



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 harikoo, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12 December 2021

Do you want to do something new in life? Do you want to stay youthful? Then don't settle for posting a few tweets. Don't settle for virtual encounters; look for real ones, especially with people who need you. Don't look for visibility, but for those who are invisible in our midst.

Pope Francis: Meeting with Young People in Athens, 6 December 2021

Now

Vaccine Event PIPC Church

11 December

Gaudete Sunday

12 December

Coming Up

Christmas

Covid 19 Update

We are at ORANGE in the new Traffic Light system.
You must show a My Vaccine Pass at Vaccine only Masses

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Annes (No Vaccine pass needed)

6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

Weekday Mass

Monday: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales

Tuesday: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's

Wednesday: 7pm at St Anne's

Thursday: 10am St Anne's

Friday: 9am St Francis De Sales

Saturday: 10am St Anne's

From Fr Cirilo

Dear Parishioners, Peace!

Today is the third Sunday of advent. Gaudete Sunday. Rose colour candle. The Sunday of rejoicing! As we draw closer to the feast of the Nativity, we are called to rejoice, to wait for the one with joy. In this time of pandemic, how do we cry out with joy and gladness? How do we see the one who is great, the saviour?

In the first reading from the prophet Zephaniah, he was the prophet who warned a distressed people about the coming of the Lord. But instead of the warning that caused fear, the coming of the Lord is supposed to give joy. Be glad! Exalt! Oh Zion sing Joyfully! And if I were part of that people, I would say why? Why should we exalt? Why should we be glad? Zephaniah answered, "because the Lord, your God, is in your midst." And because the Lord is in the midst, there is no discouragement. There is no room for fear.

This is not a joy that we can find in our ordinary activity. It is a joy that is rooted in faith. The faith vision that tells us, we might have lost everything, life might continue to be troubled, there will be trials, yet the fundamental truth is there — the Lord is with us. God who knows us will be compassionate and merciful. And Zephaniah adds, the Lord will rejoice with his people. So this is amazing.

Our Gospel comes from St. Luke. Now many people who heard John the Baptist about the coming of the Lord were filled with anticipation. They were filled with hopeful anticipation. Having this message about someone who would come, hearing the invitation for conversion of heart and mind - metanoia, the joy in the coming of the Lord that requires the change of heart.

The people asked John, what should we do? What kind of conversion should we embrace so that our anticipation, our joy, our longing for the one, the anointed of the Lord, would be complete? John the Baptist told the people, everyone start sharing, share the gift, share resources. It will give you joy. The tax collectors asked JB, what should we do? JB told them straight to their faces, "do not cheat, do not steal, be honest." Look after the common good. Be honest. That will give you joy and fulfilment.

What joy it is to see people living the joy of the Lord. In this time of pandemic, I rejoice to see people bringing joy to others.

Arohanui,

Cirilo



Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel acclamation: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Raffaella Muollo

Anniversary: Nina, Assunta, Pasquale & Liberato De Gregorio
Maria Mollo, Antonio Mollo, Ruffy Mollo (Nelson)
Tina, Genaro & Aldo Cuccurullo



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

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

6pm Family Mass at St Francis de Sales
7.30pm Family Mass at St Anne's
9pm Mass St Francis de Sales

Christmas Day

9am at St Anne's
10.30am at St Francis de Sales

All Christmas Masses in Wellington South Parish will require a Vaccine Pass

St Mary of the Angels will be holding Open Masses

Christmas Eve—5.15pm

Christmas Day—7am

No vaccine pass required but you may need to register.

Representatives from St Mary's College joined the Parish at St Francis de Sales Mass on Sunday Morning. They presented a rose to acknowledge the special gift they have received from St Bernard's Parishioners.

'With all our gratitude for the donation of the St Bernard's Parish sacred items.

They will be established in our new 'Atawhai' chapel ready for the start of 2022.'

The school is looking forward the opening of their new sacred space and preparations are well underway including the addition of inspirational artwork produced by students.



For sale: Yelena will again be selling her beautiful **hand knitted scarves** in the foyer of St Anne's Church on Sunday 12 and 19 December after 9am Mass.

An extra Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturdays will be open to vaccinated and unvaccinated alike (*no proof of vaccine required*). At ORANGE a maximum of 50 people allowed and you can register online at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/> or contact the office.

The Pasifika Youth event this Saturday **#RELAXGETVAXED**, will be held on 11th December at PIPC church hall cnr Daniel & Constable streets in Newtown (Opp Mediterranean café). **BOOSTER SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE** to anyone coming who has completed 180 days since their 2nd dose of the vaccine and are eligible.

Sun 12 Dec: Zep 3:14-18a : Phil 4:4-7: Lk 3:10-18

Mon 13 Dec: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a : Mt 21:23-27

Tues 14 Dec: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 : Mt 21:28-32

Wed 15 Dec Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 : Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs 16 Dec: Is 54:1-10: Lk 7:24-30

Friday 17 Dec Gn 49:2, 8-10: Mt 1:1-17

Sat 18 Dec: Jer 23:5-8 : Mt 1:18-25



Vaccinated "Simbang Gabi" Masses

at St Frances de Sales Island Bay, @7pm, from 15-24th December. This is the Novena Masses before Christmas in Filipino Tradition.

This year Simbang Gabi is different as we operate under the Covid-19 protocols. Come! All are welcome!



New Youth Group - starting Feb 2022!

Are your children or grandchildren in Year 7-9 at Intermediate or High School?

Are they starting at a new school next year but are keen to stay in touch with their local mates?

Come and check out the new Island Bay Youth Group!

For kids Year 7+ (ages 11-16), 7-9pm Fridays fortnightly from 4 Feb. First session will be a BBQ & Bonfire Night @ Princess Bay!

Hosted by Island Bay Presbyterian Church & Catholic Parish Wellington South, and run by Youth Pastor Harry Troughton, this youth group is a chance for the young people of Island Bay to hang out, catch up with friends who are at different schools, and have loads of fun and games, in a safe and welcoming space.

All adults involved in this programme are double vaccinated and Police vetted.

For more info contact Harry on youth@ibpc.org.nz

Christmas nativity play at the

Christmas Eve family mass St Francis de Sales (Friday 24 December) at 6pm. Last year's play was such a success and we would love more children from all around to come and participate! If your child/ren are interested in taking part please send an email to winandmaria@gmail.com and we will be in touch. There are parts for everyone—speaking, non-speaking, prop work, etc.



Last week Fr Doug said Mass at the

Vincenian Home

celebrating the 60 year Anniversary of Profession for Sr Sheila



St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with Raquel Dizenzo. Contact the Parish Office for info.

Reconciliation available Saturdays 10.30 @ St Anne's

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