



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 2 Feb 2025

Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is also known as the Feast of the Encounter: the Liturgy says at the beginning that Jesus goes to meet his people. Thus, this is the encounter between Jesus and his people, when Mary and Joseph brought their child to the Temple in Jerusalem; the first encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna, took place.

Now

Presentation of the Lord

Sunday 2 February

Waitangi Day

Thursday 6 Feb

10am Mass at St Annes

Coming up

Blessing of the Boats

Sunday 9 February 2pm

Annual Mission Fair

Saturday 22 February 10am

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

A light to enlighten all nations, the glory of God's people

The cycle of ordinary time is interrupted today by the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This recalls the story from Luke's gospel of Mary and Joseph taking their first-born son Jesus to offer him to God 40 days after his birth. The feast is also known as Candlemas, kept alive in many churches by a blessing of candles to be used in the coming year, and reminding us of the words of Simeon in our gospel reading, praising the one who comes as 'a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of God's people.'

Our first reading includes some verses from Malachi, one of the minor prophets and the last of the Old Testament writers. His words have been made famous by their inclusion in Handel's Messiah, 'But who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appeareth?' God is about to burst into our world with unprecedented power. The second reading, from Hebrews, reminds us of the same fact, that while Jesus has taken on our humanity, like us in all things except sin, we are called to share in his power and holiness.

The beautiful scene described by Luke tells of how Mary and Joseph fulfilled the law by taking their tiny son to offer him to God as Jewish law required. There's a hint here of how important are the traditions that we inherit from generations that have gone before us – tikanga, family rituals that hold in their unfolding a truth that is often too big to put into words. The wise elders – Simeon, who has served in the temple for many years, and the old woman Anna, who has lived there for many of her 84 years - both recognise that God's promise is about to be fulfilled in Jesus.

This feast is kept as a day of prayer for consecrated life – a day when we pray for the religious who serve us and for those who may feel called by God to join them. We are blessed in this parish by the presence of sisters from several

Congregations, who inspire us by their witness. We pray that others may be called to follow them in ways that reflect God's light for all to see.

Dennis Horton



Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel acclamation: A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Janney Yee (Fiji)

Anniversary: Jeffrey Jones, Raffaele Esposito



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

Blessing of the Boats 9 February 2pm at Island Bay Beach

Unique to Island Bay, the Blessing of the Boats ceremony has been adopted in Island Bay by its Italian community since 1933. Boats from all over Wellington line up to be blessed for safe carriage and bountiful catches.

Each year, local and visiting Clergy venture out into the Bay to bless the fishing boats after they've made a trip around Tapu te Ranga Island.

Cause news from Rome and Prayer Request

The Dicastery for the Causes for Saints, has approved for the peer review of the case we have made of an alleged miracle, to be re-examined by two newly appointed doctors. This decision was made following a meeting between our own Archbishop Paul Martin and Cardinal Semeraro, the Prefect for the Causes, in Rome.

If just one of the doctors agrees with our review, the alleged miracle will be reviewed by a full panel of 7 doctors appointed by the Vatican, in the New Year. Their approval to proceed to the final stage is critical for the success of this Cause and the eventual beatification of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa

PRAYER FOR THE CAUSE OF VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT
"Lord Jesus Christ, You taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayer that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who came to Aotearoa New Zealand to be with Māori, and dedicated her life to caring for those in poverty and in need, may soon be recognized by the Church as a saint. Amen"

New position at Caritas: Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has an exciting opportunity for a newly created role: International Programmes Lead. Based in Wellington with flexible working arrangements. The successful candidate will lead the design, development, and delivery of key programmes focused on justice, peace, and human dignity. Go to www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us

St Anne's: Liturgy of the Word with Communion restarts every Tuesday from 4 February at 10am.
Holy Hour after 10am Mass on Thursdays restarts 6 February.
Divine Mercy Novena begins again 1 February

Readings for this week

Sun 2 Feb: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Mon 3 Feb: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tue 4 Feb: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wed 5 Feb: Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thur 6 Feb: Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Fri 7 Feb: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Sat 8 Feb: Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21; Mk 6:30-34



Enrolments are now open for the **2025 Sacramental Programme**

Application forms are on the Parish website



Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish family Greyson Dale Liao who was Baptised at St Annes Church last Month by Fr Doug

Scam Alert: We have noticed an increase in email scams pretending to be Fr Doug. Please be aware that our Priests will never ask you for money or ask you to purchase anything on their behalf.

Te Ara o te Tūmanako - The Way of Hope

Bishop Steve Lowe will be leading a jubilee pilgrimage this year, departing 29th September for 17 nights with Harvest Journeys. The pilgrimage "Our Way of Hope" will begin in Lyon, and journey to Rome. On the way pilgrims will meet pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church, and who will inspire hope as the group prepares to pass through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and receive the Jubilee blessing. Book at www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2566

The **Annual Mission Fair of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will be on Saturday 22nd February 2025 from 10am to 1pm at the Convent grounds, 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay. Goods for the Fair & donations are greatly appreciated. (Rapid Raffle and stalls, such as: toys, fancy and knitted goods, jewellery, cakes, jams, etc. Please donate saleable goods only. For more Information contact Sisters: (04) 3838401.

We will be most grateful for your support to make our Mission Fair successful to help the Missionaries and the people they serve.

E-Waste collection Saturday 22 February 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item. 0274171500.

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St Francis de Sales