



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 19 October 2025

29th Sunday in Ord Time

'All the members of the People of God have a duty to make their voices heard, albeit in different ways, in order to point out and denounce such structural issues, even at the cost of appearing foolish or naïve. Unjust structures need to be recognized and eradicated by the force of good, by changing mindsets but also, with the help of science and technology, by developing effective policies for societal change. Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te*, 4 October 2025

Now

Mission Sunday (Collection)

Sunday 19 October

Next Meeting of the PPC

Wednesday 22 October

Coming up

All Saints Day

Saturday 1 November

All Souls Day

Sunday 2 November

60th Diamond Jubilee SFDS

18/19 April 2026

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

From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners

Our First Reading from Exodus tells of the first battle the Israelites fought after their deliverance from Egypt. Their victory resulted, not from their own efforts alone, but from the power of God mediated through the intercessions of Moses, whose strength and perseverance in prayer to God persevered.

In the Gospel parable of the unjust judge, Jesus exhorts His disciples to pray continually and never lose heart. The judge is approached by a widow – she represents the powerless ones. She persists in her pleas for justice against the wrong her adversary committed against her. The judge finally relents and gives her justice, even if it was only to stop her from continually coming with her complaint.

The message is intended for the disciples who are faced with suffering and persecution. If an amoral judge can be moved by persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for His faithful people who cry out to Him in prayer with perseverance, faith and hope.

The fruit of prayer is faith:

St Augustine wrote, 'Faith pours out prayer and the pouring out of prayer sustains and strengthens faith.'

The fruit of faith is love and compassion, the fruit of love and compassion is service to others. And the fruit of service is justice and humility.

With every blessing

Fr Doug

Pope Leo XIV makes a special appeal for World Mission Day

To mark World Mission Day on 19 October, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, is asking every single parish in the world to help support missionaries who are working and serving in the remotest corners of the earth.

In a video message, Pope Leo XIV emphasises how World Mission Day, which next year celebrates its centenary, is a special day in which the whole Church unites in prayer for missionaries and for the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours. The Pope recalls his missionary experience in Peru: '*When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities*'.

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/eEwDtbZxt4c>



Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel acclamation: The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Elaine Wallace (*Funeral Monday SFDS*)

Anniversaries: Maria Costa, Bernadetta & Verinda Holchom



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

Baptism:

We welcome into our Parish family

Arieta Pickering

who was baptised last weekend at St Francis de Sales Church by Fr Biju. May God bless you.



Concert at the Cathedral

Sunday 2 November 2pm Hill St

A wonderful collaboration of the Cathedral's Vigil Mass Group and other Wellington musicians performing classical, contemporary and operatic works.

Tickets at the door

Admission Adult \$20, Child \$10, Family \$40

This Concert is in honour of the Leader of our group, Sr Marie Gore. Proceeds to the Cathedral

MISSION SUNDAY

"I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday," Pope Leo said, underscoring, "Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories."

Please give generously.

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. The weekend will, now, also include a remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the school at St Madeleine Sophies (the forerunner of the current school of St Francis De Sales). More details are to come but will include a Jubilee luncheon.

Advent: a hikoī for Pilgrims of Hope - In this new book, Bringing the Word to Life, Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. They provide valuable spiritual nourishment for Catholics as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close – and a new year begins. As Archbishop Paul says, "I highly recommend it, and I know that you will find the reflections by fellow Catholics relevant and reflecting our faith experience within the context of this beautiful country we live in." Speak to your parish leaders/parish office about obtaining a copy of this book.

Readings for this week

Sun 19 Oct : Exodus 17:8-13 ; 2Tim 3:14-4:2 ; Luke 18:1-8

Mon 20 Oct : Romans 4:20-25 ; Luke 12:13-21

Tue 21 Oct : Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Luke 12:35-38

Wed 22 Oct : Romans 6:12-18 ; Luke 12:39-48

Thurs 23 Oct : Romans 6:19-23 ; Luke 12:49-53

Fri 24 Oct : Romans 7:18-25a ; Luke 12:54-59

Sat 25 Oct : Romans 8:1-11 ; Luke 13:1-9



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

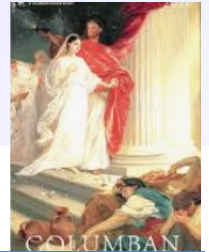
Following the sale of St Bernard's Church, a scholarship fund was created from the investment of proceeds from the sale. Scholarships are awarded to ensure access to Catholic secondary education for Year 8 pupils at St Bernard's School. The scholarships are allocated to cover payments of college dues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



St Bernard's School Closing Mass and Social Event

On Saturday 15th November, there will be a Mass and social event to officially recognise the closing of St Bernard's school.

We will start at 12pm with Mass in the school Hall celebrated by Archbishop Paul and concelebrated by Fr Doug, Fr Biju and perhaps other past priests. At around 1pm there will be a buffet lunch provided by the Board. After that there will be an opportunity for people to share their memories, look at memorabilia and socialise. We will be opening the event up to anyone who has had an association with the school during its 90 years. Spaces are limited.



Columban Calendars

Columban calendars on sale in the foyer \$12

Where does your money go

INCOME	August	September
Ap's	\$11,564	\$9,199
Cash	\$5,402	\$3,616
Envelopes	\$2,730	\$2,620
Other	\$10,803	\$9,102
Total	\$30,498	\$24,537
EXPENSES	August	September
Archdiocese	\$3,782	\$1,692
Clergy Support	\$6,726	\$5,156
Pastoral	\$1,300	\$1,208
Maintenance	\$4,950	\$251
Admin/Wages	\$4,006	\$5,044
Insurance/Rates etc	\$7,643	\$2,349
Other	\$2,819	\$6,412
Total	\$31,226	\$22,112



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