



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 January 28

4th Sunday Ordinary Time

'In these days, let us pray especially for Christian unity, and let us never tire of invoking the Lord for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and in many other parts of the world: it is always the weakest who suffer the lack of it. I am thinking of the little ones, of the many injured and killed children, of those deprived of affection, deprived of dreams and of a future. Let us feel the responsibility to pray and build peace for them!'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 21 January 2024

Now

Presentation of the Lord

Friday 2 February

Day of Prayer for Consecrated

Life: Friday 2 February

Coming up

Waitangi Day

Tuesday 6 February

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14 Feb

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

From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners

I hope your Christmas and New Year break has been full of relaxation and fun, filled with family members and friends as we prepare to meet the challenges and opportunities this new year will bring.

In a message at the beginning of 2021 Pope Francis wrote:

"This year, while we hope for new beginnings and new cures, let us not neglect care," the pope wrote. "Together with a vaccine for our bodies, we need a vaccine for our hearts. That vaccine is care. This will be a good year if we take care of others, as Our Lady does with us."

The same is true at the beginning of 2024, we still need to be vigilant and generous in the care of others. The continuing problem with the homeless, the increase of people suffering mental illness, people losing jobs through a failure within certain businesses that go bankrupt. And Covid has not been conquered yet. Unfortunately, these effect far more people than we sometimes realise. As communities of faith in the parish of Wellington South the care for others is seen as part of our Christian duty that we willingly accept. Here are some quotes that inspire me.

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away. —Pablo Picasso

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." — Charles Dickens

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." —Mother Teresa

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill

So as Pope Francis reminds us "Let us ask for the grace to find time for God and for our neighbour—for those who are alone or suffering, for those who need someone to listen and show concern for them."

With every blessing

Fr Doug



Many times our caring presence is helpful medicine for those who are sick.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel acclamation: The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Gerad Robert Ryan (Bob)

Anniversary: Mary Chapman, Karl James, Armando Teodoro Francesca Da Via, Maureen Paino, Ian Levy, Audrey Petrie



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Lenten Reflection Programme

Lent begins quite early this year (14 Feb). There are three opportunities to take part in the weekly Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme:

Wednesdays at 10.30am at Village at the Park Unit DG06 at 130 Rintoul St. Parking should be available. (The first session will be in the church foyer immediately after the 10.00 Mass)

Contact Sr Elizabeth 0276805002

Fridays after the Stations of the Cross

English and Samoan

Contact Koleta Konise for both of these 0273644548

If anyone else would like to lead a group or host a Monday evening Zoom session please contact Sr Elizabeth



Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish
Isla Victoria Chan
who was Baptised at St Anne's Church
In January by Fr Ravi.

Viard House Chef (cook?)

The Archdiocese is looking for a cook to prepare a midday meal for Archbishop Paul and two (?) other residents of Viard House. 12 hours a week, Wednesday to Friday (approx. 10am-2pm). Inquiries to the Archbishop's Office 496 1766.

Readings for this week

Sun 28 Jan: Deut 18:15-20; 1Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Mon 29 Jan: 2Sam 15:13-14,30;16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tue 30 Jan: 2Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wed 31 Jan: 2Sam 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thurs 1 Feb: Kings 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Fri 2 Feb: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Sat 3 Feb: Kings 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34



Speaking up for Te Tiriti and the use of Te Reo in Aotearoa New Zealand: There is a bill to come before Parliament this year to limit the use of te reo Māori and roll back the place of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in national life. An ecumenical group of Christians concerned about this has put together a petition to oppose this, basing themselves on questions of justice and on the role of the Christian Churches in the formulation and promotion of the Treaty. You are invited to consider joining the petition because of our own Church's presence and role at the time of the signing of Te Tiriti (in the person of Bishop Pompallier).

The link to the petition which closes on 6 Feb 2024 is here: [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/we-will-not-be-silent-a-pledge-from-tangata-tiriti?source=direct_link&Point of contact : carolynkaa@hotmail.com](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/we-will-not-be-silent-a-pledge-from-tangata-tiriti?source=direct_link&Point%20of%20contact%3A%20carolynkaa@hotmail.com)

Tuesday morning Liturgy at St Anne's
will begin again 13 Feb at 10am

The **Annual Mission Fair** of the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver on Saturday 24th February 2024 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at Missionary Sisters Of St Peter Claver convent grounds- 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay. Goods for the Fair & donations are greatly appreciated. Please we ask only Saleable Goods can be sent to the Sisters at 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay.". Also we need the help to sell the raffle tickets.

We will be most grateful for your support to make the mission fair successful to help the Missionaries and the people they serve. Be assured of our prayers.

A Conversation With TOMAS HALIK: What does it mean to have faith? Belief in today's world. THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2024 5:30PM 5.30pm, Old Government Buildings (GB) LT1, Pipitea Campus, Victoria University of Wellington. Refreshments provided. Free entry, no registrations required. *Te Herenga Waka: Victoria University of Wellington, Te Kupenga: Catholic Leadership Institute and the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington present this interactive seminar open to all.* Tomas Halik is a highly acclaimed author, lecturer and pastoral theologian at Charles University in Prague.

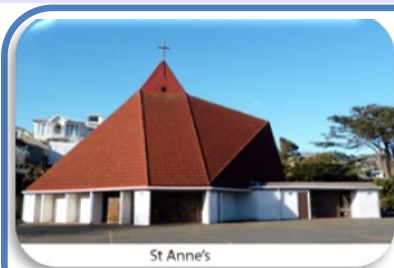
2024 Sacramental programme

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. The Parent evening is at St Anne's on Tuesday February 27 at 6.30pm.

Enrolment forms available from the Website.

St Catherine's College is seeking Host families to look after International homestay students
As a Host family, you will have the opportunity to show young people our local culture and lifestyle.
international@stcatherinescollege.school.nz

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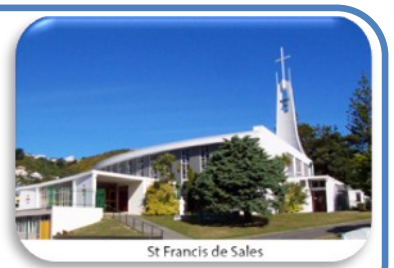
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St Francis de Sales