



# 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 5 October 2025**

**27th Sunday in Ord Time**

'By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.' - Pope *Leo XIV*, *Message for World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation*.

**Now**

**Venerable Suzanne Aubert**

Sunday 5 October, 10.30am SFDS

**Coming up**

**Safeguarding Course**

10.30am Tuesday 7 October

**Peter Claver shared Dinner**

6pm Saturday 11 October

**Support Life Sunday 2025**

Sunday 12 October

**Weekend Mass**

**Vigil Mass**

NO Vigil 4 Oct

**Sunday Mass:**

NO 9am Mass at Anne's 5 Oct

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 Bijou,**

Who are we before God? This is the question asked of us today. We are just ordinary servants, who do what they have to do, in a spirit of faith. People consider us, as practicing Christians, but the heart of the matter is whether we are believers, people of faith, close to our Lord, who live as we believe. Even our stammering prayers, our clumsy attempts to love people and God, our efforts to make this world a bit more human, are no more than things we are supposed to do and which the Lord expects us to do.

There is a story about a woman who, having read the gospel about faith moving trees, decided to test it on a tree that was leaning over her house. She went out to the courtyard with the Bible in her hand, read the passage aloud, and declared to the tree: "I have faith far bigger than the mustard seed. So, I ask you to uproot yourself from here and go elsewhere." Nothing happened. Closing the Bible and with a sigh of resignation, she said to herself: "I knew it wouldn't work." Is this lady very different from us? Faith is a gift that, once received, must be "fanned into flame" as St. Paul tells us today, by praying incessantly.

Inspiration to change comes from living witnesses, people who inspire us by the way they live. Often the disciples did not even understand Jesus, but they saw what he did, and how he lived. They admired him and so they asked, "Lord, make our faith grow!" Let us also ask: Lord, make our faith grow! Increase our little faith.

Today we, commemorate and celebrate the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. The impact of Mother Aubert's kindness, wisdom and compassion is still felt across Aotearoa New Zealand, especially through the work of the Sisters of Compassion, and the wider Compassion Whanau, who strive to feed the hungry, give shelter to the poor, and take care of the vulnerable. On this day, we are reminded of the legacy of this amazing woman and why we continue to pray for her beatification.

Happy Feast to you all.

**Fr Bijou Xavier**



**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 :** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel acclamation:** The word of the Lord remains forever.  
This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

**Remembering the Holy Soul**

**RIP :** Sherry Hughes (*Funeral Monday 11am*)

**Anniversaries:** Louise Andersen , Maryann Jones



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



**Baptism**  
We welcome  
into our Parish  
family  
*Francine Rielle Venzon  
Obiena*  
who was baptised last  
weekend at St Anne's  
Church by Fr Doug.  
May God bless you and  
guide you on your  
spiritual journey.



**First Holy  
Communion**  
Congratulations to  
Thomas Holden who  
received his first Holy  
Communion on  
Sunday, 28 September  
2025 at St Francis de  
Sales Church.



**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>

**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 5 Oct** : Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10  
**Mon 6 Oct** : Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11 ; Luke 10:25-37  
**Tue 7 Oct** : Jonah 3:1-10 ; Luke 10:38-42  
**Wed 8 Oct** : Jonah 4:1-11 ; Luke 11:1-4  
**Thurs 9 Oct** : Malachi 3:13-20b ; Luke 11:5-13  
**Fri 10 Oct** : Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 ; Luke 11:15-26  
**Sat 11 Oct** : Joel 4:12-21 ; Luke 11:27-28



**Hour of Prayer for peace in the Middle East**  
on Sunday the 12th of October from 3pm to 4pm at the  
Sacred Heart Cathedral. All welcome

**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.

### 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.



**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](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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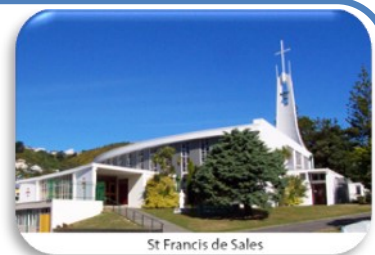
St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales