



# 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 28 September 2025**

**26th Sunday in Ord Time**

'Jesus invites us to ask ourselves: how are we managing the resources of the earth and our very lives that God has entrusted to us? We can follow the way of selfishness, placing wealth above all else. But this isolates us from others and spreads the poison of competition, which often fuels conflict. Instead, we can recognize everything we have as a gift from God, to be used as an instrument for sharing, to work for the common good, and to build a world that is more just, equitable and fraternal.' - Pope Leo XIV, *Angelus*, 21 September 2025

**Now**

**Daylight Saving**

Sunday 28 September 2am

**Coming up**

**Venerable Suzanne Aubert**

Sunday 5 October, 10.30am SFDS

**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

**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

Why are we so obsessed with Heaven and Hell?

Dare I ask it, do the different depictions in the scriptures misguide us?

What I don't understand is how does anyone know, who has been to Heaven or Hell and returned to Earth apart from Christ?

Today's Gospel discusses the parable of the rich man and Lazarus a poor man entering Heaven and Hell. Don't we all give to the poor? Aren't we all sometimes excessive? Does that mean we are going to Hell? I don't think so. Parables are made-up stories so maybe I'm taking it too literally.

In the second reading Paul urges Timothy to pursue Godly virtues. To "Fight the good fight of the faith"

Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Endurance, Gentleness.

Aren't they just beautiful. It also explains that our Lord Jesus Christ is the "King of Kings and the Lord of Lords", I find these words so powerful.

He dwells in unapproachable light. God is perfectly holy.

The first reading is from Amos (a shepherd and farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom), called by God to speak mainly to Israel (the northern kingdom) around 760-750 BC) states "Woe to those who are complacent in Zion". Zion refers to people living in Jerusalem, Amos explains to the leaders, elite, wealthy class that their sense of security is false. I was interested in the reference to them lying about beds of ivory, apparently the wealthy elite decorated their furniture (beds, couches, thrones) with inlaid ivory — not solid ivory, but wood covered with ivory panels. Ivory was a luxury import, extremely rare and costly. These privileged people were not made ill by the collapse of Joseph, therefore were the first to go into exile. "Joseph" is used as a poetic name for the northern kingdom of Israel.

God gives us a choice, free will. Am I going to Heaven, should I stop spending money I don't need to and give it to the poor? Maybe.

I don't obsess about Heaven and Hell, I used to as a child, the imagery could be so brutal. I just try to be Christian in what I do.

Forehead: "May the Word of God be in my mind" (to understand it).

Lips: "...on my lips" (to speak it and share it).

Heart: "...and in my heart" (to love it and live it).

**Virginia McCabe**



**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, my soul!

**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:** Rowan Mooney

**Anniversaries:** Antonio Mollo, Tina Cuccurullo, Gennaro Cuccurullo



**For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](http://wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)**

Whole of Parish Mass to celebrate **Venerable Suzanne Aubert**. Celebration Sunday falls on **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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

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.

We pray for our Seminarian **Emilio Capin** as he prepares to be ordained to the diaconate. Emilio will be ordained at 6pm on Friday, 26 September at Sacred Heart Church Ponsonby in Auckland by Bishop Michael Gielen.



**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.

### **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

### **Readings for this week**

**Sun 28 Sept:** Amos 6:1,4-7 ; 1 Tim 6:11-16 ; Lk 16:19-31

**Mon 29 Sept :** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ; John 1:47-51

**Tue 30 Sept :** Zechariah 8:20-23 ; Luke 9:51-56

**Wed 1 Oct :** Nehemiah 2:1-8 ; Luke 9:57-62

**Thurs 2 Oct :** Exodus 23:20-23; Matt 18:1-5, 10

**Fri 3 Oct :** Baruch 1:15-22 ; Luke 10:13-16

**Sat 4 Oct :** Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 ; Luke 10:17-24



### **Inside the Conclave with Cardinal John Dew:**

Invite your friends, family and co-workers to a very special morning event on Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 6.30am at The Wellington Club (88 The Terrace, Wellington) to find out what happens inside the Conclave, from the only living New Zealander who's been inside. Tickets are \$40 per person. There will be light breakfast nibbles, tea and coffee available from 6.30am, with the presentation commencing at 7.00am. Tickets can be booked at: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YVJ>

The Sisters of Compassion are pleased to announce that applications are open for the **Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarships 2026**, which are designed to provide financial assistance with tuition fees.

Applicants must be NZ citizens who are enrolled in their second year at a recognised university or training provider in 2026. Applications close at 12.00pm on Monday 6 October 2025. Further information and application forms are available at: <https://compassion.org.nz/suzanne-aubert/scholarships/>.

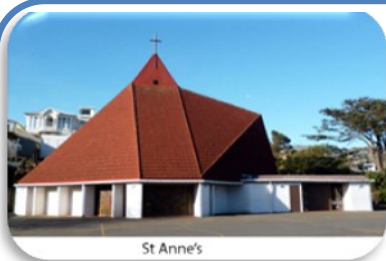
**Wellington Franciscans:** Are you a Catholic drawn to living a life of simplicity? Do you have a special love for St Francis of Assisi? If yes to either question, then Our Lord Jesus Christ might be calling you to live the gospel in the footsteps of St Francis. To learn more about the Secular Franciscan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

**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!

**Contemplation and Creation:** Wellington Christian Meditation is holding a community day at the **Home of Compassion, Island Bay**, on Saturday 1 November 10:00 - 3:00. The aim of the day is to connect with God in nature and to fall a little deeper in love with nature. <https://www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats/wellington-community-day-contemplation-with-creation>

**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.

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St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales