : Lev 23:1.4-11.15-16.27.34-37 ; Matt 13:54-58
Sat 2 Aug : Lev 25:1.8-17 ; Matt 14:1-12



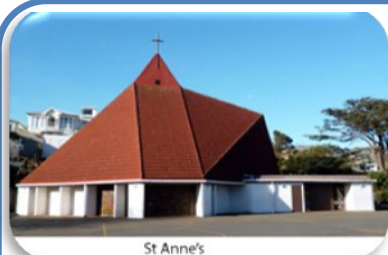
Samoan Community 70th Anniversary: "Faafetai lava to our Parish family for your support, alofa and prayers in celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Samoan community of our parish, the first Samoan community within the Archdiocese of Wellington-from our Samoan aulotu many other Samoan communities were formed and established in other parishes within the archdiocese, 12 active within the Samoan Chaplaincy from Holy Trinity to Napier also influencing other Samoan aulotus in different dioceses around Aotearoa NZ"



From the CPWS Finance Committee – the Committee met recently. Amongst the usual Finance and Property related matters for the ongoing beneficial administration of the Parish, the Committee also discussed plans, in conjunction with the Archdiocese, for a review of future income requirements of the Parish. During August, Fr Doug and Parish leaders will discuss at Sunday Masses the need for everyone to gratefully consider their gifting to the Parish Community. There will be more details in the newsletter and at Masses in coming weeks.

Tindall Foundation Funding – Applications Now Open

Parish groups, Catholic agencies, and related organisations that support families through social services are invited to apply via the Archdiocesan Allocation committee: Go to catholicsocialservices.org.nz/tindall/



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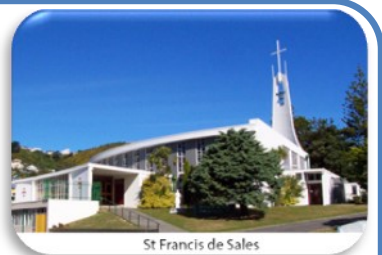
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St Francis de Sales