



# 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 12 October 2025**

**28th Sunday in Ord Time**

Therefore, there is life, a new possibility of life and salvation that comes from faith, because it not only helps us to resist evil and to persevere in doing good, but it transforms our lives so as to make of them an instrument of the salvation that even today God wishes to bring about in the world...

it is our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in this extraordinary period of human history, in which, at the heights of progress never before reached, and accompanying depths of perplexity and desperation equally without precedent"  
*Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 5 October 2025.*

**Now**

**Support Life Sunday 2025**

Sunday 12 October

**Coming up**

**Mission Sunday (Collection)**

Sunday 19 October

**All Saints Day**

Saturday 1 November

**All Souls Day**

Sunday 2 November

**Weekend Mass**

**Vigil Mass**

6pm St Francis de Sales

**Sunday Mass:**

9am Mass at 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

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

In today's gospel readings, we see our Lord Jesus Christ meeting ten lepers and in his unconditional love and mercy heals them all as they go to show themselves to the priests.

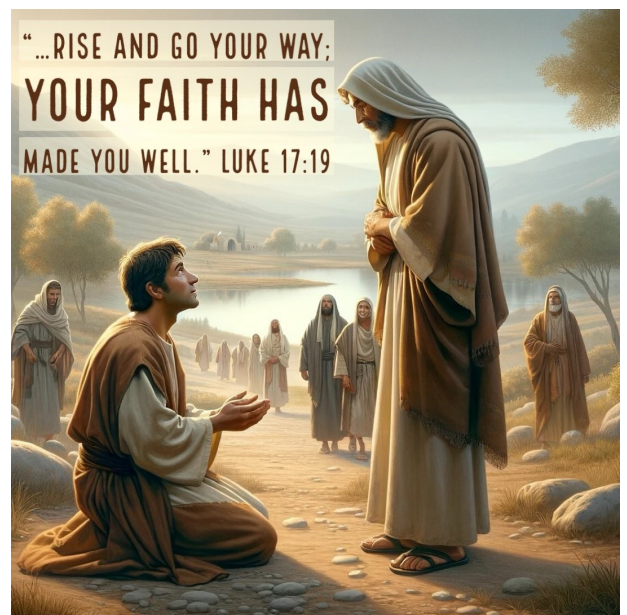
People suffering from Leprosy were considered unclean and were living in a state of condemnation with all ties to society cut off.

In our modern times, Leprosy may represent all the problems affecting mankind like lack of food, water and shelter. Spiritually, it could also relate to lack of faith or declining faith in God who is all loving and merciful among believers and non-believers.

Brethren, our risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist is inviting us to open up our hearts and minds to him so that he can work through us and with us to heal the Leprosy of all mankind, especially the downtrodden and the voiceless.

Happy Sunday!

**Louis**



**Support Life Sunday 2025:** Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, Te Kahu o te Ora: "We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions." Support Life Sunday 2025 provides an opportunity, within this year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>



**Pilgrims of hope**  
Building a culture of love and life  
Whakatupuria he ahurea ki te aroha me te ora

**Responsorial Psalm** :The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel acclamation:** In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

**Remembering the Holy Soul**

**RIP** : Jo Andersen

**Anniversaries:** Maryann Jones



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

### Baptism:

We welcome into our Parish family  
**Cassian Gavin Nathan Tiatia**  
 who was baptised last weekend at St Anne's Church  
 by Fr Doug. May God bless you and guide you .



**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

### St Bernard's Church Legacy

Following the sale of St Bernard's Church, a scholarship fund was created from the investment of proceeds from the sale. Scholarships are awarded to ensure access to Catholic secondary education for Year 8 pupils at St Bernard's School. The scholarships are allocated to cover payments of college dues for the first year. Nominations for 2026 will be accepted by the School Principal before 30 November.



Seeking willing hands to tend the garden at Te Wā Rangimārie o Hato Ani – **St Anne's Place of Peace garden**, the garden on the old presbytery grounds behind St Anne's church. No equipment needed. Saturday 18th October, 10.30-12noon. For info., or to confirm if going ahead due to weather, contact Maria 0277 808 236.

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** Come along and connect with other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on this coming **Thursday 16th October** in Sacred Heart Cathedral FOYER (Connolly Hall unavailable!). Join us from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start followed by supper. Speaker: Simon Rayner on his walk of a lifetime - "Pilgrimage of Hope"! Want to know more? Call David Monastra at 027-4477-280 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com.



### Columban Calendars

Columban calendars on sale in the foyer \$12

### Readings for this week

**Sun 12 Oct** : 2Kings 5:14-17; 2Tim2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19  
**Mon 13 Oct** : Romans 1:1-7 ; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tue 14 Oct** : Romans 1:16-25 ; Luke 11:37-41  
**Wed 15 Oct** : Romans 2:1-11 ; Luke 11:42-46  
**Thurs 16 Oct** :Romans 3:21-30 ; Luke 11:47-54  
**Fri 17 Oct** : Romans 4:1-8 ; Luke 12:1-7  
**Sat 18 Oct** : 2Tim4:10-17b ; Luke 10:1-9



### White Sunday: 12 October 2025

Celebrating faith, family, and the future.

White Sunday, or Lotu Tamaiti, is one of the most important days in the Samoan calendar. It is a day where children lead church services, recite verses, sing, and are celebrated by their families and communities. Traditionally, everyone dresses in white, symbolising purity and renewal. For many Samoans, White Sunday is more than a single event. It represents faith, family, and the responsibility to nurture the next generation. It's a day where the voices of tamaiti are uplifted, reminding us of the central place of children in fa'a Samoa.

**Here at St Anne's after the 9am mass** this Sunday the children celebrate with singing and a scripture story of the prodigal son. Children, parents and families will join us but anybody is welcome to watch.

**Nostra Aetate** – Celebrating 60 Years of the Church's call to dialogue with people of all faiths. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations welcomes all who wish to join us as we acknowledge Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document promulgated on 28 October 1965, and outline contemporary approaches to religious dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand Today. To be held on: Tuesday, 28 October 2025 from 7.00 – 8.00pm. Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>

### Sacred Spaces of Wellington

Guided visits through some of Wellington's most beautiful Churches. For Tickets go to <https://eventa.nz/event/sacred-spaces>

### Thursday October 30

12pm Old St Pauls  
 11.15am Wesley Church  
 1.30pm St Pauls Anglican Cathedral  
 3pm Sacred Heart Cathedral  
 4.30pm St Andrews on the Terrace



### Friday October 31

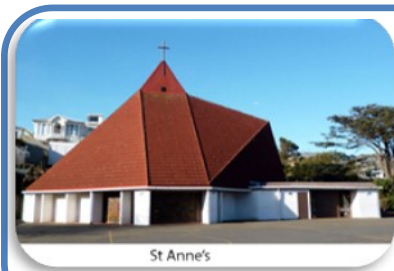
9.45am Central Baptist Church  
 11am St Mary of the Angels  
 1.30pm Beth El Orthodox Jewish Synagogue  
 4.30pm St Peters on Willis

### Saturday November 1

9am St Johns in the City  
 2.45 Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
 4pm Quakers

**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](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) to let us know you're coming!

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