



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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 27 Oct 2024

30th Sunday Ord Time

'Many of those with Jesus ordered Bartimaeus to be quiet. For such disciples, a person in need was a nuisance along the way. They preferred their own timetable above that of the Master. Yet, for Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge... How important it is for us to listen to life!
Pope Francis, Homily, 28 October 2018

Now

All Saints Day

Friday 1 November

Mass with school 9.15 St Francis de Sales
Mass with the school 11.30am St Anne's

All Souls Day

Saturday 2 November

Remembrance Mass 10am St Anne's
Remembrance Mass 6pm
St Francis de Sales

Coming up

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 17 November

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 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

Gospel Reflection

"What do you want me to do for you?" This is the second Sunday in a row that Jesus asks this question. Firstly, to James and John, the sons of Zebedee and today to Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. In the scheme of things, Bartimaeus's request was more specific and out of sheer desperation.

Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho on their way to Jerusalem when Bartimaeus called out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'. Those words suggest, he knew who Jesus really was. The surrounding crowd reacted telling Bartimaeus to "Shush!" but he wasn't intimidated and doubled down shouting even louder, 'Jesus, Son of David have mercy on me'.

This stopped Jesus in his tracks. His response to Bartimaeus wasn't to rebuke and silence him like he did the 'man with an evil spirit' (Mark 1:25) nor to presume what he wanted, but to call him over and ask the question, **"What do you want me to do for you?"**. We believe that God's tender-hearted mercy extends to all who are poor, lowly and powerless just like it was to the desperate exiles returning from the northern kingdom of Israel in the first reading, from the prophet Jeremiah. So, Bartimaeus responded to Jesus, 'Master, let me see again'. Without touching him, Jesus acknowledged Bartimaeus's healthy spiritual 'eyesight' with the words, 'Go your faith has saved you' and immediately, he regained his physical sight as well. 'Regained' suggests that Bartimaeus wasn't always blind, but the bible doesn't specifically say so. And just like the first apostles when they were called, Bartimaeus followed Jesus along the way. Whether he followed Jesus all the way to Jerusalem or not; we don't know. Maybe not, it was 30km away and an uphill climb across barren desert. But, more importantly, what Jesus did for Bartimaeus would've changed him for all eternity.

How would you respond to Jesus today if he asked you: **"What do you want me to do for you?"** My prayer is: heal me, Lord of any "blindness" that keeps me staying close to you.

Steve



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel acclamation: Our Saviour Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Caroline Salati—*Funeral 11am Tues 29 Oct St Francis de Sales*
Frank Felon

Anniversary: Luigi & Angelina Mollo, Raffaele Volpicelli,
Liberato Moreno, Margherita Esposito



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

All Saints Day

All Saints Day honours all Saints of the church deemed to have attained heaven.

Friday 1 November

9.15am Mass with the school at St Francis de Sales

11.30am Mass with the school at St Anne's
All welcome



All Souls Day

Join us for Mass at 6pm Saturday 2 November at St Francis de Sales Church.

Bring a photo of your loved one.

Tea/Coffee afterwards

There will also be Mass at 10am at St Anne's



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family

Janika Leona Cola Canada who was Baptised at St Francis de Sales Church last Saturday by Fr Doug



Columban Calendars

On Sale Now in the foyer. \$12

Readings for this week

Sun 27 Oct: Jer 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Mon 28 Oct: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Tue 29 Oct: Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wed 30 Oct: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thur 31 Oct: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Fri 1 Nov: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; 1John 3:1-3;; Mt 5:1-12

Sat 2 Nov: Commemoration of the faithful departed



Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Year of Jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope"

Pope Francis says, "The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God has been on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY DAY

Glimpses of God Through the Kitchen Window, facilitated by Raymond Eberhard.

Join us for a reflective session where we experience the profound moments of awakening that arise in everyday life.

Saturday 9 November starting at 10:00am with a cuppa, finishing by 3:00pm. Lyon Room, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay. Bring your lunch, hot drinks will be provided. Koha to cover the cost of the day. All welcome,

Young People in Faith: The first Wellington Abrahamic Council event on **Wednesday 13 November** at Connolly Hall, focuses on the challenges and aspirations of young religious people in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Our three panellists include Ahmet Ozturk, who is Manager of the Islamic Sciences and Research Academy in Sydney, Abi Buchhalter who is a Jewish youth counsellor, and Darlene Adrian, a young Christian environmental consultant. Come along and hear what they have to say about our collective future. **Tickets (free or koha) are essential**, rom: <https://events.humanitix.com/abrahamic-young-people-in-faith>

Wednesday 30 October will be **Fr Ravi's Birthday**. He is currently helping out in the Parish of Wairarapa until November. We wish him every blessing on this special day.

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Birthday



Tertiary Study Scholarships

for young Catholics in 2nd and 3rd year tertiary education. Go to the Catholic Foundation website for more information and the application forms, <https://www.catholicfoundation.org.nz/grants-and-scholarships/>

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Away from the Parish September/October

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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales