



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



2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 5 December 2021

During Advent, we could make a habit of saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Only these words, but repeating them: "Come, Lord Jesus". This time of preparation leading to Christmas is beautiful: we think of the nativity scene and Christmas, so let us say from the heart: "Come, Lord Jesus".

Pope Francis: Angelus 28 November 2021

Now

Rite 3 Reconciliation

3pm Sunday 5 December

Vaccine pass required

Advent

December

Coming Up

Christmas

Covid 19 Update

We are now under the Traffic light system. From December 3rd at **ORANGE 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 Doug

Dear parishioners

In our scripture readings for the second week of Advent we hear four voices encouraging people to imagine a better future that God has in store for them.

These voices all invite us to imagine and be part of God's kingdom.

In the First Reading the prophet asks the people to change their wardrobe – to throw away the dress of sorrow and distress and wrap the cloak of God's integrity around them. With God and believing in Him they should be dressed appropriately and have courage to believe in a better future. So too, the psalmist asks the people to imagine a time when they will no longer be in bondage, sowing in tears, but will return from the harvest singing joyfully.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul takes a similar line. He thanks them for helping him in his mission, tells them how much he loves them and invites them to prepare for that day, 'the Day of Christ when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces.'

Finally, John the Baptist in the Gospel travelling around the Jordan district announcing to anyone in earshot, 'Prepare a way for the Lord make his paths straight...And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

At the heart of these voices is the message of hope which encourages people to change and grow in God's ways.

Denis McBride writes

'If our community is to be constantly converted to the Lord, we have to breathe in encouragement and breathe it out. Perhaps this Advent we could exercise that encouragement in a simple, practical way. That will be a change for the better. In the words of Cardinal Newman: "To be human is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often.'

With every blessing

Fr Doug



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 will require a Vaccine Pass



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

Gospel acclamation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversary: Mary O'Brien, Katarino Kolic



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

Worshipping with Covid-19 in our midst.

The new **traffic light system** will allow people to gather in churches under certain conditions **after 2 December**; Wellington South will be on **ORANGE**. This means there will be no restriction on numbers in the Church and no need for registration.

- All parishioners must show a My Vaccine Pass at the door, which will be verified. *(You can download this onto your phone, or produce a paper copy with the QR code on it)* **To get a My Vaccine Pass** call 0800 222 478. Please have your NHI number ready — you can find this on a hospital letter, a prescription or prescription receipt. **OR** go to <https://mycovidrecord.health.nz/> to sign up for a My Health Account.
- A separate Mass at 6pm on Saturdays will be open to vaccinated and unvaccinated alike *(no proof of vaccine required)*. A maximum of 50 people allowed and you can register online at <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/> or contact the office.

We will also continue with measures designed to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid-19.

- ◆ Please bring your own mask
- ◆ Scan in at the door
- ◆ Communion only in the hand
- ◆ No holy water for blessing
- ◆ No shared hymn or other books.

Mask up and 'Fess up!

Come and experience a celebration of the Third Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Sunday at 3pm at St Anne's**. Our confession will be general (that is, we do not need to say anything individually to a priest) and our absolution will be general (that is, Fr Doug will pray the beautiful Prayer of Absolution over all of us at the same time). Let's all make an effort for Advent!

Vaccine Pass required

National March for Life will be ONLINE. JOIN IN WHEREVER YOU ARE! December 4th. This year, due to Covid restrictions, our National March for Life is going to look a little different.

Instead of coming together to March at Parliament on Saturday 4 December, we're asking you to be a voice for the voiceless at your home AND to join us online for an exciting, motivating event. **Saturday 4 December @ 2pm**
www.marchforlife.nz/online

St Francis de Sales Rosary Statue is with St Anne's School. Contact the Parish Office for info.

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.

Sun 5 Dec: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mon 6 Dec: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tues 7 Dec: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wed 8 Dec: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thurs 9 Dec: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday 10 Dec: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Sat 11 Dec: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Wreath Blessing at St Bernard's School

We started our week off with our annual Wreath Blessing. Mrs Tiller and our Liturgy Committee led the children in prayer as we began the season of Advent. It is lovely to see the beautiful wreaths that had been made new this year or that families have had in their homes as a tradition over the years.



MARIA ROSA MYSTICA DEVOTIONS

Wednesday December 8 at St Anne's Church.

Our programme involves: Mass, Rosaries, Scripture Readings, Prayers to our blessed Mother, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation.

We start with Mass at 7pm. Everybody Welcome. information contact Aana on 0210355880 or Lucia on 02102289544

YC Tuakana 2022: We're looking for our next College Youth Ministers for 2022. If you love Youth Ministry, want to work with college students and contribute to the mission of the Young Church, then this is for you! 20 hours a week paid youth ministry. Contact ADWYoungChurchyouth@wn.catholic.org.nz

Senior Social Worker: Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to join our dynamic team in Wellington. This full time role — is 37.5 hours per week. For a copy of the job description or additional information please contact us on 043858642. Please email your CV and covering letter to reception@wn.catholic.org.nz. Applications close at 3pm on Monday 10th January



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish Family
Harry James Moore
who will be Baptised at St Francis de Sales this weekend

Aotearoa New Zealand Bible Diaries 2022

This Bible diary consists of daily prayers, readings, short reflections, Saints of the day and short quotes for the whole year. Order now from <https://www.cognitofirms.com/AlexBailey1/AotearoaNewZealandBibleDiaries2022>

Note: For those that do not use electronic devices, please contact Fr Prakash, directly on 022 585 2875.

The Word in other words—A bible diary containing the Daily Gospel Reading and a short reflection penned by missionaries. We are raising funds to help with the essential needs of Dioceses in 155 countries. Cost is \$20 per copy. All proceeds to MISSIONZ. To order contact info@missio.nz or call 09 4896549

Reconciliation available Saturdays 10.30 @ St Anne's

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