



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 ngātaihi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 3 August 2025

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Each of us can and should become a neighbour to all whom we meet. Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment. In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together. That is the supreme law that is prior to all society's rules and gives them their meaning.

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 13 July 2025.

Now

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3 August

Coming up

2nd Holy Communion session

Sunday 10 August

Feast of the Assumption

Friday 15 August

9.15am Mass at SFDS

6pm Mass at SMOA

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 reflections

In today's readings we are invited into a deeper relationship with God, to place our trust in the Lord's goodness, and to be faithful stewards of the all God has entrusted to us.

In the first reading, from Ecclesiastes, the author notes it is 'vanity of vanities' and ultimately futile, striving after the fleeting things of this world. While the Psalmist picks up on the fragility of our human condition and that "in the morning man shall grow up like grass...in the evening he shall fall, grow dry, and wither."

In the Gospel, Jesus is asked to decide about a disputed inheritance. In response, Jesus uses the parable of the man who is blessed with many riches, but wants more still. So, the man decides to tear down his barn and build an even larger one to store and protect his many goods. However, his life is demanded of him that very night.

As a society we are bombarded in the media by ideas that the next car, job title, smartphone, pair of sneakers, or retirement plan will bring us contentment and security. However, Jesus urges us in today's Gospel to be watchful and on our guard "against avarice (greed) of any kind, for life does not consist of possessions."

Perhaps today Jesus is gently calling us to assess our priorities and where we place our riches, not just our material possessions but our talents, time and focus too. This is challenging stuff. But we can be encouraged, because our Lord has given us his assurance that when we seek the kingdom of God first, all these other things will be added unto us.

So let's take up Jesus' invitation to save our "riches in heaven, where they will never decrease, because no thief can get to them and no moth can destroy them". Asking the Lord to give us his heart so that our treasure is his treasure too.

God Bless,

Mathew Powell

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IN AN ABUNDANCE OF
POSSESSIONS."**

Luke 12:15



Responsorial Psalm : If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel acclamation : Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversaries: Angela James, Mattia Iovine



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

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY!

Join us at St Mary of the Angels on Friday **15 August** 2025 at 6:00 pm as all the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand gather to celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven'. This is the patronal feast of our country. After Mass, enjoy light refreshments and meet the Bishops in the church hall. Extra parking will be available across the road courtesy of the Baptist community. All are warmly welcome!



We welcome into our
Parish Family

Noah Kelly

Who was baptised recently at
St Francis de Sales Church 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.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a webinar on "**Parish Ministry in Aotearoa New Zealand**" with Emily Sit, the Director for Mission and evangelisation for Palmerston North. This webinar is on Wednesday 20 August 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

Readings for this week

Sun 3 Aug : Eccles 1:2;2:21-23;Col 3:1-5.9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Mon 4 Aug : Ex Numbers 11:4-15; Matt 14:13-21

Tue 5 Aug : Numbers 12:1-13; Matt 14:22-36

Wed 6 Aug : Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; 2Ptr1:16-19; Lk 9:28-26

Thurs 7 Aug : Numbers 20:1-13; Matt 16:13-23

Fri 8 Aug : Col 3:12-17; Matt 6:25-34

Sat 9 Aug : Deut 6:4-13; Matt 17:14-20



Parish Gifting Programme: During August we will be thinking about the spirituality of giving. You are invited to reflect on the homilies and ask yourself: Am I contributing adequately without over committing? Can I help with community planning by agreeing to weekly auto payments? What can I afford? How can I give more regularly? Please do take this process to prayer during the coming week. Next Sunday at Mass you will be invited to confidentially indicate what you propose will be your planned giving in the coming year. We understand that every person's circumstances are different.

Volunteer(s) needed to take weekly Holy Communion to a parishioner living in the Newtown Park apartments near the Zoo. Please contact Sr Elizabeth 0276805002

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship: Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 21st August from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) followed by supper.

Theme: "The Relevance of the Good News today"
Speaker: To be confirmed, Want to know more? Ring David on 027 4477280 or joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Congratulations to **Signature Choir** who recently performed two sold-out shows in Wellington on July 24 and 25. Many of the Choir members are parishioners of Wellington South Parish who celebrate Pasifika music and culture while honouring Christ.



St Anne's

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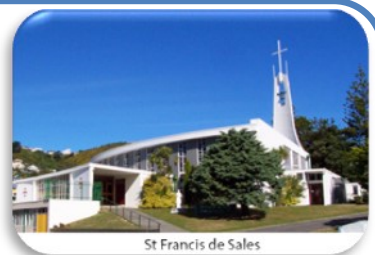
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St Francis de Sales