



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 14 September 2025

The Exaltation of the Cross

'This is the Christian paradox: God saves not by doing, but by letting himself do. Not by defeating evil with force, but by accepting the weakness of love to the very end. On the cross, Jesus teaches us that we do not realize ourselves in power, but in trustful openness to others, even when they are hostile and enemies. Salvation is not found in autonomy, but in humbly recognizing one's own need and in being able to express it freely... [this is] the original truth of our being: we are creatures made to give and receive love.'
– Pope Leo XIV, Audience, 3 Sept 2025

Now

Season of Creation

1 September to 4 October

Jubilee of Migrants

Sunday 14 September

Coming up

Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Sunday 5 October

10.30am St Francis de Sales

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 reflection

Kia ora koutou,

With so much volatility and unrest and uncertainty in our world, many people are anxious and looking for answers. In today's Gospel, Nicodemus – a Pharisee and member of the Jewish ruling council – is also seeking answers. He has heard Jesus teaching in the Synagogue and has sought out Jesus under cover of darkness to learn from him.

Jesus refers Nicodemus to the passage in today's first reading from Numbers. God had saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and led them through the desert under the guidance of Moses. Instead of being grateful, the people had grown impatient and demanding. A plague of serpents was then sent against them because of their constant complaining against God. Eventually when they beg Moses for help God tells him to put an image of a serpent on a pole. All those who looked at this bronze serpent would be healed.

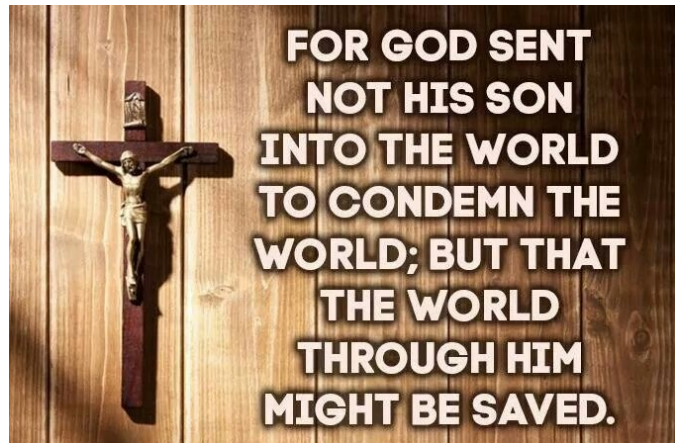
Now Jesus tells Nicodemus that just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

The Gospel writer, John, then records what is considered one of the most profound messages of the Gospel. God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him might not die but might have eternal life. God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. And, as the second reading notes, despite his divine origin, Jesus emptied himself taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.

Such is the immense love God has for his people he was willing to give his only son as a saviour. In your quiet times this week, ponder how this act of love shows the lengths to which God was willing to go in order to reconcile humanity to himself.

Reflect on the incredible value placed on each of us by God. Look at some ways you can get to know your neighbours and community better. Take time, too, to pray for peace in our hearts and in our world.

Kate Mahony



Responsorial Psalm : Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel acclamation: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

Remembering the Holy Soul

Anniversaries: Edward (Ted) Richards and Margaret (Peg) Holden.

Special Intention : Luigi Mollo , Raffaele Volpicelli



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

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 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.

Baptisms in our Parish



We warmly welcomed **Eli Heinrich Oroca Gomez** to our parish family, who was baptized on recently by Father Biju Xavier at St Anne's Church.

We also warmly welcomed **Leila O'Brien** who was baptized on 30 August 2025 by Fr Biju Xavier at St. Anne's Church.



And last Saturday 6 September 2025, we also warmly welcomed **Ember Quimbo Chan** into our Parish who was baptized by Fr Doug at St Anne's Church

Parish Event Sunday 23 November – Feast of Christ the King. Melania from the Parish Council is looking for a few volunteers to help organise the Parish pre Christmas Luncheon. Contact her after Mass or email her on melania.lui@gmail.com

Readings for this week

Sun 14 Sept: Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Mon 15 Sept : Heb 5:7-9 ; John 19:25-27

Tue 16 Sept : 1 Tim 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

Wed 17 Sept : 1 Tim 3:14-16 ; Luke 7: 31-35

Thurs 18 Sept : 1 Tim 4:12-16 ; Luke 7:36-50

Fri 19 Sept : 1 Tim 6:2-12 ; Luke 8:1-3

Sat 20 Sept : 1 Tim 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15



Celebrating the 2025 Season of Creation: Peace with Creation (1 Sept-4 Oct)

1. **Sunday Eucharist** throughout the Season will include creation focused hymns and prayers, taking into account **Social Justice Week and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori**.

2. There will be a **'put and take'** table in the foyer. Bring or take an item from the table if you wish. This action will encourage us to keep items in circulation rather than going into the rubbish tip.

3. Other suggestions: Get involved in a **sustainability project**. Display the Season of Creation **daily calendar** d. Click on this link to receive a **daily reflection**:

<https://www.seasonofcreationdaily.org/>

4. On Sunday **28 September at 3pm** we will pray the Season of Creation Stations of the Cross in the Church.

Whole of Parish Mass to celebrate **Venerable Suzanne Aubert**. Celebration Sunday falls on **October 5th**. The theme will be Pilgrims of Hope.

Join us at St Francis de Sales Church for 10.30 Mass followed by a shared cuppa.

Please note: *there will be no 9am Sunday Mass at St Anne's that day and no 6pm Vigil at St Francis de Sales.*

My Chains Are Gone - XLT Youth Worship 19th

September 2025 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa, 7 to 9pm. Come before Christ, the righteous and merciful chain-breaker, in a night of adoration, worship, and fellowship! Tell your friends, whanau, colleagues, and classmates - see you there!!

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. JOIN US for an hour of adoration relection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7.30-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Tuesday 23 September and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Come along and connect with other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday, 18th September from 7:00 PM for 7:30 PM start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral), followed by supper. Guest Speaker: Rainer Hensel will be speaking on "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" – an inspiring talk you won't want to miss! Want to know more? Call David Monastra at 027-4477-280 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com.

Safeguarding Course: Anyone interested in completing a Safeguarding Refresher Course come to **St Anne's** Foyer on Tuesday 7 October at 10.30am. This is important for anyone undertaking a Ministry in our Parish.

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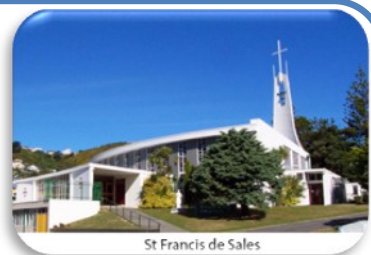
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St Francis de Sales