



Catholic Parish of Wellington South

In the spirit of Suzanne Aubert



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4th Sunday in Lent

22nd March 2020

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Dear Parishioners

The Bishop has acted quickly and decisively in response to the new government directives concerning the Coronavirus. As expected it will seriously affect both sacramental and pastoral activities within our parish and all parishes in the Archdiocese for some time.

To help keep us connected will be working at keeping at least one or two of our churches open on Sunday mornings as a place to pray and for spiritual reflection. Our newsletter will also be available in our churches and online. If you know of anyone who doesn't have internet access, please help us to get the newsletter to them. We will endeavour to keep our parish office operational and inform you of any changes that may develop. We will always be available on the phone and email. Regular notifications will be sent through the Parish App.

Let's continue to look out for one another, especially the vulnerable within our parish and to offer practical assistance wherever possible.

If you are in self isolation and need help in getting groceries or medication please let us know either by phone or email. If you are willing to help deliver such items to those at home please let us know.

Know that you are in our prayers and thoughts during this time. Please keep us in your prayers too as we all face the pandemic crisis.

Almighty God,

*At the beginning of our salvation, when Mary
conceived your Son and brought him forth into the world,
you placed them under Joseph's watchful care.*

*May his prayers still help your people and
the world face this pandemic crisis.*

With every blessing

Fr Doug

Parish Priest

Psalm Response:

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.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

E te Ariki, Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.



20 March 2020

Dear Parishioners

In the current COVID-19 emergency it is very important that we play our part as good citizens. It is our Christian duty to do everything we can to protect ourselves and others from harm.

As Catholics we have many gatherings and practices which potentially pose a risk this situation, especially to the elderly and those whose health is compromised in some way. The government's restriction of indoor gatherings to 100 people requires us to take action immediately. For the duration of this health emergency, the following instructions are to be implemented in all parishes and chaplaincies (and where they apply, in schools) throughout the Archdiocese of Wellington.

Masses and public liturgies

All public Masses and liturgies in the Archdiocese are suspended from 20 March until further notice, both weekday and weekend Masses. Some churches will be open for private prayer, and social distancing should be observed if people are doing this. A dispensation from the diocesan Bishop releases Catholics from fulfilling their obligation to attend a Sunday Mass. Since public Masses are suspended in the Archdiocese until further notice, all Catholics in the Archdiocese are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (Canon 1248). You should stay home for your safety and the safety of others. Many people may feel sadness at not being able to participate in the Mass, but you should not feel guilty for not going to Mass. We are looking into livestreaming some Masses but it may be even more fruitful for families and households to gather together to reflect upon the readings for Sunday and to make their own forms of worship. I have asked all the priests of the Archdiocese who can to celebrate Mass every day privately for the intentions of the people and the alleviation of the crisis.

Funerals

The immediate family of the deceased (which must be fewer in number than 100 or the Ministry of Health's future minimum number) may gather for the funeral rite, taking great care to practice social distancing. There are to be no prayer vigils the day before a funeral. The Rite of Committal will take place at the cemetery with the immediate family only. There will be no Requiem Masses at this time.

Marriages and Baptisms

Marriages without Mass and Baptisms may take place with immediate family members, provided they follow the regulations established by the Ministry of Health. Marriage preparation courses are suspended.

Parish activities

All parish gatherings are suspended. This includes meetings; sacramental programmes; the conferring of First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation; Lent programmes; RCIA programmes; and the Second Rite of Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be available by appointment or at set times if it can be conducted in a safe way.

Visits to the sick and housebound

Your pastoral team will make arrangements to ensure that those who are sick or housebound receive spiritual care. They will also keep in contact with those who are in self-isolation, and you should advise them if you are in this situation.

Parish Offices

Parish offices may make their own decision about remaining open, but must enforce social distancing with any visitors. If necessary the office may be closed to visitors but be accessible through its phone and email systems. There will be a way to contact a priest.

This is a Lenten journey without precedent. In all its challenges there will be opportunities for spiritual growth as a community; for finding new ways of being Christ to one another; for caring for those who are marginalised or disadvantaged; for the discovery of new gifts in our midst; for rediscovering the heart of community and family. For each of us personally there may be opportunities for discerning what is really essential in our spiritual journey; for finding a new appreciation of those who are very familiar; and for deepening our prayer and the ways we pray.

You are all in my prayers. Please look after yourselves, and care for one another and your neighbours.

Yours sincerely in the Lord

+ John A Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington

Psalm 91

Thursday 19th March
Feast of St Joseph
Morning Prayer

*All depends on faith, so that it may
be a free gift. (cf. Rm 4:16)*

*Like a tree planted near running
water, Saint Joseph drew vigour
and courage from his trust in God,
which enabled him to care
for the Mother and Child
entrusted to his love.*

It is good to give
thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name,
O Most High,
to proclaim your
love in the morning
and your truth in the
watches of the night,
on the ten-stringed lyre
and the lute,
with the murmuring
sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord,
have made me glad;
for the work of your hands
I shout with joy.
O Lord, how great are your works!
How deep are your designs!
The foolish man cannot know this
and the fool cannot understand.

