



# 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 February 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

Do we know how to recognize the light of God's love in our lives? Do we recognize it with joy and gratitude on the faces of the people who love us? Do we look around us for the signs of this light that fills our heart and opens it to love and service?

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 5 March 2023*

### Now

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 25 Feb

#### Parent Evening Sacraments

Tuesday 27 Feb

St Anne's Church 6.30pm

#### Next meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 28 Feb

### Coming up

#### Combined Children's Mass

Sunday 3 March

St Francis de Sales 10.30am

#### 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** 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

While Peter, James, and John were atop a high mountain with Jesus, a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

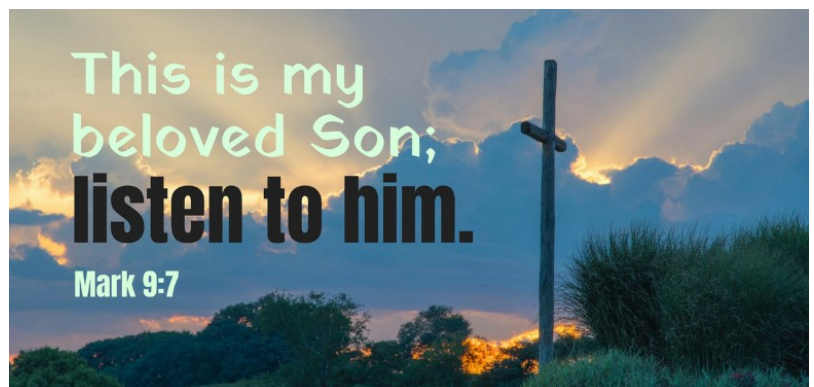
Not all of us have the ability to climb mountains so as to have mountaintop experiences like Peter, James, and John. And it is easy in our busy daily lives for it to be hard to hear Jesus. The voice tells us to listen to Jesus, not to hear Jesus. This requires a conscious effort, more than that needed to simply hear. So, I have been thinking about where, as well as how, I can best listen to Jesus.

Where I can best listen can vary with where I am. I am writing this while on holiday on the Coromandel Peninsula. Morning walks with just my dog along the nearly empty beach, with the constant rhythm of the waves breaking on the sand, can help me listen. When home, the quiet and shaded walk I do most days down our hill alongside the zoo immerses me in green; that too can be a place where I can listen. Thinking of both places, what is common with them is that I am walking, perhaps the rhythm of walking helps me listen.

While writing this reflection I have started to look into Christian meditation by walking, a practice which started in the Middle Ages in Europe, but which has been part of other faiths across the world for thousands of years. Perhaps I can take guidance from this tradition.

And it is not just walking where I can listen. The rhythm of the Mass, the familiar pattern of prayer and song and reading and response, creates a stillness where I can listen. Seeing others listening, some of whom I have attended Mass with for many years, and others who have recently joined the community, also helps me listen, inspired by those around me; ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou – warm thanks to you all.

**Maria  
Rodgers**



**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living

**Gospel acclamation:** From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

#### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Teofilo Vendiola

**Anniversary:** Maritess Cimafranca, Nicolas Catalan Jr, Socorro Songco, Ernesto Songco, Francesco & Frank Basile, Raffaele De Gregorio





**Children's Mass**

Your family is invited to a special Children's Mass in our Parish – bringing all of our parish and our three schools together.

**Sunday 3 March**

10.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay  
 Note: there will be NO 9am Mass at St Anne's that day

**Ash Wednesday**

Fr Doug takes some school children to help put Jesus back in the tabernacle after communion. The tabernacle is the dwelling place of God and the centre of our worship.



**Readings for this week**

- Sun 25 Feb:** Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10
- Mon 26 Feb:** Daniel 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tue 27 Feb:** Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wed 28 Feb:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thurs 29 Feb:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Fri 1 Mar:** Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
- Sat 2 Mar:** Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32



**Lenten Reflection Programme**

**Wednesdays at 10.30am** at Village at the Park Unit DG06 at 130 Rintoul St. Parking should be available.

Contact Sr Elizabeth 0276805002

**Fridays after the 6.30 Stations of the Cross**

English and Samoan. Contact Koleta Konise 0273644548

**Stations of the Cross Fridays after 9.15 Mass**

at St Francis de Sales with Fr Ravi

**Silent Vigil: UNITED IN SORROW**

The Wellington Abrahamic Council of Jews, Christians, and Muslims, The Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, and the Religious Diversity Centre invite you to a Silent Vigil.

Wednesday **28 February** 2024, 5:30-7:00pm at Wellington **Cathedral of St Paul**, 2 Hill Street, Wellington  
 The event will provide a sacred space for those impacted by violence, to grieve their personal loss, and to give public expression to the grief for all united alongside them. There will be periods of shared silence, music, and meditative reflection. As this is a peaceful gathering, no flags, banners, symbols or patches, please.

**The Catholic Women's League** in the Archdiocese are celebrating 80 years of Faith, Service and Action at St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Naenae on Saturday 16th. The Annual Conference commences at 1pm. Mass is at 5pm Saturday, with Monsignor Gerard Burns.

Contact Helen on archdio.sec@gmail.com for more info

**2024 Sacramental programme**

Enrolments for 2024 Sacramental programme close on February 26. 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.

For 62 years Tony Muollo has organised and moved the **Rosary Statue** around homes in the Parish. He is no longer able to do this. If you would like to carry this on contact the Parish Office



**Healing Service**

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church Plimmerton on Tuesday 12 March at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please invite all those in need of Jesus' healing.

**Gifting:** Our primary gift is ourselves, putting the gifts and talents we have at the service of others. But we also need to give financially; to give as we are able. Our financial giving, like the use of our resources and talents, is used in our Parish and in the Archdiocese, to spread the Good News of Jesus, who alone can fulfil our needs. At this time, the Parish would be grateful if you could review your level of gifting and if you may be gifting by automatic payment to also review the amount of this contribution. As always with thanks from the Finance committee

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