



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



Sunday February 26 1st Sunday of Lent

'Each year during Lent we are reminded that 'goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day'."

Pope Francis, Message for Lent, 2021

Now

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 26 February

Coming Up

Combined Parish Mass For Children's Day

5 March 10am
at St Francis de Sales

Parent evening for the Sacramental Programme

8 March 6.30pm St Anne's

Good Friday 7 April

3pm St Anne's
3pm St Francis de Sales

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's (No Mass on 5 March)

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

Samoan Mass every 3rd Sunday

Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

Gospel Reflection

The first week of Lent, and the readings present us with an absolute feast of meaning! These three short passages from Genesis, Romans and Matthew offer a cosmic picture of what it means to be human, while never losing sight of the small stuff of everyday life.

In the Genesis passage we are reminded how, created in love and gifted with immeasurable blessings, we have managed to do so much harm to each other and to our beautiful earth.

The creation narrative is told as a seemingly simple story. Handed down for thousands of years, it has lasted because it rings true, even if our understanding of evolution and human complexity has greatly expanded as our knowledge of science and psychology has grown. We know a lot more about the 'dust' from which our bodies are formed, about our deep connections with the earth.

The image of the tree of life beautifully sums up the mystery of what makes us human, – our ability to 'know' – to understand, and to recognize the difference between good and evil, and our freedom to choose our response, a very big responsibility. If ever there has been a case where we would have been wise to 'follow maker's instructions' this is it.

Of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it nor touch it, under pain of death". Was this just a simple test of obedience or much more – a warning that if evil were released into the world it would spread like a virus, contaminating everything, beyond our control? We are learning daily the deep harm that our bad choices make, from minor acts of greed or indifference to policies that cause widespread destruction and hardship.

But in the readings from Romans and Matthew's Gospel, Paul and Matthew remind us how God entered our damaged world in the person of Jesus Christ and showed us, with immeasurable mercy and compassion, how to find our way back to fullness of life as it is meant to be, where the word of God is heeded, where we care for each other and the earth.

We need to look at how we live our lives, and at the effects of our choices. Then, guided by 'makers instructions', repent, and repair the damage where we can, knowing that God will be with us.

Judith Collins Village at the Park

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel acclamation: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Merlin Arizabal

Anniversary: Atanacio Teves, Lourdes Teves, Nicolas Catalan Jr Maritess Cimafranca, Camillo Amitrano, Palma Aprea, Salvatore & Giuseppina Volpicelli, Rosalina & Raffaele Volpicelli



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

Ash Wednesday in Wellington South Parish

Ash Wednesday gets its name from early traditions in the Christian Church in Rome, when penitents and sinners would partake in a period of public penance. During this, they were sprinkled with ashes and dressed in a sackcloth until they were reconciled with church-goers on Maundy Thursday.



Fr Michael & Fr Doug bless the Ashes. The pupils from St Anne's school joined the Parish community for the 10am Mass. The 7pm Mass was also very well attended.



Ashes distributed at the 9am Mass at St Bernard's.



Readings for this week

Sun 26 Feb: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11
Mon 27 Feb: Lev 19:1-2, 11; Mk 25:31-46
Tues 28 Feb: Isaiah 55:10-11; Mk 6:7-15
Wed 1 Mar: Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs 2 Mar: Esther 4:17; Mt 7:7-12
Fri 3 Mar: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Sat 4 Mar: Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



Combined Parish Mass 5 March at 10am

Help us celebrate Children's Day at St Francis de Sales Church on Sunday the 5th of March. Mass will start at 10am at St Francis de Sales Church. Please stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards. There will be a lolly scramble for the children.



*There will be NO 9am Mass at St Anne's that day.
 Other Masses as usual*

Young Church Mass:

St Mary of the Angels,
 5pm March 26th

Caritas Lenten Envelopes:

Available in the foyer from this weekend

Lent 2023: Lenten reflection and prayer groups using the Caritas programme "I am the Light of the World" will be held: Mondays beginning 7.00pm 20 Feb at St Joseph's (Contact John Feeney) Mondays beginning 7.00pm 20 Feb through Zoom (Contact Sr Elizabeth for link) Fridays beginning after the 6pm Stations of the Cross on Fridays at St Anne's. Two groups: English (Chapel) and Samoan (Foyer).

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends for 2023 are 18 & 19 March, 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Wellington. Registrations close 2 weeks before. For more details go to the website. <http://www.cce-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. 027 486 0700 or email simonolsen@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR: You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 28 February at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This will be the first one for this year. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

The **Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre** and Cloister Café are open. Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces. Cloister Café: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday. Heritage Centre: 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday. Rhine St

2023 Sacramental Programme: The programme is open to children who are baptised into the Catholic faith and have reached Year 4 or above. Enrolments close on 5 March. To enrol contact office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Divine Mercy at St Francis de Sales starts 9.10am before the 10.30 Mass every Sunday. All welcome

Divine Mercy at St Anne's starts at 6pm after the 5pm Mass every Sunday. All welcome

Reconciliation during Lent Saturdays 10.30 @ St Anne's

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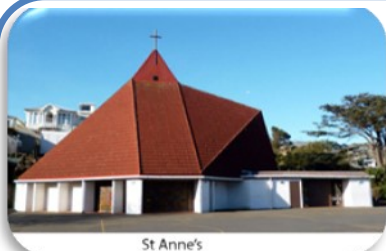
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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales