



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 February 11

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

'This is how Jesus fulfils the Good News he proclaims: God draws near to our lives; he is moved to compassion because of the fate of wounded humanity and comes to break down every barrier that prevents us from being in relationship with him, with others and with ourselves. The Gospel says that Jesus, seeing the leper, was moved with compassion, tenderness. Three words that indicate God's style: closeness, compassion, tenderness.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 14 Feb 2021.

Now

World Day of Prayer for the sick

Sunday 11 Feb

Ash Wednesday Masses 14 Feb

9am St Bernard's

10am St Anne's

11am St Francis de Sales

7pm St Anne's

Coming up

Parent Evening Sacraments

Tuesday 27 Feb 6.30pm

Children's Day Combined Mass

Sunday 3 March 10.30am SFDS

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 13 Feb

Wed: 9am St Bernard's in Term time

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

Gospel Reflection

God glorified when we are fully alive

The leprosy that features in our first reading and today's gospel is not the modern illness known as Hansen's Disease, but some kind of highly contagious skin condition. In a society that had no such aids as antiseptics or antibiotics to call on, the only way of dealing with the illness was to isolate its victims.

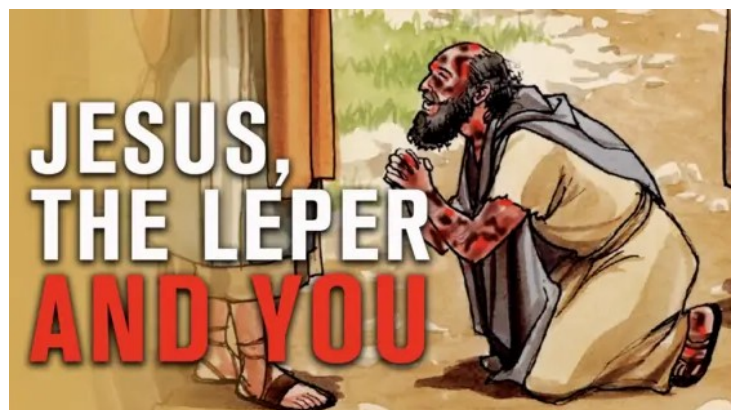
Sadly, the biblical world was inclined to make a link between the physical and spiritual realms, viewing illness as a sign of God's disfavour and asking who might have sinned for such a punishment to be imposed. So those who suffered from leprosy were doubly afflicted – the pain which the symptoms brought, and the even deeper affliction of being excluded from the community – obliged to live a solitary life beyond the pale.

How different from this view is the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. Asked by the leper if he wants to cure him, Jesus responds, 'Of course I want to!' and reaches out his hand to touch the man kneeling before him. 'Feeling sorry for him' is how one translation describes Jesus' reaction, but another version says that he was 'moved with pity.' It's a gut reaction, an emotion that rises from deep within the Saviour's heart, an impulse stronger than the fear of contagion.

The God whom Jesus comes to proclaim is not one who takes pleasure in seeing anyone isolated and alone. The God of mercy is one who comes to set us free, who rejoices when we are made whole and able to embrace the gift of grace for all we are worth. As the great St Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, wrote in the second century, 'the glory of God is a human person fully alive.'

We cannot hear this gospel reading without asking ourselves, 'Who are those who live on the fringe of our community? Where is the mercy of God waiting to reach out beyond our comfort zones today? Who are we excluding or allowing to go unloved and unwanted?' And Pope Francis would tell us that we will find the answer to these questions, not at the centre of our world, but at its edges.

Dennis Horton



Responsorial Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel acclamation: A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Glen Greco (brother of Larry Greco)

Anniversary: Helen Powell, Perfecto Arizabal Sr. Sara Kempur Francisco Cimafranca, Francesco Natoli, Fuiono Fuiono, Frederick Holden Bonafacio Mahinay, Rosa Cangiano



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellington.southcatholic.org

Almsgiving - Fasting - Prayer

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. **Lenten Giving Envelopes** for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 are available from the foyer. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.



World Marriage Day

Tuesday 13 February

May you always love and support each other and be patient with one another.

Lenten Reflection Programme

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 0273644548

Fridays after 9.15 Mass at St Francis de Sales

Lenten Reflections : We enter this Lenten season, a time where we take special care to stop, pray, fast, and reflect, and we boldly believe that we are going to make this Lent different. Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love. Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. Contact Fr Ravi 021 08660326

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to both men and women to come to a MASS followed by a light supper on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7:30pm at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

EWaste collection Saturday 24 February 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item. 027-245-8859.

Introducing Dyester Abo-Abo

We welcome Dyester (*Pronounced Jester*) to our Parish family. He is a Pre Seminarian from the Philippines who will be living at the Presbytery in Island Bay and getting to know the Kiwi way.



2024 Sacramental programme

Enrolments for the 2024 programme close on 26 Feb. 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 Parish Website.

Readings for this week

Sun 11 Feb: Lev13:1-2,45-46;Cor10:31-11:1; ;Mk 1:40-45

Mon 12 Feb: James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tue 13 Feb: James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wed 14 Feb: Joel 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2;Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs 15 Feb: Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Fri 16 Feb: Isaiah 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

Sat 17 Feb: Isaiah 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32



Whats happening for Youth

Ecumenical Youth Group: Our new Youth Leader is Peter Crosson, a 4th year student with a passion for sport, music, adventures, and more importantly, Christ. He is looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you.

16 Feb – Sports/games night

March 29-31 Easter Camp at Forest Lakes campsite in Otaki. Contact melanie.heaphy@farwest.co.nz

We'll be kicking off **Life Teen** for the year on Sunday 18th of February. We're heading down to the beach in the evening and have a Bonfire and Mass on the beach.

XLT will resume on Friday 8 March at St Anne's Hall



St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales