



# 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 March 19 4th Sunday of Lent

*"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life."*

Pope Francis, General Audience, 03/06/2020

## Now

**Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary**

Monday 20 March

## Easter Timetable

**Holy Thursday 6 April**  
7pm St Francis de Sales

**Friday 7 April Good Friday Morning**

9am St Anne's Stations of the Cross

10am St Francis Stations of the Cross

**Friday 7 April Good Friday Afternoon**

Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion

3.00pm St Anne's

3.00pm St Francis de Sales

**Saturday 8 April Easter Vigil**

7.00pm St Francis de Sales

**Sunday 9 April Easter Sunday**

9.00am Mass at St Anne's

10.30am Mass at St Francis de Sales

5.00pm Mass at St Anne's

### Weekend Mass

**Vigil Mass**

6pm St Francis de Sales

**Sunday Mass:**

9am St Anne's

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

## From Fr Michael

This Sunday's gospel presents the story of the man born blind, whose cure by Jesus represents one of the seven signs in John's gospel. In John's gospel, those reading or receiving the message are invited to be witnesses. We are challenged to step in and step out for ourselves.

We can see different kinds of blindness in the man himself, and also in the other people involved in the story. The Pharisees are spiritually blind until the end because of their hardened hearts and minds. The neighbours who doubt whether miracles like this can happen are also blind, as are the man's parents when they allow fear of persecution to prevent them from speaking up and defend righteousness.

We witness the transformation of the blind man as his faith grows to the point where he could speak out for himself and proclaim Jesus as a prophet sent by God. When expelled from the synagogue, Jesus looks out for him. What follows is not a further interrogation but an invitation to faith: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

With much simplicity and humility, the man asks for the gift of faith/light and Jesus does so. So now he not only knows about, but really knows Christ. "Lord, I believe".

If one thing is central in this journey/story, it is the power and the authenticity of personal experience. How can this man be expected to deny the healing he has experienced in his personal encounter with Christ?

One of the ways we get to know ourselves better is to observe how we react under pressure, in family, work, career and the "events" of life. Even our faith can be under pressure, from outside and from within. How we handle pressure is worth observing and considering. Pressure is a good test of character: what it does to us and how we deal with it and with others.

"All I know is I once was blind but now I see." It is likely that there are a couple of experiences I cannot deny. These can become a corner stone of my faith. Can I name these and own them as I too go forward in faith?



**Caritas**

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### Lent 2023: 'I am the Light of the World'

The theme for Lent 2023 – "I am the Light of the World" – reminds us that Jesus bring light to a world often darkened by disease, disaster, violence, lies and hypocrisy. Jesus' life, and his proclamation of the truth, is a challenge to each of us to lead our lives following His example. Please HELP Caritas help others. Pick up your envelope today.

**Responsorial Psalm:** 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.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**Anniversary:** Antonio Cuccurullo, Bonifacio Mahinay, Geri Munson, Fr John Simson, Maria Antonia, Francesco Aprea, Raffaele Volpicelli Luigi & Angelina Mollo



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellington.southcatholic.org](http://wellington.southcatholic.org)



**GRACE:** An Event organised by the Filipino Chaplaincy. Lenten Recollection 2023. By Fr. Bernard Espiritu, SVD. On the theme of GRACE. Saturday 25th March 2023, 1:30pm followed by Mass at 5:15pm. St. Martin de Porres, Avalon.

**Wellington Archdiocese Youth Mass**, Sunday 26th March 5pm at St Mary of the Angels .

### Saint Madeleine Sophie's School Reunion

Pines Cabaret; Date to be advised  
Cost: depending on number 50 to 150 people  
\$43.00 to \$40.00 plus deposit  
Contact Susan Bruce Email: palomino.horses@gmail.com  
Phone: 027 564 2724 (text only) or 04 3835070 (home)

**ORGAN RECITAL:** 3pm, May 13th. At St Francis of Assisi Ohariu (formerly St Peter and Paul's), 37 Dr. Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville. David Dobson at the Allen Digital organ. All proceeds to fund-raising for Cyclone relief. Koha please.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 19 Mar:** Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41  
**Mon 20 Mar:** Sam: 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Lk 2:41-51  
**Tues 21 Mar:** Ez 47:1-9,21; Jn 5:1-3-16  
**Wed 22 Mar:** Isaiah 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thurs 23 Mar:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Fri 24 Mar:** Wis 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10-25-30



**Sacramental Programme 2023:** You may have noticed an increase in the number of families joining us for Mass last Sunday. There are over 50 children in the Sacramental programme in our Parish this year. This term we are doing Reconciliation. A big thank you to all the Parish helpers and Parents. Fr Doug blessed the children when they came back from their lesson at the end of Mass.

### Tax Receipts for Wellington South.

Tax receipts will be ready by the end of April  
We will email these to you. If you have recently changed your email or physical address please contact the Office on office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

### Foot washing at St Anne's

We are looking for six people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you would like to be involved please let Malia, Rita, Koleta or Elizabeth know



### Baptisms:

Hannah Tee was Baptised last weekend at St Francis de Sales Church by Fr Michael

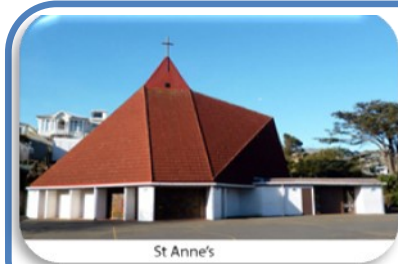
Also Baptised was Abel Bandong at St Anne's



**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  
**Communal Reconciliation** Sunday 2 April 3pm at St Anne's



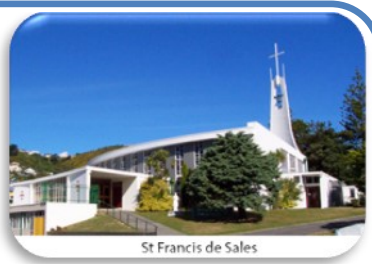
St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales