



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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday November 19 33rd Sunday Ord Time

God wants everyone to take a risk to share with others the gifts he has given to them — their life, talents and His love. The pope used the parable of the talents to explain how God entrusts people with his greatest treasures: "our own lives, the lives of others" and a number of different gifts and talents. On the day of judgement God will not ask us if we jealously preserved our life and faith, but instead whether we stepped forward and took risks.

Now

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 19 November

Coming up

Next Meeting of the PPC

Wednesday 22 November

Young Church Mass

Sunday 26 November 5pm St Anne's

Feast of Christ the King

Sunday 26 November

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm at St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

Samoa Mass 11am every 3rd Sunday

St Bernard's Mass 10.30am every 1st Sunday at the school Hall

Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's

Wed: 9am St Bernard's Mass in the Hall

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

Gospel Reflection

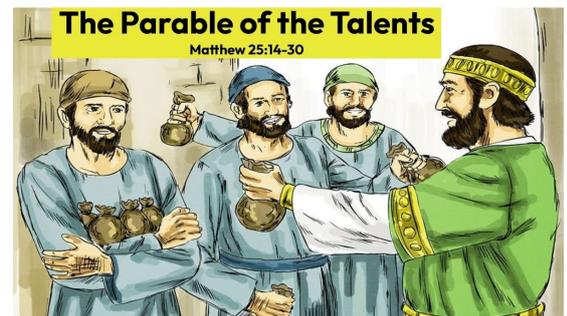
For all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but for those who are unproductive, even what they have will be taken away." Profits\$\$\$Profits\$\$\$ are the common words today.

Today's gospel is all about profits when the master left talents to three servants. He gave five to one, two to another and one to the third one. He was expecting good returns for what he gave them. The first one, as well as the second invested theirs and doubled the talents. They were rewarded with more responsibilities but joined their master with joy. However the third one who was anxious and scared buried his talent without returns. Accordingly as the master returned, he praised those servants that were profitable and got rid of the one without returns.

As we reflect on today's Gospel for the World Day of the Poor, we can think about the variety of talents and gifts we have been given to share and use to help others. In this way we are loving both God and our neighbour and deepening our own spirituality. Jesus knows which gifts to entrust to us and we need to trust HIS wisdom. You may ask yourself, what are my talents that I can use for God's glory and to help others? We have received from God many gifts and talents, e.g. various abilities, family connections, social positions and educational opportunities and many more. We are called and challenged to use them. So do we use them in the service of others, especially the poor? The woman described in the First Reading "holds out her hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy" Do these words describe us? Are we ready for the responsibilities? Or are we so afraid and anxious that we hide our talents.

It is a privilege to be entrusted with gifts and talents, resources and opportunities but we need to use them. Simple acts of kindness in our neighbourhood and community can go a long way to help others. Equally being active in our Church and doing our part to build a strong community of faith by being involved in practical ways is very rewarding indeed. In our own way, we are sharing our talents and gifts. Lord, help us to use our talents in your service. Amen

Zenaida Savill



The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversary: Geoffrey Cochrane, Vincent Criscillo.





Join us in making a difference -- Sunday, 19 November marks the 7th annual **World Day of the Poor**, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7). He calls us to make a positive change in the world. Get Involved! Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world. Find out more about World Day of the Poor on the Caritas Website:

caritas.org.nz or Caritas Facebook page: facebook.com/caritasaotearoa. Read the articles in Welcom or join in a conversation in our parish to understand what it means to encounter the poor and then to come up with actions for us as a parish to work on over the next year.

Congratulations to the **Sisters of St Peter Claver** on raising over \$4,000 with their Pot Luck dinner at St Anne's



Hall last week. Thank you to all the people who helped to make this such a special occasion.



Readings for this week

Sun 19 Nov: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30. **Mon 20 Nov:** 1Mac 1:10-15; Lk 18:35-43
Tue 21 Nov: 2Maccabees 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wed 22 Nov: 2Maccabees 7:1,20-31; Lk 19:11-28
Thurs 23 Nov: 1Maccabees 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Fri 24 Nov: 1Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59; Lk 19:45-48
Sat 25 Nov: 1Maccabees 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

on Sunday 26 November marks the end of the liturgical year. The National Liturgy Office has prepared prayers and other resources, including Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel reading from Matthew in which Jesus tells his disciples about the second coming, when the Son of Man will separate the sheep from the goats. For the resources: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe-2/>

Youth Pastor Role Vacancy

Our Ecumenical Youth Group is seeking a part-time Youth Pastor to work in with an established and committed team of volunteers, to head up our growing youth ministry. The role has responsibility over a fortnightly youth group run jointly with the Island Bay Presbyterian Church. The position is for between 10-14 hours a week.

For enquires contact Nathan on 0210408323 or email Minister@IBPC.org.nz

Christmas Novena Masses

2023

Let us prepare and reflect on the birth of Jesus through the lens of Virgin Mary....

15th to 23th December 2023

7 pm

St. Anne's Church

22 Emmett Street, Newtown

Columban Calendars

for sale in the foyer this weekend. \$12

YOUNG CHURCH MASS Our final Young Church Mass for 2023 is happening on the **26th of November**.

This Mass will be hosted by Life Teen Wellington, **5pm at St Anne's, Newtown**.

All youth and young adults are invited to celebrate with us! We hope to see you there!

Follow @ADWyoungchurch on social media for more updates on what's happening in the young church.

Mass for Life. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on **Friday 1 December**, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. www.fli.org.nz/proliffevents

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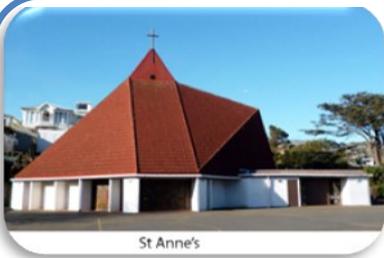
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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales