



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 February 4 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

'The only legitimate way to look at a person from the top down is when you stretch out a hand to help them get up. And this is the mission that Jesus entrusted to the Church. The Son of God manifests his Lordship not "from the top down", not from a distance, but in bending down, stretching out his hand; he manifests his Lordship in closeness, in tenderness, in compassion. Closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God.'

- Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 7 Feb 2021.

Now

Waitangi Day

Tuesday 6 February

Coming up

World Marriage Day

Tuesday 13 Feb

Ash Wednesday Masses 14 Feb

9am St Bernard's

10am St Anne's

11am St Francis de Sales

7pm St Anne's

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 in Term time

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

From Fr Ravi

[God rewards Job for never losing his faith and hope](#)

Dear Sisters and brothers,

The readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, speak both of the suffering people's cry for help and God answering them through the compassionate ministry of Jesus. The first reading from the book of Job presents us with the profound suffering that Job endured. He compares his days to those of a hired worker, longing for the night to come to find some relief from his pain. It reminds us of the reality of human suffering and how it can often leave us feeling overwhelmed and despairing. We can resonate with Job's cry in our own lives when faced with struggles. We too may question God's plan and wonder why we must endure hardship.

Each one of us has at some point or another experienced what Job experienced – loss, pain, hopelessness and suffering. The pandemic was one such time when we all to some level or other experienced what Job experienced. How did we respond to the difficult times in our life? Job teaches us to turn to the Lord in prayer and as we know in the end, God rewards Job for never losing hope or faith.

We turn to the psalmist who reminds us that it is the Lord who brings us hope and healing. The psalmist Praises God for his power and faithfulness for his ability to lift the downtrodden and heal the brokenhearted. The psalmist reminds us that it is God who gives purpose to our lives, providing comfort and strength in times of turmoil.

In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians we see how his purpose is grounded in serving others and spreading the gospel. He willingly becomes a servant to all, seeking to win as many as possible for Christ. Paul's sense of purpose comes from knowing that he has been entrusted with a sacred mission, one that requires him to set aside his preferences and comforts for the sake of others. In today's Gospel we witness Jesus, the epitome of selfless love and compassion after a long day of serving and Healing. The Sick Jesus retreats to a quiet place to pray. This moment of communion with his father replenishes and strengthens him for his mission. Just as Jesus found solace in prayer we too must cultivate a regular prayer life that nourish our relationship with God and empowers us to serve others.

Fr. Ravi Kumar.V,
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Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Gospel acclamation: Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Raffaele Esposito (*Funeral Thursday 11am 1st Feb*)

Anniversary: Camillo Amitrano, Teresa & Nicola Amitrano, Giuseppina Mollo, Giuseppe Mollo, Gerardine Mollo



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

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



Congratulations to Chiara Cangiano who made her 1st Holy Communion last Sunday

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish

Jaylen Tupai

who was Baptised at St Anne's Church

Last Saturday by Fr Doug

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 Parish Website.

Readings for this week

Sun 4 Feb: Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23; ;Mk 1:229-39

Mon 5 Feb: Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tue 6 Feb: Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wed 7 Feb: Kings 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thurs 8 Feb: Kings 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Fri 9 Feb: Kings 11:29-32; Mk 7:31-37

Sat 10 Feb: Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10



Waitangi Day Mass at St Mary of the Angels: Tuesday 6 February at 9am beginning with a blessing of pounamu gifted by Ta Mark Solomon. This Mass provides an opportunity to come and view the Te Ara a Maria artwork.

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 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

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

Volunteer Refugee resettlement coordinator

Catholic Social Services are looking for someone who is passionate about enabling former Refugees to get a great start in their new life in Aotearoa NZ. Up to 8 Hours a week. Email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz

The **Annual Mission Fair** of the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver on Saturday 24th February 2024 from 10am 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.

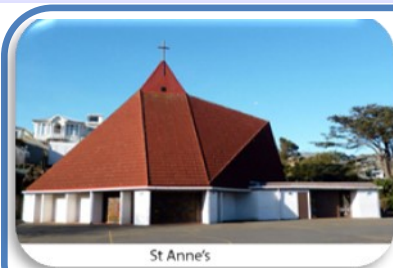
Ecumenical Youth Group: Our new Youth Leader is Peter Crosson, a 4th year student with a passion for sport, music, adventures, and more importantly, Christ. He is looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you.

9 Feb – Youth Group BBQ & swim at Mel's followed by Movie night to watch 'The Gods Must Be Crazy'.

16 Feb – Sports/games night

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

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St Francis de Sales