



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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

'At times the yearning we feel toward the Lord is too weak and it almost seems that God is silent... Think about God's tenderness. God is not a bad father, an unkind father, no. He is tender. He loves us so much, like the Good Shepherd, who searches for the last member of his flock. It is love, and this is conversion: a grace

Now

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Coming up

Advent Reconciliation Rite III

Sunday 17 December 3pm St Anne's

Memorial Mass Fr Paul Shanahan

Sunday 17 December

6.30pm St Francis de Sales

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

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 12pm Sunday 10

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

From Fr Ravi

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace as Celebrated in Glorifying God

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Second Sunday of Advent. As we venture further into this season of joyful anticipation and hopeful expectation, today's liturgy invites us to delve into the theme of peace as celebrated in glorifying God, echoing the teachings of Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. The Scripture empowers us to grow in virtue and sanctity.

In the first reading Isaiah declares that God's people are to be comforted, restored and redeemed. The language of the text is very poetical, vivid and replete with metaphors. It is the wilderness of our lives and the desert of our hearts that require preparation. The hills and Valleys are spiritual obstacles of sin and lack of faith comes between God and us. Similarly people must move the uneven ground and rough places in our lives; we need to smooth the path in preparation for the Lord's imminent coming. Another metaphor compares the grass and flowers to our own impermanency and fragility. We may fail God but God never fails us. The text emphasis God's nurturing and care.

The voice of the Holy Spirit and the Church, calls us to actively participate in the divine dialogue with our Lord Jesus, preparing our hearts for His coming both in history and in glory. At this sacred junction, we encounter Isaiah's prophecy heralding John's arrival, echoing the Liturgy's cosmic scope and its transformative power. The psalm underscores the Lord's kindness and justice, aspects intertwined with the peace we seek through active participation in the season of Advent. The second reading urges growth in holiness, aligning with the call to holiness can shape our lives entirely. As we immerse ourselves in today's Gospel, John the Baptist is the messenger, witness and forerunner. The timeless message of John the Baptist resonates with the themes of repentance, humility, readiness, forgiveness and the true peace found in glorifying God and unity with one another.



As we engage in this sacred celebration, let us open our hearts to the profound peace offered by the scripture and allow it to shape our lives as heralds of the Gospel in the world.

Fr. Ravi Kumar Voliganti.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel acclamation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God. .

Remembering the Holy Souls

Anniversary: Immacolata Mollo and Laura Mollo (Italy) Giuseppina, Giuseppe and Gerardine Mollo, Antonio and Ruffy Mollo, Nina, Assunta, Liberato, Pasquale and Cataldo DeGregorio Tina, Genero and Also Cuccurullo, Raffaele Muollo, Antonietta & Antonino Basile, Ida & Antonino Muollo



2nd Sunday of Advent

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent we light the second candle, which is the symbol of FAITH. The candle's name has its origins in the prophet Micah who prophesied Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. It is referred to as the Bethlehem Candle.



Baptisms

We welcome into our Parish
Amelia Iris Serle
who was Baptised at St Anne's Church
last Saturday by Fr Doug.

Advent opportunity

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together as a parish community on Sunday 17 December at 3pm at St Anne's. If you would like to be a proclaimer, cantor, musician, or prayer leader please contact Sr Elizabeth 0276805002

Calling all Children who would like to be involved in the Christmas Vigil 6pm Mass at St Francis de Sales. We are looking for Altar Servers, readers, offertory and someone to lay Jesus in the crib. If you are interested please email either: Maria at marialagruttaelenio@gmail.com or Kathy at gandksharpe@gmail.com.

Carols with the Angels @ St Mary of the Angels: Join the Cuba St Salvation Army Brass Band, Wellington Young Voices, and the musicians of St Mary's for a carol concert in our beautiful church. Wednesday December 13th, 7pm. Free entry, all welcome.

2024 Sacramental programme

We are now accepting enrolments for 2024. This programme is available to all children who have been baptised into the Catholic faith and reached Year 4 or above in the primary school system. Contact the parish Office for an enrolment form

Special Memorial Mass for Fr Paul Shanahan SM

Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm St Francis de Sales Church. Fr Paul Shannahan's first appointment as a young priest was to St Francis de Sales (1965-1968 and he was very involved in the construction of the Island Bay Squash Courts). Fr Paul died in Christchurch.

Readings for this week

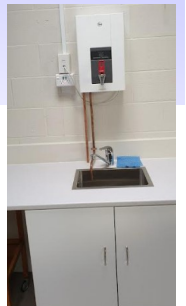
Sun 10 Dec: Is 1-5,9-11; 2Peter 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Mon 11 Dec: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tue 12 Dec: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wed 13 Dec: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs 14 Dec: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Fri 15 Dec: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sat 16 Dec: Ecc 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:10-13



The children from St Francis de Sales school put on a Nativity play in the Church last Wednesday. The children portrayed the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus in humble surroundings.

Simbang Gabi

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.



Blessing of the new tea room

Last weekend Fr Doug blessed the newly completed Tea Room at St Francis de Sales Church. We are now looking for volunteers to be on the Hospitality roster.

VACANCY - Safeguarding Coordinator to work closely with our Parishes, clergy, volunteers and staff. The Safeguarding Coordinator takes the lead in instituting a culture of safeguarding, children, teenagers and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese. Apply at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/vacancies. Applications close 7th January.

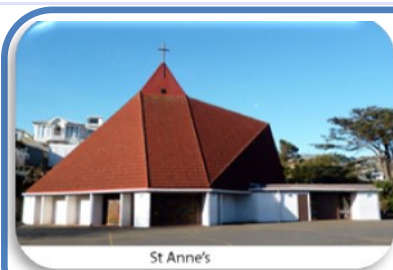
The Suzanne Aubert Scout Group is fundraising for Jamboree. Come along to their movie night: **WONKA** Monday 18th December, 6.30pm Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn \$20 per ticket

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

Wellington Hospital Carol singing:

Christmas Eve 24 December 7pm.

Please gather in the Atrium at 6.45 pm. We will divide into two groups. Spend about an hour singing in the various wards concluding with a light supper.



St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales