



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



Gospel reflections

Kia ora e te whanau

Sirach in the first reading, directs us to be humble. And Luke's gospel tells of Jesus' parable in which he says, "all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted".

Reflecting on these readings I was struck by their timeliness given that we spent last week in Niue staying with good friends. We have been there before by ourselves, but it was special to visit and get insights into life there through our friends who have lived there several times, with him working as a doctor. He said he has learnt to be humble working there, and I was struck with how humble the Niueans were. I bought artwork at a village market day from an artist who seemed surprised at my interest in her work. We were welcomed to the bush garden of friends of our hosts; humble gardeners, but great skill is needed to evoke such abundance on such thin soil. I visited the garden of a neighbour who had combined a great variety of tropical plants into a garden that could grace a fancy magazine, but who greeted my appreciation with shyness.

Life is hard there with the thin soil, threat of cyclones, no insurance, and irregular supplies. Does this make people humble? Or is it the big part faith plays in their lives? I was struck by the number of churches and how well kept they were even with the small population. It could also be their love for the beautiful place they live in despite the difficulties; it is their home, in te reo Māori their whenua.

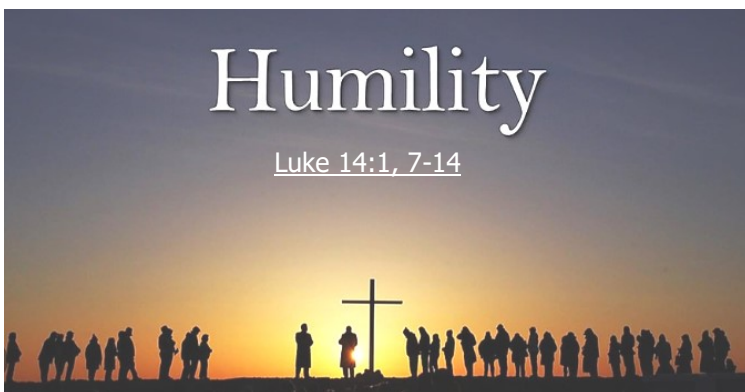
But who am I to think I can understand why they are humble without asking them! That is not very humble of me! Instead, I need to think about how I can be humble, in my family, in my church community, in the landscape I inhabit.

Ngā mihi
mahana

Maria Rodgers

Humility

Luke 14:1, 7-14



Responsorial Psalm : God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel acclamation: Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: George Scanlon **Anniversaries:** Patrick Bruce

Special Intention : Gino Di Leva , Francesco Di Leva



Sunday 31 August 2025 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

"Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others, whoever they may be, with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbours to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and proves more powerful than evil and death."

- Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 13 July 2025

Now

Holy Communion Mass

9am Sunday 31 August St Anne's

Coming up

Season of Creation

1 September to 4 October

Social Justice Week

Starts 7 September

Jubilee of Migrants

Sunday 16 September

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

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

On Sunday, 24 August, we celebrated the First **Holy Communion** at **St Francis de Sales Church**.

Congratulations to all the tamariki who received this special sacrament. May God bless you always on your faith journey.



MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE @ Sacred Heart Cathedral
Come celebrate Mass with young people across Wellington at the September Late Night Mass for Young People! Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at **8pm on Friday 5th September** to celebrate the Eucharist together with Fr Kinh. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer. You are all warmly invited!

JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS - Sunday 14 September
A special Jubilee Mass for Migrants will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin on Sunday 14th September at 2pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be followed by a Multicultural Meal, Fellowship, and Mini-Concert, with some communities rendering songs of hope from their homelands. 3pm at Connolly Hall. All are welcome! **FOR THE FELLOWSHIP:** Koha appreciated and will be donated for the renovation of the Cathedral. Welcome to bring a plate to share. Email m.bernardo@wn.catholic.org.nz inquiries.

E-Waste collection Saturday 13 September 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item. 0274171500.

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Readings for this week

Sun 31 Aug: Ecc.3:17-20.28-29; Heb 12:18-19.22-24; Lk 14:1.7-14
Mon 1 Sept : 11 thess 4:13-18 ; Lk 4:16-30
Tue 2 Sept : 1 Thess 5:1-6.9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wed 3 Sept : Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thurs 4 Sept : Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Fri 5 Sept : Col 1:15-20; Lk 6:1-5
Sat 6 Sept : Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5



Season of Creation: 1 Sept – 4 Oct

St Anne's will mark the Season of Creation with:

- Creation-themed Sunday Liturgies, incorporating hymns and prayers that reflect Social Justice Week and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.
- A **'Put and Take'** table in the foyer to promote reuse of goods
- Ideas for eco-action, prayer, and reflection (see seasonofcreation.org)
- Stations of the Cross: **Sunday 28 Sept at 3pm** in the church. Let's journey together in caring for creation.

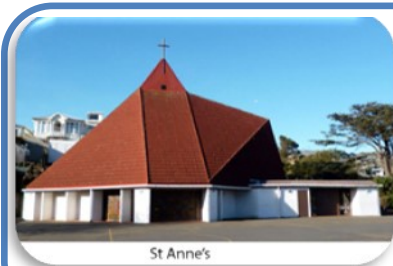
Silent March – Raise Awareness for Child Exploitation
Join a **10-minute Silent March on Saturday 13 September, 10am** from Te Papa, ending at Dockside Café. Support the Saint Nicholas Children's Trust (snctrust.org) in raising awareness of child sexual exploitation.

Restart - Holy Hour: Blessed Sacrament exposed every Thursday at 1 Mersey Street Island Bay. Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, beginning on Thursday **4th September 6 to 7pm** to pray for peace, families and vocations etc. All are Welcome." Please contact the Sisters : 04 3838401.

Parish Gifting programme: A video message from Archbishop Paul in the final week of our gifting renewal. Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_1hS5V_xcM
As part of the Archdiocese of Wellington, you are encouraged to also support your **Catholic Foundation** This was established by Cardinal Tom Williams, and has for 45 years been a pillar of support for the Archbishop and the Archdiocese of Wellington. **With \$11 million distributed** and a **\$14 million fund**, the Foundation has truly made a difference. But the work isn't finished. Your **bequest** or membership isn't just a donation; it's an opportunity to join a lasting family, as the principal remains invested while the income generated funds good works. This ensures your generosity endures in perpetuity, helping to secure the future of our faith. To learn more, visit catholicfoundation.org.nz or contact Foundation secretary Kathy Whelan on 021 666 405.

Social Justice Week takes place 7-13 September during the Season of Creation. The theme for this year's week is "Let's Build Peace Together". For the 2025 Jubilee Year, we are calling on supporters across New Zealand to mobilise for change during the Season of Creation as part of our Turn Debt Into Hope campaign.

Safeguarding Tip: No Priest from our Parish will ever ask you for money, or ask you to purchase something on his behalf. If you have received such a request, please contact the Parish Office.



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St Francis de Sales