



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 1 Dec 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

"We need to be vigilant so that our daily life does not become routine, and, as Jesus says, so we are not burdened by life's anxieties. Today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart, what weights on my spirit, am I aware or indifferent to the burdens that weigh on the shoulders of [others]? These are good questions as they guard our hearts against apathy, the enemy of the spiritual life."

Pope Francis, Angelus, First Sunday of Advent 28/11/2021

Now

1st Sunday of Advent

1 December

Coming up

Next meeting of the Finance Committee

Thursday 5 December

Simbang Gabi

starts 7pm Sunday 15 December
at St Anne's Church

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

Gospel Reflection

1st Sunday of Advent 2024

The Lord asks us, His followers to stay awake. To be watchful, faithful disciples. We are His witnesses in a troubled, secular world. As His disciples we are to witness to life, to hope in the midst apathy, indifference and worse still hatred, war and death.

When we witness to truth, justice, love and peace we are witnessing to Jesus, the Saviour of the world. The way to witness to truth is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act justly in all our dealings with others. The way to witness to love is to act with love in caring for others and recognising their Christian dignity, even in times when it is hard to do so.

And the way to witness to peace is to have peace within yourself so that you can live in peace with others. In short, the most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a truly Christian life.

We need Jesus' strength to remain steadfast and faithful. His help becomes readily available in prayer and especial through the Eucharist. Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of being vigilant during Advent, but not in a fearful way. He has said that vigilance is about waiting in anticipation of Jesus' arrival. He has also said that we should be aware of the danger of not realizing Jesus' coming and being unprepared for his visit.

*With every blessing
Fr Doug*



Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel acclamation: Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Eva Zajkowski (*Funeral Monday 2 Dec 11am SFdS*)

Anniversary: Gerard Hoskins, Vincenzo Barnao, Olga Dodic, Katarina Kolic



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

1st Sunday of Advent

We call the First Candle "The Candle of Hope" because it symbolizes the promises delivered by the prophets as direct messages from God. The candle is also a symbol of the hope we have in Christ. Since the days of Adam, Jesus Christ was the Hope of those who are spiritually dead in sin.



We light this Candle of Hope in anticipation of Christ's coming return and in remembrance of how his birth was promised and foretold since creation's beginning.



National March for Life. You're invited to 'love them both' by attending the NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on **Saturday 7 December**. Join people of goodwill from all

over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Parliament Grounds from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment. The March will go out from Parliament Grounds at 2pm and return again - all activities conclude by 4pm. Learn more at www.marchforlife.nz

Fr. Danko Bizjak celebrated Mass in the Croatian language last Sunday at 11am at St Anne's Church. Thank you to all the organisers of the Mass.

The Croatian Catholic Mission, which Fr Bizjak heads, will celebrate its 120th Jubilee on 1 Dec.



Readings for this week

Sun 1 Dec: Jer 33:14-16; Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Mon 2 Dec: Isaiah 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tue 3 Dec: Isaiah 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wed 4 Dec: Isaiah 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thur 5 Dec: Isaiah 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri 6 Dec: Isaiah 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Sat 7 Dec: Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,6-8



Thank you to everyone who attended our workshop "Stand up for Te Tiriti: Christian perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill" last Tuesday evening at St Joseph's Church. Anyone can make a submission up until 7 January 2025.

Go to bit.ly/treatyprinciplesbill or complete a paper form

(copies at the back of St Anne's Church). There are more resources on the Archdiocesan website https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/hikoimote-tiriti/. For more info contact carolynkaa@hotmail.com or 0274777558 ; or hooper.lesley@gmail.com



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family Ross Nathaniel Hitoro who was Baptised at St Anne's Church last Saturday by Fr Doug



Nativity Play – Calling All Young Actors! We're seeking enthusiastic child actors to take part in the St Francis de Sales Christmas Nativity Play, happening during the

Christmas Eve Mass on Tuesday, 24 December. Our nativity play is always a highlight of the season. Whether your child wants to take in a speaking role, a non-speaking part, or help behind the scenes with props, there's a place for everyone. Contact winandmaria@gmail.com to sign up.

Community 'Christmas Remembrance Service' to be held at Old Saint Paul's, Wellington on 13th December (Friday) at 6:30pm. Everyone Welcome

COME & SEE VOCATIONS MORNING. Exploring the vocation to the priesthood with Fr David Dowling, Rector of Holy Cross Seminary. **Saturday 7th December** 9am - 1pm at the Archdiocesan Offices, 204/2 Thorndon Quay. Email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz to join us.

Parish to Parish for Bed and Breakfast:

Catholics throughout New Zealand, and a few in Australia, host Catholics in their homes. It's a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. There is a contribution made of \$50 for one person, and \$30 for each additional guest, per night, that is, two people would pay \$80 per night. To purchase a book with the details of the hosts, the cost is \$15. This includes postage. Order from Marie Anderson, 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, phone 027 2800 611, email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

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St Anne's



St Francis de Sales