



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 ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 17 Nov 2024 33rd Sunday Ord Time

"The World Day of the Poor ... is an opportune occasion to implement initiatives that concretely help the poor ... The poor still have much to teach us because in a culture that has placed wealth at the forefront and often sacrifices the dignity of people on the altar of material goods, they swim against the tide, highlighting that what is essential for life is something else entirely.

(BENEDICT XVI, Catechesis, April 25, 2012).'

Now

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 17 November

Coming up

Treaty Workshop

7.30pm Tuesday 26 November
at St Josephs Church, Mt Vic

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

From Fr Ravi

Dear brothers and sisters

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings for the 33rd Sunday in ordinary time lead us to reflect on the end times, the final judgment and the hope we find in God's promise of eternal life. Each reading offers a unique perspective on these themes encouraging us to live with courage and hope as we journey towards the kingdom of God.

In the book of Daniel, we hear about a vision of the final days, a time of great distress like none before it. However, Daniel also talks about hope and salvation for those who remain faithful. The promise is not one of avoidance of suffering, but rather of deliverance through it.

Today's Psalm is a prayer of trust in God's constant protection and guidance. The psalmist finds confidence in God's promises: "You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your faithful one undergo corruption." This psalm encourages us to live in trust, finding our security in God alone.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us of the finality and completeness of Christ's sacrifice. Unlike the repetitive sacrifices offered by priests under the old covenant, Jesus offered a single, perfect sacrifice for our sins, which is the good news that gives us hope and strength as we face the trials and uncertainties of life. Our calling, then, is to remain faithful to Him and to live lives that reflect His love and grace.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the end times, describing cosmic signs and the coming of the Son of Man in glory. He uses the Fig Tree as a parable to remind us to stay alert and discerning. This call to be vigilant is not to instil fear but to invite us to a deeper ongoing relationship with Him. Jesus does not tell us when the end will come but he assures us of his return. In the fullness of time, we encounter hope, justice and love. Jesus is coming to bring these about in full.

What does this message mean for us today? Are we holding on too tightly to things of this world? Or do we trust in God as our inheritance? Let us cultivate an understanding of God's ways in our lives, Amen.

Rev. Fr. Ravi

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*The Coming of the
Son of Man!*

Mark 13:24-32

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Times

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Gospel acclamation: Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Sr Cabrini DOLC

Anniversary: Laura Mollo (Italy), Immacolata Mollo (Italy)
Tony Muollo



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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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 compassionate world.

The Treaty Principles Bill.

Common Grace is soon to release another video Speak up for Te Tiriti: Christian Perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill. Common Grace says: We're working alongside tangata whenua advisors in our Common Grace network and external experts like [Dr Carwyn Jones](#) of Te Wānanga o Raukawa to prepare concise and accessible submission guides and video content. Our aim is to help Christians of all backgrounds understand what the bill proposes, why many people are deeply concerned, and how they can have their say. There will be information on how to write submissions. **St Joseph's Church Community and Wellington South Parish** are jointly hosting a workshop to view the video and follow-up discussion. This will be held at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, on **26th November at 730pm**. Everyone is very welcome. For more information contact [Carolyn Carr](#), 0274777558 or email, carolynkaa@hotmail.com ; or [Lesley Hooper](#) email, hooper.lesley@gmail.com

Hiko to Parliament in support of Te Tiriti o Waitangi: On **Tuesday, 19th November**, a hiko will travel through central Wellington to Parliament to voice concern about current legislative proposals around the Treaty. A short prayer time will be held at St Mary of the Angels to pray for the good of Aotearoa New Zealand. Prayer will be led by Mons. Gerard Burns, 8.30-8.45am. Hiko leaves Waitangi Park at 9am.

Readings for this week

Sun 17 Nov: Daniel 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32
Mon 18 Nov: Apoc 1:1-4,2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
Tue 19 Nov: Apoc 3:1-6,14-22; Lk 19:1-10
Wed 20 Nov: Apoc 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
Thur 21 Nov: Apoc 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
Fri 22 Nov: Apoc 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
Sat 23 Nov: Apoc 10:8-11; Lk 20:27-40



The Catholic Parish of Wellington South invites you to this year's **Simbang Gabi** on 15 - 23 December, 7:00 PM at St. Anne's Church, 22 Emmett St., Newtown.



Simbang Gabi, which literally translates to "Night Mass," is a popular Filipino tradition in anticipation of Christmas that dates back to the country's Spanish colonial time.

This 9-day novena Mass honours the Blessed Virgin Mary, the expectant mother of our Lord. We join her in reflecting on the great mystery of the Incarnation and the fulfilment of the promise of salvation.

Join us as we celebrate this meaningful celebration of welcoming the birth of Jesus Christ!

XLT WORSHIP NIGHT FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

We will be joined by Archbishop Paul for this last XLT for 2025! All parents and youth leaders, please encourage your young people to come along! **Friday 29th November** at 7pm at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life **Tuesday 26 November** 7.30pm – 8.30pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral Thorndon. You are invited to a Holy Hour which will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All welcome.



Marist St Pats RFC: AGM Thursday 28 November 2024 7.00pm at the Clubs Hataitai Clubrooms. All welcome.

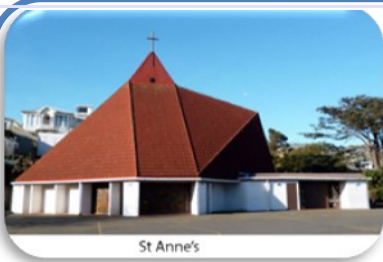
Columban Calendars On Sale in the foyer. \$12

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. Contact I.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz to join us.

Vacancy: Paid part time Youth Pastor for the Parish Ecumenical Youth Group based in Island Bay to mentor support and introduce Jesus to a growing Youth Group. We meet every 2nd Friday during Term time. You will need good organisation skills, a sincere faith and plenty of energy. Contact [Nathan minister@IBPC.org.nz](mailto:Nathan.minister@IBPC.org.nz)

Gifting: Our primary gift is ourselves, putting the gifts and talents we have at the service of others. But we also need to give financially; to give as we are able. Our financial giving, like the use of our resources and talents, is used in our Parish and in the Archdiocese, to spread the Good News of Jesus, who alone can fulfil our needs. At this time, the Parish would be grateful if you could review your level of gifting and if you may be gifting by automatic payment to also review the amount of this contribution.

As always with thanks from the Finance committee



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St Francis de Sales