



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 22 Dec 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

Mary says: "My souls glorifies the Lord" – today, the Church too sings this in every part of the world. Dear Brothers and Sisters, with all our heart let us too unite ourselves to this song of patience and victory, of struggle and joy, that unites the triumphant Church with the pilgrim one, earth with heaven, and that joins our lives to the eternity towards which we journey. Amen.

Pope Francis August 2013

Christmas Mass Times

Tues Dec 24 Vigil Mass

6pm at St Francis de Sales,
7.30pm at St Anne's
9pm at St Francis de Sales

Wed Dec 25 Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's
10.30am St Francis de Sales

Note: There is no Mass on Thurs 26, Friday 27 and Monday 30 December

New Years Day

Wed Jan 1st 9am St Anne's

Note: There is no Mass on Thurs 2 and Fri 3 January

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: 9am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fr Doug's Christmas message

Dear Parishioners

When Micah the prophet was writing, Jerusalem was under siege and David's Jewish Dynasty was in great jeopardy. But salvation would come from a most unlikely and insignificant place – Bethlehem. From there a new leader would come and gather together all the lost, all the exploited, all the disheartened and unite them anew with a loving and merciful God.

Christians see this promise coming in Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who was born in Bethlehem and descended from the line of David.

The Gospel tells the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Both pregnant. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth praises Mary and hints at the uniqueness of the child she is to conceive.

And as the Second Reading tells us that Jesus did not come to offer the sacrifices of the Old Law, but to do the will of God, His Father.

His sacrifice was total obedience to His Father. Even death upon a cross. His one perfect sacrifice did what the sacrifices of the Mosaic Law were unable to do, it brought about reconciliation between God and His people.

"God loves us, and He calls us to do the same: welcoming, protecting, and respecting others. Think of everyone, think of those who are marginalised, those who are far from the joy of Christmas these days. Let us think about everyone with God's kindness. Remember this word: the kindness of God". Pope Francis

Thank you for making the kindness of God a reality in this parish in the way you welcome, protect and respect the Christian dignity of others, not just our own parishioners. We give thanks to God.

Every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

Fr Doug



Parish Office Holiday Closure : The Parish Office will close at 1pm, Friday, 20th December 2024 and will reopen on Tuesday 21 January 2025. Emails will still be answered during this time.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel acclamation: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Retraction—John Kolaczynski was mistakenly listed last week.

Anniversary: Ramona Ayongao, Joe Natoli, Antonino & Antonietta Basile, Antonino & Ida Muollo



Highlights from 2024



December 15
Simbang Gabi



December 4
School Baptisms



November 2
All Souls Day



October 6
Suzanne Aubert
Mass



August 15
Feast of the
Assumption



June 28
Matariki



June 22
Confirmation



April 7
Feast Day of
Divine Mercy



March 3
Children's Day Mass



March 3
Newton
Festival