The just will flourish like
the palm-tree and grow
like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the
Lord they will flourish in
the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Prayer for a Pandemic

by Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced,
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May those who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

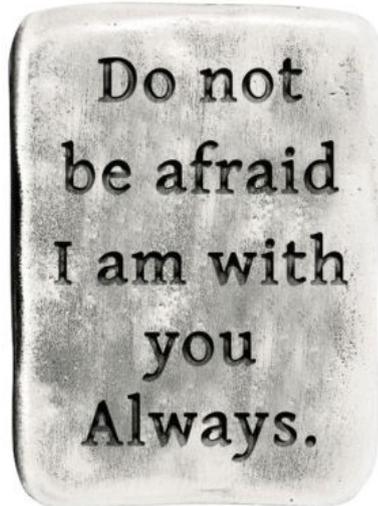
May those who have the flexibility
to care for our children when schools close
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel trip
remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.
May those who settle for quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
let us choose love during this time
when we cannot physically wrap
our arms around each other,
let us find ways to be the loving embrace
to God and our neighbour.

Amen.



Caritas Lent - Week 4

*"Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living
generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our
concern for our brothers and sisters."*

Pope Francis: Gaudete et Exsultate (#104), 2018

For reflection...

- How can we become more aware of the people around us in need?
- The Pharisees were so concerned with following the law that it prevented them from fully accepting Jesus. What things in our lives distract us from our relationship with God?
- What gifts do we have that we can use to serve God and those around us?

Practical actions...

- Volunteer with the youth group or children's group at your parish. Talk with young people about recognising and serving the poor and vulnerable in your community.
- Pray the Examen at the end of the day to reflect on God's presence and discern his will for you in the days to come. Download a guide to the Examen on the Caritas website at <https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/SJW2016%20Examen.pdf>

*E te Atua, when you gave sight to the blind man,
he told people about you. As you give us new sight, make us teachers who share
your message of mercy, justice and truth, especially to those most
in need of your healing love. Āmene.*

**Parish Bank
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Our Vision Statement

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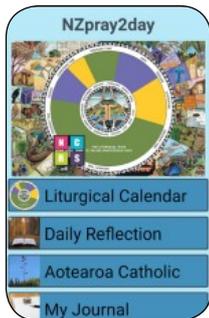
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Visit us on Facebook at Catholic Parish of Wellington South

Spiritual Resources During the Suspension of Mass

During this time when public Masses are suspended, you may want to use some of the following resources to help you in your spiritual life.

NZpray2day is designed to support young and old in Catholic schools and parishes to enter simply into the richness of the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. NZpray2day helps people become more easily aware of the gentle cycle of days and months which link us to creation, the life of Jesus and the shared journey of the Church. It is a journey we walk together. It also brings in pieces of history to link this liturgical journey with aspects of the story of New Zealand and the wider world.



Caritas Aotearoa Website

Follow the Lenten Reflection "Renewed by the Spirit" through the online booklet at <https://caritas.org.nz/lent>

Wellington South Parish App

Find daily readings and help us to keep you regularly informed. Download **churchappsNZ** from your playstore today and search for Wellington South Parish.



Please remember in prayer all who are sick, those who are lonely, and those who have died recently and their families.

Masses offered for

Sr Catherine Hannan dolc (RIP)
Fr Bill Clancy (RIP)

Carmela DeGregorio (11 March)
Edward Lutomski (25 March)

Magnificat Publication

Temporarily free online version

During this difficult time, many of the faithful around the world are unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, the online version of MAGNIFICAT Publication is temporarily available to everyone for free. Visit www.magnificat.com/free

MagnifiKid

Temporary free access for kids!

Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of our colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6 through 12. While so many children are missing formal religious instruction and are unable to attend Mass, MagnifiKid! can be their special guide, accompanying them through each week as they prepare to attend Mass or watch it at home.



PrayAsYouGo App

A daily prayer session, designed to help you pray whenever you find time.

A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. Based on Ignatian Spirituality.



Mixed 4's Passionist Family Group on their walk heading to Whitireia Park in Titahi Bay Porirua. An enjoyable afternoon had by all including the dogs! A bit windy but a great way to spend time together over a picnic lunch and a walk. If you would like to join a group please contact Mary-Ellen Leen 0273336440



This week's readings

Sunday 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
4th Sunday in Lent

Monday Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

Wed Isaiah 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52

Sunday Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
5th Sunday in Lent

Family Life Catholic Gifts - Huge Lenten Sale - 25% off everything - until 31st March.
catholicgifts.co.nz

Job Vacancy:

Director of Music, St Mary of the Angels

The Parish Church of St Mary of the Angels, Wellington, seeks applications for the position of Director of Music. Applicants should have musical training to degree standard or equivalent professional experience, be an effective and constructive communicator, and ideally be familiar with the Catholic liturgy. The position description is available at: www.smoa.org.nz/mdposition For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Kevin Mowbray: smoapp@xtra.co.nz. Applications in writing, enclosing a CV, to smooffice@xtra.co.nz by 31 March.