



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 ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 16 Feb 2025

6th Sunday Ord Time

'Jesus' disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life. They are content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God. ... This poverty is also ... an awareness of having to learn every day. Because they have this attitude, Jesus' disciples are humble, open people, far from prejudice and inflexibility.'
Pope Francis, Angelus, 13 Feb 2022

Now

Annual Mission Fair

Saturday 22 February 10am

Coming up

Parish Council

Wednesday 26 Feb

Combined Mass

Sunday 2 March

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5 March

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

In the readings for today I was struck by the vivid metaphors from the natural world. Jeremiah writes that without God in our lives we "inhabit the parched places". The Psalmist turns that around proclaiming that when we are with God we are like "a tree planted by a river" which produces fruit. This is a reminder that we are intimately connected with te taiao, the natural world. In fact, the concept of te taiao includes the interconnection of people and nature.

In the Gospel Jesus invites us to join God's kingdom. After taking time to pray he then stands with and in the community, not alone and separate from people. He continues by acknowledging the different social situations and behaviours of the crowd: the poor, hungry, grieving, rejected and insulted. Their struggles resonate today when we see the disparities and inequalities in our communities. Jesus goes on to address us directly with a message of hope: "You are blessed". We are invited to a conversion or transformation of a different kind, in these difficult times. This speaks to us, more than ever, in Aotearoa New Zealand and indeed the world. We must have hope in a vision of the future which is different.

"Blessed are they who have hope in the Lord".

Carolyn Carr

**Blessed are you who are poor,
God's Kingdom is yours.
Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be filled.**

**Blessed are you who
weep now, for you will laugh.**

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Monsignor David Bennett

Anniversary: Frederick Holden



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

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

Last Sunday, as part of the Island Bay Festival, Fr Doug, Fr Biju and Rev Mark Henderwood took to the water for the Annual Blessing of the Boats. Boats from all over Wellington lined 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.



Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to everyone to a MASS followed by a light supper on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

COME AND SEE VOCATIONS WEEKEND 7 - 9 MARCH 2025
A discernment retreat for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington.
Contact l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Readings for this week

Sun 16 Feb: Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

Mon 17 Feb: Genesis 4:1-15,25; Mk 8:11-13

Tue 18 Feb: Genesis 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21

Wed 19 Feb: Genesis 8:6-13,20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thur 20 Feb: Genesis 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Fri 21 Feb: Genesis 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-39:1

Sat 22 Feb: 1Peter 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19



Sunday 2 March is the **Newtown Festival**

There will be a combined Parish Mass that morning at St Francis de Sales Church at 10.30am There will be no 9am Mass at St Anne's but there will be the 6pm Vigil at St Frances de Sales and 5pm at St Anne's
The area at St Anne's will be Pasifika stage central



Ash Wednesday preparation.
Please place your old palms in the foyer

Viard House is looking for a cleaner. 5 hours during the week
Contact Jude on ea-abp@wn.catholic.org.nz or call 021 562096

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

Application forms are on the Parish website

Situation Vacant: **Coordinator, Young Church Ministry** (Archdiocese of Wellington)

We're looking for a new team member to support our college youth ministry programme, young church ministry around the Archdiocese and our leadership camp held each year in December. If you have some experience in youth ministry and managing young people and are seeking a 20-26 hour position, explore this option online at SEEK or be in touch with the Director of Church Mission, Chris Duthie-Jung – c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz / 021 02305149.

The Archdiocesan **Marriage Preparation Course** – Love is a Decision - online registration is open for the first course for the year, consecutive Sundays 2 & 9 March 2025, Wellington. Couples are encouraged to attend the course well before their wedding date and register early to ensure there is space on the course. For queries, please email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

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

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.

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St Francis de Sales