



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 7 September 2025 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

'Environmental justice can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.'

Pope Leo XIV, Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2025.

Now

Season of Creation

1 September to 4 October

Coming up

Jubilee of Migrants

Sunday 16 September

Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Sunday 5 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. Biju

This Sunday presents us with words of Jesus that are both surprising and unsettling. Large crowds are following Him, attracted by His message. Yet Jesus does not rejoice at the popularity. Instead, He speaks words that sound harsh: "Whoever does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, cannot be my disciple... Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple... None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." How strange! We are so accustomed to thinking of success in terms of numbers. They can tempt us to pride, to the illusion that more always means better. Jesus teaches us that discipleship is not about quantity but about quality. It is about love that is courageous, radical, and free. The Church is not great because of influence or prestige, but she is great when she is faithful to the Gospel, even when it is costly.

Jesus gives three conditions for discipleship. First, to place Him above every other relationship. When family, friends, or even our own desires block the path of the Gospel, then we must have the courage to put Christ first. Secondly, to carry the cross. This is a call to fidelity. The cross appears when we choose honesty over convenience, forgiveness over resentment, service over selfishness. It may bring ridicule, misunderstanding, rejection, or even persecution and death. Yet, disciples carry it with love, following Jesus's way. Thirdly, to renounce possessions. Possessions are not evil, but they easily enslave us. Think of the first Christian community: "They held everything in common. That is the joy of detachment, everything is gift, and everything is shared.

Brothers and sisters, discipleship is serious. It is not a hobby, not a pastime, not only for the devout few. It is the path of love—demanding, beautiful, and life-giving. Jesus does not want half-hearted followers. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for the courage to put Christ above all, to carry our crosses with love, and to live free from possessions. Then we will be His true disciples: small, yes, but filled with the flavour of the Gospel.

Have a blessed week.

Fr Biju



Responsorial Psalm : In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel acclamation: Let your face shine upon your servant;
and teach me your laws.

Remembering the Holy Soul

RIP:

Special Intention : Raffaele Muollo, Antonino & Antonietta Basile,
Ida & Antonino Muollo



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



On Sunday, 31 August 2025, we celebrated the **First Holy Communion** at **St Anne's Church**. Congratulations to all the tamariki who received this special sacrament. May God bless you always on your faith journey.



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



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.

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.

Readings for this week

Sun 7 Sept: Wisd 9:13-18 ; Philemon 9:10.12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Mon 8 Sept : Micah 5:1-4 ; Matt 1:1-16.18-23
Tue 9 Sept : Col 2:6-15 ; Lk 6:12-19
Wed 10 Sept : Col 3:1-11 ; Lk 6:20-26
Thurs 11 Sept : Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
Fri 12 Sept : 1 Tim 1:1-2.12-14 ; Lk 6:39-42
Sat 13 Sept : 1 Tim 1:15-17 ; Lk 6:43-49



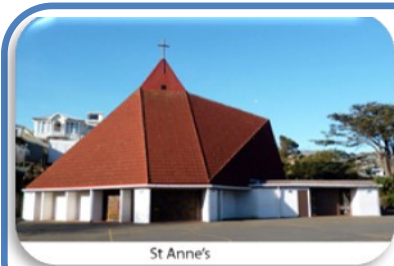
Celebrating the 2025 Season of Creation: Peace with Creation (1 Sept-4 Oct)

- 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**.
- There will be a **'put and take'** table in the foyer. Bring an item(s) that you no longer need or want. It may be useful for someone else. Take something from the table if you wish. This action will encourage us to keep items in circulation rather than going into the rubbish tip.
- Other suggestions:
 - Get involved in a **sustainability project** (e.g., local park, beach, street, or parish peace garden clean-up).
 - Display the Season of Creation **daily calendar** available here: https://www.mercyworld.org/f/45074/x/cf51d113ae/season-of-creation-calendar-2017_a4.pdf or make your own.
 - Explore this year's theme here: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>
 - Click on this link to receive a **daily reflection**: <https://www.seasonofcreationdaily.org/>
 - Click here to read Pope Leo's message, 'Seeds of Peace and Hope' <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20250630-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>
- On Sunday **28 September at 3pm** we will pray the Season of Creation Stations of the Cross in the Church.

Where does your money go:

INCOME	August	July
Ap's	\$11,564	\$8,285
Cash	\$5,402	\$3,896
Envelopes	\$2,730	\$2710
Other	\$10,803	\$9,525
Total	\$30,498	\$24,416
EXPENSES	August	July
Archdiocese	\$3,782	\$2,908
Clergy Support	\$6,726	\$5,172
Pastoral	\$1,300	\$1,200
Maintenance	\$4,950	\$5,339
Admin/Wages	\$4,006	\$5,008
Insurance/Rates etc	\$7,643	\$5,094
Other	\$2,819	\$3,402
Total	\$31,226	\$28,123

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



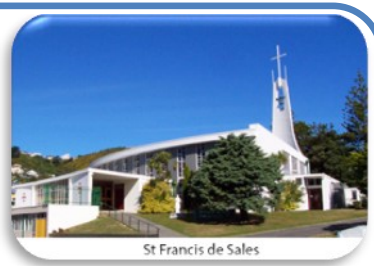
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St Francis de Sales