



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 ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti

Sunday 21 September 2025

25th Sunday in Ord Time

Just as there is personal pain, so too there is the collective pain in our own day. Entire populations are crushed by the weight of violence, hunger and war, and they cry out for peace, with compassion, to bring his Kingdom. The true consolation we must offer to those around us is showing that peace is possible, and that it grows within each of us, if we do not stifle it'.

– Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 15 Sept 2025.

Now

Season of Creation

1 September to 4 October

Coming up

Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Sunday 5 October

10.30am St Francis de Sales

Safeguarding Course

10.30am Tuesday 7 October

Peter Claver shared Dinner

6pm Saturday 11 October

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 Doug

Dear Parishioners

Amos was an ardent champion for social justice and equity. He assailed vigorously those who would trample on the needy and the poor and on a so-called system which denied them any hope of social justice and equity. This short reading is a good example of this. Amos depicts the greed of the wealthy, who can't wait for the Holy Days to be over so that they can get back to making money by dubious means.

He condemns the separation of worship from the proper treatment of all people, especially the poor.

As Fr. Flor McCarthy SDB, reminds us the Bible does not always give us examples to be imitated. It sometimes gives us examples to be learned painfully. The servant in Jesus' story is surely one of these to bring to the attention of His listeners the wise use of money.

Jesus was not holding up a wicked servant as a role model. He was saying something can be learnt from this, 'one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.' And of course, 'No servant can serve two masters; you cannot serve God and money.'

For Luke, to use money wisely is to give to the poor and thus ensure eternal salvation.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for my younger brother while I was in Napier visiting him.

With every blessing

Fr Doug



Communion under both kinds: As of Sunday 5 October we will be reintroducing wine and going back to Communion under both kinds at Masses in our Parish. Anyone wishing to be a Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish Office.

Responsorial Psalm : Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel acclamation: Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Remembering the Holy Soul

RIP : Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Clemente Lopez, Rowan Mooney



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

Baptism

We warmly welcome **Dylan Mangaoang** to our Parish family, who was baptized on Saturday 13 September by Fr Biju at St Anne's



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 bring a plate to share at the morning tea

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

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

Volunteer(s) needed

Someone willing and able to take weekly Holy Communion to a parishioner living in Newtown Park Apartments. If you can help please contact Elizabeth 0276805002

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.

Jubilee Diary Note; over the weekend of **18/19 April 2026** the Parish will be recognising the 60th Diamond Jubilee of the opening of the SFDS church together with the 120th Jubilee of the recognition of a Catholic parish in Island Bay. More details are to come.

Readings for this week

Sun 21 Sept: Amos 8:4-7; 1Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-3

Mon 22 Sept : Ezra 1:1-6 ; Luke 8:16-18

Tue 23 Sept : Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 ; Luke 8:19-21

Wed 24 Sept : Ezra 9:5-9 ; Luke 9:1-6

Thurs 25 Sept : Haggai 1:1-8 ; Luke 9:7-9

Fri 26 Sept : haggai 1:15-2:29; Luke 9:18-22

Sat 27 Sept : Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a; Lk 9:43-45



Arts Trail Appreciation

Thanks, to all those in the SFDS school and the Parish community who assisted with guiding the many people who undertook the South Coast Arts Trail last weekend. Entering the beautiful Waharoa and school foyer, student art was on display through the school grounds. Similarly, many viewed the religious art on display in the SFDS church including the striking stained glass mural depicting St Francis de Sales in vibrant coloured clusters of polyester resin and the shining mosaic of Christ on the Cross with over 135,000 pieces of glass and tiles.

Wellington Franciscans: Are you a Catholic drawn to living a life of simplicity? Do you have a special love for St Francis of Assisi? If yes to either question, then Our Lord Jesus Christ might be calling you to live the gospel in the footsteps of St Francis. To learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St Francis}, contact Mary 0220598485. We meet monthly and welcome all enquiries.

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.

Come & See Vocations Morning - Saturday 18 October from 9.30am till 12.30pm @ St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie. Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Text 021 164 5800 or email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz to let us know you're coming!

The Commission extends an invitation to everyone interested in reflecting on ecology, justice and peace to gather on **Saturday 4 October**, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St Joseph's Church, **Mt Victoria**. We will celebrate Mass and take time to share and reflect on issues of concern. We hope this will be a time of sharing and of making connections. A plate of food to share would be appreciated. Enquiries to Jim McAloon - jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz

The **Sisters of St Peter Claver** are holding a **Shared Spring Dinner** Fundraiser on **Saturday 11th October** at 6pm at St Anne's Catholic Church Hall , 22 Emmett Street. Tickets are available from the Sisters or at the entrance to the hall. Please bring your favourite Dish. Tickets available prior to 11 October. *Important: Arrive a little before time as dinner is served 6.30pm sharp*
Admission : \$15; 6 to 12yrs: \$10; under 5yrs: Free
Enquiries 04 383 8401. Email: peterclaver@xtra.co.nz
We will be most grateful for your support to help the Missionaries and the people they serve. Be assured of our prayers for all the parishioners.



St Anne's

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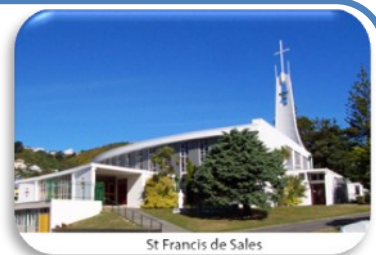
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St Francis de Sales