



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



4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 19 December 2021

Let us ask ourselves: what should we do concretely in these days as we draw near to Christmas? I can call a person who is alone, visit that elderly person or that person who is ill, do something to serve a poor person, someone in need. Maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt. Brothers and sisters, let's find something concrete and do it! May the Madonna help us, in whose womb God took on flesh.

Pope Francis: Angelus 12 December 2021



Fr Doug's Christmas message

My prayer and blessings for you all at this Christmas time as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. May you also experience the joy, the peace, the grace and the love of God brought to birth in our lives today.

God bless you all and his richest blessings for 2022.

Covid 19 Update

**We are now at ORANGE under the Traffic light system.
You must show a My Vaccine Pass to attend Vaccine only Masses.
No registration needed.**

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Anne's (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 (Max 50)

Monday 20: 9am St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 21: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's

Wednesday 22: 7pm St Anne's

Thursday 23: 10am St Anne's

No weekday Masses from Dec 27 to Jan 7

From Joe Green

Discipleship – a call to action

The gospel readings during Advent, and Christmas generally, are a good reminder that Mary, in terms of our salvation did "the heavy lifting"!

Over recent months we've got used to that phrase "doing the heavy lifting", as in, "with being locked down Auckland has done the heavy lifting".

If we are to continue as Eucharistic faith communities, celebrating that in the Mass, then we need people who are going to do some "lifting".

In these Covid times we need to ensure that the parish has systems and processes in place to check that each person who is at the vaccine congregation Mass is carrying a Covid vaccine certificate (pass) (other than a person who it is reasonable to believe is under the age of 12 years and 3 months); and has systems and processes in place to verify vaccine pass compliance in relation to a reasonable number of those people.

As well as the requirement to ensure you are well, practice good hygiene, scan or sign in, and wear a mask covering your nose and mouth, if attending a vaccine congregation Mass you must have your vaccine pass available. You should have it ready to show, and must show it if requested (at any time). You must allow it to be verified if asked, including by being scanned. You must show ID if asked.

You may not be asked to show your pass every time. As a Pastoral Leadership Team we have seen and scanned each other's passes, and know they are valid till May 2022. We don't need to see them again till then, unless we asked – then we must.

If you are concerned that your vaccine pass hasn't been checked, it might be because the people on the door know you have a pass, or, it might be because there's not enough people available to ensure the parish meets its legal obligations. A great opportunity to step up and do some of the "lifting"!

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel acclamation: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Sr Sheila McGrath

Anniversary: Francesco (Mimi) Di Leva and Gino Di Leva, Joe Natoli, Ron Watt, Kata & Lorenc Kolic, Rev Mate Kolic, Maria & Nandi DeCesa, Stipe Cupic, Mark Kendrick, Giuseppe Muollo, Ida Dolan, Umberto Monastra, Ted Veysey, Leo Price, Almondo Gilmore, Les Dorizac, Katerina Kolic, Olga Ercegovra, Carol Dolan



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 the Parish of Wellington South will require a Vaccine Pass

St Mary of the Angels

Open Masses (No Vaccine Pass required)

Christmas Eve 5.15pm

Christmas Day 7am

To register email office.manager@smoa.org.nz

January Masses

During January we will be on reduced weekday Masses. Starting after 10 January Weekday Masses will only be on Thursdays at St Anne's and on Fridays at St Francis de Sales.

A separate Vigil Mass at St Anne's Saturdays at 6pm will be restarting on Sat 8 January and will be open to vaccinated and unvaccinated alike (no proof of vaccine required). At ORANGE there is a maximum of 50 people. Masks and scanning are essential.

For the St Francis de Sales **Christmas nativity play** at the Christmas Eve family mass (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



On Sale in the Foyer: Yelena will again be selling her beautiful **hand knitted scarves** at St Anne's Church on Sunday 19 December after 9am Mass.

Readings for this week

Sun 19 Dec: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Mon 20 Dec: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Tues 21 Dec: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Wed 22 Dec: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Thurs 23 Dec: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Friday 24 Dec: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Sat 25 Dec: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18



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!

SIMBANG GABI
2021



Last Sunday the Parish Council gathered together for a retreat led by Fr Jeff Drane. Pictured here are Joe Green, Napoleon Rudolpho, Anne Natoli, Luigi

Cacace, Fr Doug, Melania, Christine Amundsen and Francis Fanning.

read - reflect - respond

TAKE PART IN THE SYNOD



NOW EXTENDED
UNTIL 30 APRIL 2022

Office hours: This is the last Newsletter of the year for 2021. The Parish Office will be closed from 24 December until 25 January. Emails will still be answered.

New Youth Group - starting Feb 2022!

Do you have 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?

For 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

Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish Family Arnica Ravji & Alba Pereyra Garcia who will be Baptised at St Francis de Sales this weekend



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