



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 whakaturu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti

Sunday 10 August 2025

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family... Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation.
Pope Leo XIV, Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Now

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 August

Coming up

3rd Holy Communion session

Sunday 17 August

Feast of the Assumption

Friday 15 August

9.15am Mass at SFDS

11.30 at St Anne's

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 Biju

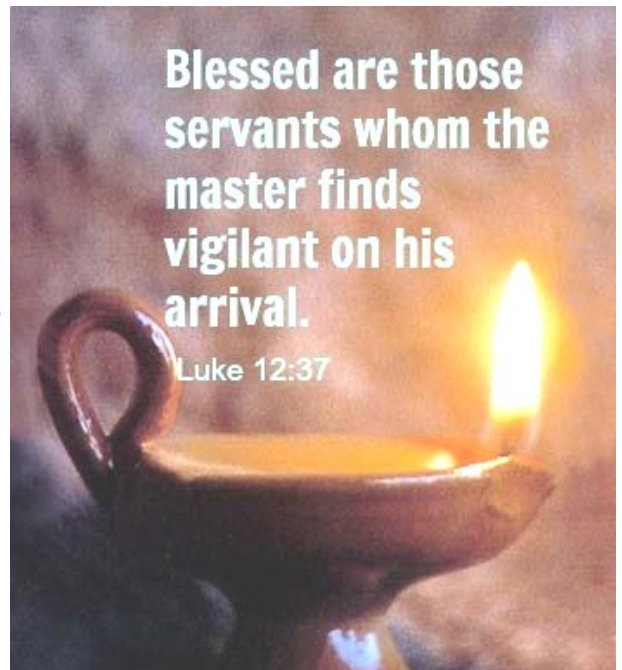
Readings of the day places before us instructions of Jesus regarding watchfulness and readiness. The parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived. To be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

We have scores of stories of people doing the seemingly impossible in sports, academics, and other various avenues of life. They do so precisely because they treasure such achievements and thereby have oriented their entire being and invested every resource towards realizing the same. What creates saints is their treasuring God and His will. What we treasure will orient our entire being and guide our lives.

The lord comes not only at the end of our lives but in many ways during our life. He comes in a very special way when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It is a time of communion with the Lord and the community that celebrates the Eucharist. Jesus reminds us today, "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." And we are blessed, my friends, we are blessed when in everything we do, whether we are at work or on vacation, that we always keep our eyes on Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

Have a blessed week,

Fr Biju



Responsorial Psalm : Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel acclamation : Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversaries: Annie & Owen, Marie Hoskins, Maria Mollo



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!

9.15 Mass at St Francis de Sales
11.30am Mass at St Anne's



"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

Parish Sacramental Programme

Please keep in your prayers the 40 children from our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion this month. This is a rewarding and deeply spiritual experience designed to give all those involved a closer relationship to God and a deeper understanding of our faith



Tinā (Mother) Movie Fundraiser

Support your Cathedral and enjoy Tinā, a heartwarming Kiwi film about resilience and the power of music. Saturday 23 August 2025, 10:00am at Lighthouse Cinema, 52 Beach St, Petone. Get tickets via QR code on the poster or SHC Fundraiser site.

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 10 Aug : Wisdom 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2.8-19; Lk 12:32-48
Mon 11 Aug : Deut. 10:12-22 ; Matt 17:22-27
Tue 12 Aug : Deut. 31:1-8 ; Matt 18:1-5.10.12-14
Wed 13 Aug : Deut. 31:1-12; Matt 18:15-20
Thurs 14 Aug : Joshua 3:7-11.13-17; Matt 18:21-19:1
Fri 15 Aug : Apoc.11:19;12:1-6,10 ;1Cor15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56
Sat 16 Aug : Joshua 24:14-29 ; Matt 19:13-15



Parish Gifting Programme

This weekend we are invited to indicate the level of our planned weekly financial contribution to the life and work of our parish. If you miss this moment, you can pick up a response form from one of our churches during the week or from the Parish website and return it in a Sunday collection basket or post it in the confidential box provided in the foyer. Or by email to office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org. As Catholics we are part of a family: our immediate family, our parish community, our Archdiocese, and our wider Church in this country and universally. God calls all of us collectively to ministry and mission. Our gift to the Church has an impact both here and further afield.

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.

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

St Patrick's College
WELLINGTON
New Zealand's South Island

Con Anima - The Big Sing Concert
with special guest MC
Nathan Lopa

Thursday 21 August
6:00-7:00pm (doors open 5:15pm)
O'Shea Performing Arts Centre

Tickets - via the QR code
\$15 adults
\$10 children and school students

Fundraising event to support Con Anima travel to The Big Sing Finale 2025 in Dunedin

St Pat's College present **Con Anima** who will be heading to The Big Sing Finale in Dunedin. They have been selected as one of only 24 choirs, from over 200 nationwide who entered. Con Anima is holding a **fundraising concert on Thursday 21 August 2025** at the college's O'Shea Performing Arts Centre. 6-7pm, doors open 5.15pm. Tickets are just \$15 each, and are available here www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/16548. Raffles will also be available on the night.



St Anne's

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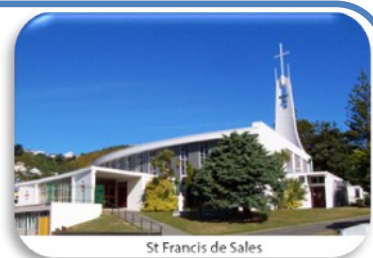
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St Francis de Sales