



# 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 March 3

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

'We are called to always bear in mind those powerful words of Jesus: "you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade"... These words help us to reject the danger of also making our soul, which is God's dwelling place, a house of trade, by living in constant search of our personal interests instead of generous and supportive love. This teaching of Jesus is always timely, not only for Church communities, but also for individuals, for civil communities and for society as a whole.'

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 4 March 2018.*

## Now

### Combined Children's Mass

Sunday 3 March

St Francis de Sales 10.30am

## Coming up

### Easter Reconciliation

Sunday 24 March

3pm at 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** 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

## From Fr Ravi

The readings for the [3rd Sunday of Lent](#) Year B, invite us to reflect on **the wisdom and commandments of God** that lead us to true freedom and abundant life. In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear the giving of the Ten Commandments to the Israelites by God through Moses. These commandments are not restrictions imposed on us, but rather a guide for living in harmony with God and one another. They reveal God's love for us and His desire for us to live virtuous and holy lives. The psalm reminds us that God's Commandments are perfect reviving the soul and giving wisdom to the simple. They are sweeter than honey and more precious than gold, guiding us to a life of righteousness and joy.

In the second reading letter to the Corinthians St Paul reflects on the wisdom of God's Plan of Salvation through the cross. Paul uses the metaphor of the stumbling block to point out that the cross causes the Jewish person to not accept Jesus as the messiah and saviour as anyone, who was crucified was considered to be cursed (Dt 21:22-23). The message of the Cross may seem foolish to the world but it is the power and wisdom of God that brings salvation to all who believe.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus cleansing the temple driving out the money changers and sellers of animals. He challenges the religious authorities to recognize the true purpose of the temple as a House of Prayer. Jesus reveals himself as the true Temple who will be raised in glory through his death and Resurrection. Jesus' actions in cleansing the temple reveal his Zeal for the Holiness of God's house and his desire for true worship and devotion by driving out those who were desecrating the temple. Jesus is calling attention to the importance of honoring God's Commandments and living in obedience to his word.

How strongly do we feel for the church and its teachings? Do we share the faith of the early church and the martyrs or have we been practicing a watered-down version of the faith? Secondly, we need to also look at the act of Jesus cleansing the temple at a spiritual level. What are we called to cleanse today in our churches and our wider society? What is it among us that need cleansing? Lent is a good time to begin the cleaning-up process. We are called to enter into a relationship with God. Only in union with him can we truly worship, in our hearts and in our lives. I pray that we may grow in the awareness of the true implications of the Ten Commandments in our life and through the power of the cross be able to cleanse ourselves during this period of lent. May God bless us and all the children.

**Happy Children's Day / Te rā o ngā Tamariki celebrates children in New Zealand .**

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**Gospel acclamation:** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Faanana Efeso Collins, Joseph Ulberg, Laurie Tyler, Laso'o Pua

**Anniversary:** Jack Dobbs, Giuseppe Boldarin, Val Baker



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](http://wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)



**Father David Dowling** has been appointed as the new rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Fr David is at present the Human Formator at Holy Cross. He will take over the role in April from the present Interim Rector.



**Lifeteen Youth at St Anne's:**  
 This Sunday we will be running How's Your Connection? A night on lent. We'll start with 5pm mass at St Anne's followed by dinner and the life night in the hall. Invite your friends, we'll see you there! Thanks to Monsignor Giosue Busti who did Mass at the beach for us last week. It was a great experience.



**Readings for this week**

- Sun 3 Mar:** Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
- Mon 4 Mar:** 2Kings 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30
- Tue 5 Mar:** Daniel 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wed 6 Mar:** Deut 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thurs 7 Mar:** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Fri 8 Mar:** Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Sat 9 Mar:** Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14



**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

**St Peter Claver Mission Fair:** Thank you to all our helpers and the people who came to support our Mission Fair. We raised \$3,851 for the missions.



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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**

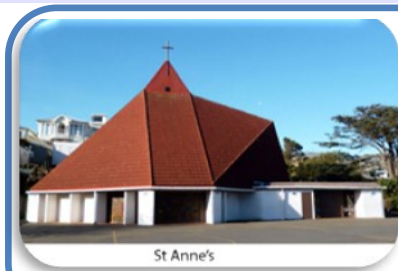
Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church Plimmerton on Tuesday 12 March at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please invite all those in need of Jesus' healing.

Wellington Organ Proms: **Sunday March 10** 2.30-4pm  
 International organist Christopher Hainsworth will present a special concert on the Fernie Organ from Dubois to Mendelssohn and Bach. All proceeds go to the Maxwell Fernie Trust, supporting young New Zealand organists. Entry by koha

**Divine Mercy** at St Francis de Sales starts 9.10am before the 10.30 Mass every Sunday. All welcome

**Divine Mercy** at St Anne's starts at 6pm after the 5pm Mass every Sunday. All welcome

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