



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 24 Nov 2024

Christ the King

'Today's Gospel is a contrast between two types of logic. Worldly logic is based on ambition, competition, it fights using the weapons of fear, extortion, and the manipulation of consciences. On the other hand, the logic of the Gospel, is expressed in humility and gratuitousness. It is silently but effectively affirmed with the strength of truth. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace".'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 22/11/2015

Now

Treaty Workshop

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

Coming up

1st Sunday of Advent

1 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

HE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

The Kingship of Christ signifies Truth, Service and Life. Pope Francis reflects on the Kingship of Christ noting that, Jesus came not to dominate, but to serve. And Christians are called to do the same, seeking the truth of Jesus' boundless Love who frees us from our weaknesses.

The first Reading tells us that the Son of man received from God dominion and sovereignty over all peoples, nations and languages. Jesus is the King of kings and the lord of glory, and His kingdom would last forever.

Both the Second Reading and the Gospel speak of Jesus, "Witness to the Truth." Jesus testifies to the truth and indeed, testifying to the truth is a significant part of His mission. That mission persists in the Body of Christ, the Church. "The Church is called to bear witness to the Truth."

We have a King who laid down His life for us and set us free, to prove to us the love and esteem in which God holds us. It also shows how important is our future life. Jesus did not come to make us healthy, happy or prosperous in the world. Jesus came to open heaven for us, where we could be happy forever. This is God's purpose in creating us.

To sum up, Jesus is saying that, if I wish to be counted, I must be an active person. This is the way God loves me. I am expected to keep going out of my way and reach out in love especially to those in need, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the poor, the sick and the prisoners. Let us all try to make a difference to others. Let's be great witness's of Christ's love by doing little things. "Treat others as you would like to be treated." When our earthly pilgrimage comes to an end, may we hear Jesus say to us those consoling and comforting words: "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."

The Feast of Christ the King was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 when he wrote the encyclical 'Quas Primas'. By 1970s, the Feast of Christ the King had been more or less institutionalized throughout many Christian denominations and was fixed as occurring the last Sunday before Advent.

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO US ALL!!!

By Koleta Teofilo Konise

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel acclamation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Carolina Petanga

Anniversary: Giuseppe Barnao



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

NZ Catholic bishops lament sexual abuse

In a letter read at all Masses last Sunday, the NZ Catholic bishops lamented the actions and lack of actions, the sins and crimes of priests, religious and lay people working in Catholic settings. The Sunday assembly also engaged in a Litany of Lament.



Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7pm – 8pm Thursday 11am – 12pm
Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. Join our ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the ancient Christian traditions of the Desert Fathers and Mothers.

Readings for this week

Sun 24 Nov: Daniel 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Mon 25 Nov: Apoc 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tue 26 Nov: Apoc 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wed 27 Nov: Apoc 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thur 28 Nov: Apoc 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9; Lk 21:20-28

Fri 29 Nov: Apoc 20:1-4,11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Sat 30 Nov: Romans 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22



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 are welcome.

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

Columban Calendars

On Sale Now 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. Email l.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 minister@IBPC.org.nz

Fr. Danko Bizjak will be celebrating **Mass in the Croatian language** this Sunday 24 Nov **11am at St Anne's Church.**

For more information contact n Mr. Ivan Kolich president of Croatian Cultural Society in Wellington Mob: 021 969 801 Email: ivankolich@outlook.com



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St Francis de Sales