



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 6 July 2025

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

"Those who follow Jesus must tread the path of the Beatitudes, where poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, hunger and thirst for justice, and peace-making are often met with opposition and even persecution. Yet God's glory shines forth in his friends and continues to shape them along the way, passing from conversion to conversion." -

Leo XIV, Angelus, 29 June 2025.

Now

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6 July

Coming up

Ordination of Kinh Nguyen

Saturday 12 July

Day of prayer for Seafarers

Sunday 13 July

Jubilee Mass

St Mary of the Angels

Friday 15 August 5pm

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

Samoa 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

After the seasons of Easter and Pentecost and the feast days that follow in their wake, we return today to the season of ordinary time, picking up the narrative from St Luke, our gospel writer for this year. But in the story he tells, there is no such thing as ordinary time, for Jesus is really present in our world and the call to help his kingdom come means that every moment is charged with extraordinary grace, with outcomes we shall never know this side of the grave.

The missionaries Jesus sends out ahead of him remind us of the 70 elders whom Moses chose to support his leadership (Numbers 11:24). They seem in many ways untrained for the job. If they succeed at all, it is only because the Spirit which Jesus imparts is at work within them. He tells them that the kingdom of God is near; they don't have to wait for another world, before God's purposes are achieved. Now is the moment of salvation, here and now an eternal outcome is being produced through their efforts.

They go out in pairs; it's a collaborative mission they share. Like the pilgrimage of hope we are currently undertaking for this holy year, their efforts are the stronger because what they do is done together. And it is in the peace they bring that the goodness of God is seen. As Pope Leo has reminded us from his first words to the world, our task is to build bridges that unite, to take down the walls that keep people apart, to heal divisions and proclaim that all are loved equally by the God whom Jesus reveals as father.

Paul makes the same declaration in our second reading, the closing verses of his Letter to converts in Galatia. The wounds he bears from his travels and imprisonment are badges of honour; the marks on his body 'are those of Jesus'. The old categories of whether we are circumcised or not count for nothing; what matters is that we have become 'an altogether new creature'.

What is the gift we can share, from our faith in Jesus? Whom can we ask to join us in our efforts to reach out to others? What is the mission to which God is currently calling us?

Dennis Horton

"We can be a missionary church, a church that builds bridges, that is always open to receive everyone."

Pope Leo XIV, in his first address



Responsorial Psalm : Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel acclamation : Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Anniversaries: Samson Badayos, Br Kieran Fenn FMS, Tom Vitale

Special intentions: The Immaculate Heart of Mary



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



A heartfelt thank you!

When Fr Doug celebrated Mass at St Bernard's and St Anne's, the children and staff prepared and gave him a card and a cake for his 75th birthday. It was such a lovely gesture, and he is truly grateful for your kind thoughts.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 17th July from 7:00pm for a cuppa 7:30pm start followed by supper.
Venue : Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral)
Speaker: Jeff Drane SM on "What burdens you?" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

A Pilgrimage to Pukekaraka Otaki

In this year of Jubilee and pilgrimage, parishioners in the Wellington Archdiocese are invited to visit Hato Mere/St Mary's, Pukekaraka, Otaki, on the afternoon of **Sunday, 31st August**, the Vigil of the Season of Creation. Ngati Kapu ki Pukekaraka will welcome visitors onto the Marae with a Powhiri at 1 pm, so please arrive in good time. More information will be sent to parishes in early August.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 2-11 2026! Registrations open July 6th at 1pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

"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

Building Foundations Prayer Trek— Sat 12 July

We'll meet at Island Bay Presbyterian church at 10.00 and trek along and up to the Rhine Street subdivision and along to the Lookout, considering along the way Foundation Building in its many aspects and avenues.
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Anniversary of Ordination July

- 1 Peter Fitzgibbon (1965)
Peter Ewart SM (1967)
- 2 James Lyons (1967)
David Orange (1964)
- 3 Seph Pijfers (2004)
John Jolliffe SM (1971)
Michael O'Donnell SM (1973)
- 5 Kevin Head SM (1973)
- 6 David Moore SM (1961)
Thige O'Leary SM (1979)
- 9 Frank Whitaker (1961)



A Retreat in Daily Life: Inner Peace in Darkness and Light Christian Life Community Wellington invites people to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life. The programme supports self-directed prayer at home during each week. Participants meet weekly in guided small groups to pray and share their experience of prayer.

The retreat is open to all and will be held at **St Thomas More Church** (30 Worcester Street, Wilton) over five Sundays in August 1.30-3.30pm. It is also being offered by Zoom on Thursday nights in August and September. The cost of the retreat is \$50, and the cost of the material is \$15 if you don't already own the book. Sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending. To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench on email christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com or 021 0814 4424

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Readings for this week

Sun 6 July : Isaiah 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12.17-20
Mon 7 July : Gen 28:10-22 ; Matt 9:18-26
Tue 8 July : Gen 32:23-33 ; Matt 9:32-38
Wed 9 July : Gen 41:55-57;42:5-7.17-24 ; Matt 10:1-7
Thurs 10 July : Gen 44:18-21.23-29:45:1-5 ; Matt 10:7-15
Fri 11 July : Gen 46:1-7.28-30 ; Matt 10:16-23
Sat 12 July : Gen 49:29-33;50:15-25; Matt 10:24-33



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St Francis de Sales