



# 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 harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti*



**Sunday December 3**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

Take heed... It is a matter of having an understanding gaze so as to recognize both the misery and poverty of individuals and of society, and to recognize the richness hidden in little everyday things, precisely there where the Lord has placed us.'

*Pope Francis Angelus 3 December 2017*

**Now**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Friday 8 December 7pm

St Theresa's Pro Cathedral Karori

**Coming up**

**Advent Reconciliation Rite III**

Sunday 17 December

3pm at St Anne's

**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve: Sunday 24**

6pm Family Mass St Francis de Sales

7.30pm Family Mass St Anne's

9pm Night Mass St Francis de Sales

**Christmas Day: Monday 25**

9am St Anne's

9am St Francis de Sales

10.30am St Bernard's School Hall

**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

**Samoan 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

"BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!"

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember through Prayers, reflections, special music and good deeds what the TRUE meaning of Jesus' birth is.

We long for Steadfast love and Faithfulness to meet, and for Righteousness and Peace to kiss each other, as quote from the Scripture. We trust that faithful actions following God's path of righteousness 'CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.'

There is a saying; "Expect the unexpected." In family life, we try to prepare for future events of the reality of life. Our next family Christmas, children's education and our retirement. We need to be very careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise, so that we can handle any difficult circumstances or challenges our family may face.

Advent is a time when people welcome the homeless in their homes for the night, a time of thanksgiving for what people receive from others.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's Spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters. Also, we need to be ready willingly to receive Jesus in our daily lives and at the end of time. Like the Apostles, Jesus wants us to be watchful and alert at all times, so that we might recognize the signs of Christ in our midst. Therefore, what are some things that we can do to stay alert and ready to welcome Christ when He returns in glory? We need to pray daily as a family, read the Scripture, follow Jesus by keeping the Commandments, love and serve others, recognize Christ's presence in the Sacraments in our daily lives. Encourage our youth to prepare their hearts to welcome Jesus by engaging one of the above activities during Advent.

Like the prophet Isaiah, he expresses his complaints to God as one Who has hidden His face and allowed people to offer due to human crimes. At the end Isaiah confesses his faith to God as Father who cares and models people according to His Will and design. Saint Paul follows Isaiah's thoughts with the attitude of thanksgiving. There's no reason to complain and worry because of the generosity of God, who sees to it that, everyone is equipped with skills and spiritual gifts in Jesus Christ.

If God is faithful to the end, everyone is challenged to be watchful and alert like the security guards in their duty day in and day out. The key word is 'WATCH'. We need to watch the words we say, whether they are edifying, teaching, consoling or warning. Watching our actions since they speak louder than words; our thoughts and opinions; our friends and companions; our hearts: emotions, sentiments and awareness, so that when the Lord comes into our lives, we are indeed WATCHFUL and ALERT at all times.

Let us remind ourselves in some of the unexpected events that happened lately in our lives throughout the whole world. Natural disasters such as flood, earthquake, hurricane and climate change. Are we able to do anything about them? How can we deal with them? Always remember what Jesus says in the scripture; "Be watchful and ready. You know not when the Son of Man is coming!"

"Be Watchful! Pray constantly that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man!"

"Be Faithful until death, and I will give you the Crown of the life!"

Only God the Father knows when Christ will come again. In the meantime, Jesus tells us to be WATCHFUL and ALERT.

*Koleta Teofilo Konise.*



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Gospel acclamation:** Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

**Remembering the Holy Souls**

**RIP:** Lea Veysey

**Anniversary:** Olga Ercegovac, Salvatore Volpicelli, Camillo Amitrano



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



## 1st Sunday of Advent

Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the Four Weeks of the Advent Wreath: The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

## Baptisms

This week we celebrated the Baptism of Maddie Eades (centre) a teacher from St Anne's School who was Baptised on Tuesday surrounded by her pupils.



Also Baptised were twins Kaine and Kloud Aukusitino



The **Suzanne Aubert Scout Group** is fundraising for Jamboree. Come along to their movie night: **WONKA** Monday 18th December, 6.30pm Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn \$20 per ticket. It's set to be a great family night out and just the (golden) ticket to get you in the Christmas spirit. There will also be spot prizes on the night! To book your ticket, go to: <https://forms.gle/o9CXP8ehrLz4EXaR9> or email [suzanneaubert@group.scouts.nz](mailto:suzanneaubert@group.scouts.nz)

### Readings for this week

**Sun 3 Dec:** Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8; Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**Mon 4 Dec:** Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

**Tue 5 Dec:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wed 6 Dec:** Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:129-37

**Thurs 7 Dec:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27

**Fri 8 Dec:** Genesis 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Sat 9 Dec:** Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,6-8



## Congratulations

Some of our parishioners who sing for the Signature Choir performed last week at the Spark Arena in Auckland with the NZ Symphony Orchestra to perform the Mana Moana Concert. Pasifika songs, music and stories, sung by the choir and played by the NZSO to a sold out packed crowd of over 7000 people. We appreciate our parish support and prayers for this successful event. The Music directors of Signature Choir are from our Parish, Fepulea'i Helen Tupai and Jadrah Tupai with members Tana, Leilani, Julian Tupai, Jessie Antonio, Elama Elama, Leu Ulu and Melania Lui – Congratulations, we are all proud of you all!



**Advent Reflection with Fr Alliston:** To prepare for Christmas, the Parish is offering the following opportunities. This will include a talk and time for reflection with Eucharistic adoration. The details are as follows:  
**Saturday Dec 9th**, 4:30-5:30pm at St Francis De Sales Church ( i.e., before evening vigil mass)  
**Sunday Dec 10th**, 10:30am-11:30am at St Anne's church (i.e., after the 9am morning mass and time for a cup of tea)

**Island Bay Combined Churches  
Community Carols Sunday 3 December**

at St Hilda's Church Island Bay  
Games from 4pm, Free sausage sizzle, BYO Picnic from 5pm  
Carols from 6pm. Everyone is welcome

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Christmas Novena Masses at St Anne's Church.  
15 to 23 December. 7pm start.

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



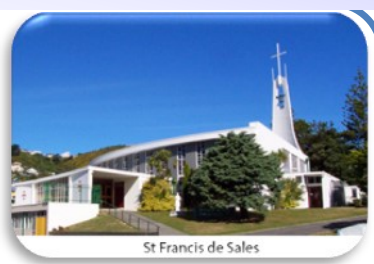
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St Francis de Sales