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## **Catholic Parish of Wellington South**

#### In the spirit of Suzanne Aubert

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We are a community of joyful disciples growing tagether 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 3 Nov 2024 31st Sunday Ord Time

God, who is love, created us to love and so that we can love others while remaining united with him. It would be misleading to claim to love our neighbour without loving God; and it would also be deceptive to claim to love God without loving our neighbour. The two dimensions of love, for God and for neighbour, in their unity characterize the disciple of Christ.

Pope Francis 4 Nov 2018

# Now

Feast Day of St Charles Borromeo Monday 4 November

# Coming up

World Day of the Poor Sunday 17 November

#### **1st Sunday of Advent** Sunday 30 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 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
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 Doug

Dear Parishioners,

By rabbinical count, 'the Law,' consisted of some 613 commandments. The Scribe's question as to which of these was the greatest commandment was one frequently discussed by the rabbis.

Jesus was asked to name just one, but He responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament; the first in Deuteronomy 6:4, the second in Leviticus 19: 18. What Jesus did was to put the two together, emphasising the essential relatedness of them.

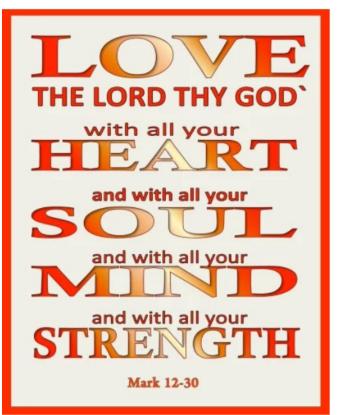
The emphasis on love became for Christians one of the most important and essential practices and character of their religion.

The Scribe agreed fully with Jesus, and went on to declare that true love of God and the loving service of others are the foundation of our faith in Jesus Christ. It is one of the only times that a Scribe in Jesus' time is seen in such a favourable light.

Just like that Scribe we are 'not far from the kingdom of God.' Knowing which two are the most important commandments is the first step. Putting them into practice is the essential second step.

In order to take that step, we need to allow God to touch our hearts and minds to make it a reality.

With every blessing Fr Doug



Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel acclamation**: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

#### **Remembering the Holy Souls**



**RIP:** Sr Antonia Blake, Cataldo Mase (*Italy*)

**Anniversary:** Tino Talia'uli, Liberato Vinaccia, Cristina Vinaccia, Winifred Jones Raffaele Muollo, Antonietta & Antonino Basile, Antonino & Ida Muollo Nicola, Maria & Giovanni Volpicelli, Giuseppe, Giovanna and Rosa Cangianio

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

#### **Exciting Opportunity**

Are you a practicing Catholic, but have never read the bible?? As a 60year old, I was in this category! Sure, I listen to the readings at Mass, but I have never read the bible from cover to cover. It seemed far too daunting a task, and difficult to put into context today. I was told about the **"Bible in a Year"** podcast and started listening in June 2023. Every day over the course of a year, Fr Mike Schmitz , (who is just fantastic), reads a few chapters from the bible, using the 'Great Adventure Timeline'. He then comments or explains the readings, and makes them relevant to us in this day and age. Each episode takes about 20-30mins. Slowly you make your way through the entire Bible.

On **Sat 9 November** before the 6pm Vigil at St Francis de Sales, Parishioner Chris Horrocks will give a brief talk on this project. It is available in "Ascension App", most podcast apps on a smartphone, or from your computer and is free!! https://www.youtube.com/playlist?

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**NZ Catholic Medical Retreat**: We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us. Friday evening 15th to Sat 16 Nov at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay. Register at *www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz/2024-retreatwellington* 

**Catholic Social Services HOPE Appeal**. 1 – 30 November 2024. Bringing hope to our communities since the 1960s through social work, parenting programmes, hospital chaplaincy, prison chaplaincy, community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and donate your time, talents or treasure: catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

November WelCom contents include:

- Pukekaraka, Otaki, members of local Māori Catholic community and St Mary's parishioners lead Global Rosary, on 7 October, Day of Rosary.
- New Nuncio, Archbishop Pintér arrives in New Zealand as Pope's new ambassador.

**Columban Calendars** On Sale Now in the foyer. \$12

#### **Readings for this week**

Sun 3 Nov: Deut 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34 Mon 4 Nov: Phil 2:1-4: Lk 14:12-14

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**World Day of the Poor 2024**: Let's Make a Difference Together On **Sunday, 17 November**, we'll celebrate the 8th annual World Day of the Poor, a chance for all of us to reflect on how we can stand in solidarity with those in need. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is committed to empowering communities and tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. We work with partners around the world to create real change and help vulnerable communities live with human dignity. As World Day of the Poor 2024 approaches, we encourage everyone to consider what they can do—big or small—to make a difference. Whether through prayer, support, or action, together we can build a more just and

#### 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: <u>https://</u> <u>events.humanitix.com/abrahamic-young-people-in-faith</u>

**The Bach Choir** of Wellington invites you to their final concert of 2024 featuring Chiesa Ensemble and presenting a selection of Baroque masterpieces by Vivaldi (Gloria), Bach (Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland)p and Corelli (Christmas Concerto). We are joined by Wellington soloists Rowena Simpson (soprano), Maaike Christie-Beekman (soprano) and Theadore Moolenaar (tenor).

Tickets available on Eventfinda or at the door. The concert is on **Saturday 9th November**, 2pm at St Mary of the Angels.

**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-andscholarships/

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