



Catholic Parish of Wellington South

In the Spirit of Mēri Hohepa 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 12 July 2026 15th Sunday Ord Time

A rather unusual sower goes out to sow, but does not care where the seed falls... God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. This is how he loves us: he does not wait for us to become the best soil, but he generously gives us his word. Perhaps by seeing that he trusts us, the desire to be better soil will be kindled in us. This is hope, founded on the rock of God's generosity and mercy.'

Pope Leo XIV General Audience, 21 May

Now

Day of prayer for Seafarers

Sunday 12 July

Upcoming

Feast of St Bonaventure

Wednesday 15 July

Grandparents Day

+ St Anne's Feast Day

Sunday 26 July

Assumption of Mary

Sunday 16 August

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm 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

Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Mass St Anne's followed by Adoration till 11am

Wed: 9am St Francis de Sales

Thurs: 10am Mass St Anne's

Fri: 9.15am Mass St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am Mass St Anne's

From Fr Biju

In giving catechesis to their communities, the early Christians tried to make Jesus' message understandable and practical, applying it to concrete life situations. This Parable is somewhat the 'mother' of all parables because it speaks about listening to the Word. It reminds us that the Word of God is a fruitful and effective seed, and God scatters it everywhere, and he pays no attention to the amount of seed wasted.

This parable reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavour to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfil the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

When you gather together as a family, tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit.

This fruitfulness is critical for the disciples of Jesus. It is something God expects from us, for a tree is known by its fruits. Making it fruitful depends on us, as it depends on the embrace that we reserve for the seed. Those who heard the word, understand it, and bear fruit in their lives- yielding a hundredfold, sixtyfold, or thirtyfold. May we strive to have receptive hearts, persevere in every challenge and allow the message of the kingdom to impact every aspect of our lives. May God's word penetrate and transform our lives. Amen.

Fr Biju



Responsorial Psalm : The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel acclamation: The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever. and you also will testify.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP : Terry O'Brien

Anniversaries : Raffaele Volpicelli





Away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean, seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. This

Sunday we pray especially for these 1.3 million hardworking men and women who are often forgotten.

The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers. Its patron is Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Internationally, the Apostleship of the Sea is also known as **Stella Maris** and is part of a network under the umbrella of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development. In New Zealand, the Apostleship of the Sea provides an outreach to seafarers and fishing men and women in the ports of Auckland, Tauranga, Napier, Wellington and Lyttleton

Donations can also be made to: Apostleship of the Sea Account Number 01 0527 0312182. To receive a receipt or to learn more, email stellamariswellington@gmail.com



Join other men for a quiz on Matthew's gospel (chapters 15 to 28) and a reflection, this coming Thursday 16th July 2026 at **Joshua** from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in

Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). Reflection on theme "The Lord hears your cry": Peter Woods

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477 280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The Pope declared the fourth Sunday in July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. On **Sunday 26 July there will be a special Mass at St Anne's at 9am.**

There will be a cuppa to follow - please bring a plate.

St Thomas More Church is to close permanently on Sunday, 30th August 2026. The organising Committee would like to invite any ex parishioners or people associated with the Church to join in. Events are on Sat 29th August and the Farewell Mass on Sunday, 30th August.

Readings for this week

Sun 12 July: Isaiah 55:10-12; Romans 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Mon 13 July: Isaiah 1:11-17; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tue 14 July: Isaiah 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wed 15 July: Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16[Mt 11:25-27

Thurs 16 July: Isaiah 26:7-19[Mt 11:28-30

Fri 17 July: Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,[Mt 12:1-8

Sat 18 July: Micah 2:1-5[Mt 12:14-21



Mid Winter Christmas Concert

Join us for In the Bleak Midwinter - a fun and uplifting winter warmer in the glorious setting of Old St Paul's. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine while taking in an exciting programme of festive music perfectly attuned to the season, but often overlooked in the southern hemisphere's summer Christmas. Music Director Michael Stewart has curated and will present, together with members of the choir of Wellington Cathedral, a joyful selection of a cappella and accompanied choral music alongside solo organ interludes. 7pm Friday 17 July at Old St Pauls 34 Mulgrave St. Tickets \$20



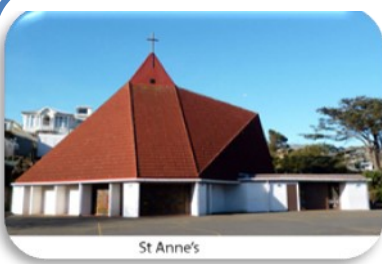
DELARGEY AWARDS 2026: Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults. The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on 31 July. Find out more at: Delargey 2026

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. JOIN US for an hour of adoration reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7.30 - 8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon on Tuesday, 28th July and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Fathoming the Faith: Pat McCarthy, former editor of NZ Catholic newspaper, has just launched an online publication looking at Catholic beliefs and practices. Ever wondered how the Last Supper evolved into today's Mass? Or the purpose of church music? Is there an algorithm for a successful marriage? Does spirituality without religion make sense? Should we take the Bible literally? Go to <https://fathomingthefaith.substack.com> (it's FREE).

Liturgy Workshop opportunity - US liturgist and parish priest, Fr Paul Turner, will lead a liturgy seminar on Saturday, 1 August (10am - 2.30pm), in Connolly Hall. Clergy, liturgy teams, school staff, and all involved in Eucharistic preparation are encouraged to join us for Ars Celebrandi: The Art of Celebrating Mass. Inspired by Pope Francis', Desiderio Desideravi, the day will explore how we can celebrate liturgy with reverence and fidelity. See poster on noticeboard for QR code to register.

Join us for **Divine Mercy** starting 9.10am every Sunday before mass at St Francis de Sales Church - all are very welcome to join us.



St Anne's

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