



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 whakotupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday March 27

4th Sunday of Lent

If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who is generous in forgiving.

Pope Francis: Message for Lent 2022

Now

Feast of the Annunciation

Day of Prayer for Ukraine

Mass 9am Fri 25 March St Francis de Sales

Coming Up

Daylight Saving ends

Sunday 3 April 3am

Palm Sunday Reconciliation

Sunday 10 April 3pm

The Synod

Now extended until 30 April 2022

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

Vaccine entry Max 200. No registration needed.

5pm St Anne's Open for unvaccinated people. Max 25. No registrations. Open to the first 25 who turn up.

Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's

Vaccine entry Max 100. Registration required.

10.30am St Francis de Sales Vaccine entry Max 200. No registration needed

5pm St Anne's Vaccine entry Max 100. No registration needed

Weekday Mass

Mon: **9am Mass St Francis de Sales.** No registrations. Open to the first 25 who turn up

Tues: **10am Liturgy at St Anne's** No registrations. Open to the first 25 who turn up

Thurs: **10am St Anne's Mass** Vaccine entry Max 100. No registrations. Open to the first 100 to turn up.

Fri: **9am St Francis De Sales Mass** No registrations. Open to the first 25 who turn up

Sat: **10am St Anne's Mass** No registrations. Open to the first 25 who turn up

The Prodigal Son....

In the course of a lifetime, many of us hear this story over and over again, told to us, read by us, proclaimed from the lectern. We know the beginning, the ending and everything in between, but as with all good stories, if we listen carefully, we always hear it for first time.

This time we are hearing it on the 4th Sunday of Lent 2022. In the first Reading we heard God, speaking to Joshua about a new beginning in the promised land. In the second reading Paul spoke to the Corinthians of becoming a new creation in Christ. Now we are joining crowds who, Luke tells us, have gathered to hear Jesus teach. Someone asks him why he welcomes sinners and even eats with them. Jesus tells us in reply: "A man had two sons....."

When I was a child I enjoyed the story from its 'once upon a time' beginning to its 'happy ever after' ending. And I understood that if I did wrong and was sorry, God would forgive me.

As a young person I empathized with the boy who had the courage to leave home to explore the world. I was glad when his dad welcomed him back when he messed up, and wondered if my parents would do likewise. And yes, I got the message God is a loving, forgiving father. But as I settled down to being a reasonably hard working, responsible citizen, I had some sympathy for the older brother's attitude too.

It was as a parent of grown children that I began to hear the deeper levels of this many-layered story. I came to understand what motivated the father's forgiveness and his joy when his son came home. This story is about family, a broken family healed. Yes, individual members may stray, make bad choices, get into trouble, but they'll always belong; whatever they do, family members are there for each other.

Now as an old woman, in a world struggling with poverty, war, environmental degradation, much of it caused by human folly, I once again hear the story for the first time. Our Father God is calling us to acknowledge and repent our combined selfishness and greed, to forgive each other and work towards a new beginning, seeking the common good above our own, and understanding ourselves as one human family, sharing responsibility for our common home.

Judith Collins – Village at the Park

Isolating at home - join our on-line liturgy this Sunday

This Sunday and on the remaining Sundays of Lent there will be a Zoom Liturgy of Word at 10.00am for those isolating at home or who feel unsafe in indoor settings at the moment. It is important that we pray together and keep in touch as a community.

Here is the link: Topic: CPWS Liturgy Time: 10am 27 March Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81480170480?pwd=WlI2bFhZZ3lIRUcza3ZsekZLZTYUT09>

Meeting ID: 814 8017 0480
Passcode: 729375

We Are Family



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Luke Trainer

Anniversary: Edward Lutomski, Guiseppa Cangiano, Antonio Cuccurullo, Palma Aprea, Wanda Wheeler, Giuseppina & Salvatore Volpicelli



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

Living with Omicron

The Government is expecting Covid cases in Wellington to drop in the next 2 weeks. The RED setting now allows greater numbers for indoor gatherings. Scanning in is no longer required.

Masses can continue at both Churches. Masks to be worn properly throughout the service. Sanitise on entry. Keep 1 metre social distancing between family groups. We will still be checking vaccine passes until 4 April.

Please self monitor for symptoms. If you start to feel unwell please get tested. You must:

- self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive
- self-isolate if you live with a person who has COVID-19

If you test positive, there is further advice available on the Unite against COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/if-you-have-covid-19/>

Registrations are now only required for the 9am Mass at St Anne's as we are constricted by the space inside the Church. Go to <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/mass-registrations/>

If you are isolating and need support, you can call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. The helpline is open seven days a week.

The theme for the Lent 2022 appeal is "**Called to be Peacemakers**"

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are available today at Mass. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. Place your envelopes in the collection basket or send them to Caritas directly.



END OF FINANCIAL TAX YEAR: With the end of the tax year on 31 March, the Parish Finance Committee would like to thank you for your support towards the parish's ongoing pastoral and mission work. If you would like to give a donation to the Church, 'top-up' your giving, or join Planned Giving before then, your receipt for the current financial year will include all amounts given before 31 March 2022. Our parish account number is **02-0576-0064832-00** please remember to include your surname and initials.

Readings for this week

Sun 27 Mar: Js 5:9-12; Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13;; Lk15:1-3,11-32

Mon 28 March: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tues 29 March Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-3,5-16

Wed 30 Mar Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thurs 31 Mar: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Fri 1 Apr Ws 2: 1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Sat 2 Apr: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52



**Aotearoa New Zealand united in prayer
for the conversion of hearts, for peace in our world
and an end to the war in Ukraine**

Feast of the Annunciation, Friday 25 March 2022

Mass at St Francis de Sales 9am

Vaccine entry Max 200 No registrations

Pope Francis says "I ask you to join in this Act by inviting the priests, religious and faithful to assemble in their churches and places of prayer on 25 March, so that God's Holy People may raise a heartfelt and choral plea to Mary our Mother".

We will be praying for those who have been wounded or killed. We will be praying for those who care for the wounded. We will be praying for those who have suddenly become refugees and for those that care for them. And we will pray that the Russian leadership and soldiers may have a change of heart.

Youth Group News: With Covid rife in the community, we did Youth Group last week online. Next time, Friday April 1st we will be in the Presbyterian Hall kitchen with the kids making hot cross buns.



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish Family
Ariel & Jordan Tan
who were Baptised last weekend

Easter Timetable

Sun 10 April	3.00pm	Communal Reconciliation	St Anne's
Thurs 14 April	7.00pm	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Anne's
	7.00pm		St Francis de Sales
Fri 15 April	9.00am	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	St Anne's
	10.00am		St Francis de Sales
Fri 15 April	3.00pm	Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion	St Anne's
	3.00pm		St Francis de sales
Sat 16 April	7.00pm	Easter Vigil	St Anne's
	7.00pm		St Francis de Sales
Sun 17 April	9.00am	Easter Sunday	St Anne's
	10.30am		St Francis de Sales
	5.00pm		St Anne's



St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with Josephine Kolic . Contact the Parish Office for info.

Reconciliation available Saturdays 10.30 @ St Anne's



St Anne's



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St Francis de Sales