



# 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 2 March 2025

### 8th Sunday Ord Time

Today, 'Jesus invites us to reflect on the way we look and the way we speak.... after looking within ourselves, Jesus invites us to look at others as he does. The Lord explains that "out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks".

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 27 Jan 2022*

## Now

### Combined Mass

Sunday 2 March

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5 March

### Day of Prayer for victims of abuse

Friday 7 March

## Coming up

### 1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 9 March

### Sacramental Parent Evening

Tuesday 18 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

**Samoa 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 Doug

Dear Parishioners

Just as the fruit from orchard trees are judged on its quality, so a person's words and thoughts show the kind of person they are. (First Reading). This links with what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'for each tree is known by its own fruit.'

In the Gospel it is no longer a question of love of enemies but a love of our brothers and sisters in our parish and wider community. We are told always to look at ourselves first before we judge or condemn others. We have to be critical of ourselves first before we criticize others: 'first take the log out of your own eye!'

Our words are revelation to what is in our hearts. Jesus said, 'the words of the mouth flow out of what fills our hearts.'

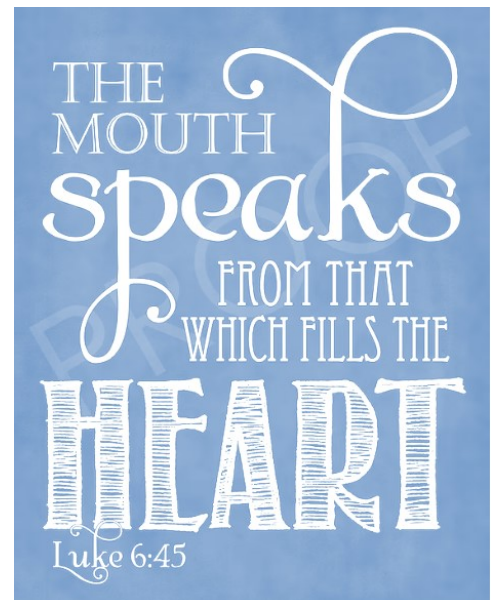
We need to look and to listen to ourselves first as disciples of Jesus. We need to become 'good trees that produce good fruit for the kingdom of God and for all of God's people.' This will be always reflected in our words and in our deeds.

This Sunday we come together as one in a whole parish wide Mass, 10.30 am at St Francis de Sale's church, in communion with God and with one another, giving thanks to all who are new in the Parish of Wellington South. We also give thanks and support to our three awesome parish schools: St Anne's, St Bernard's, St Francis de Sales.

We also acknowledge the wonderful rich diversity of culture and gifts in our faith communities that bring us together as one as the Catholic Parish of Wellington South, hopefully to be called the Parish of Suzanne Aubert in the near future.

*With every blessing*

**Fr Doug**



**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Gospel acclamation:** Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**Anniversary:** Raffaele Volpicelli, Joseph Ulberg, Faanana Efeso Collins, Nina & Antonino De Gregorio, Yolanda Mollo





This Sunday 2 March is the **Newtown Festival**. It is also the day when our 3 communities come together for Mass at St Francis de Sales Church at 10.30am. Please bring a bathroom or kitchen item for the Vinnies basket. There will be no 9am Mass at St Anne's but there will be the 6pm Vigil at St Francis de Sales and 5pm at St Anne's. Remember there will be no parking in the St Anne's grounds and nearby streets for this 5pm Mass.

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

9am St Bernard's School  
 10.30am St Anne's with the school  
 12pm St Francis de Sales with the school  
 3pm Te Hopai Rest home  
 7pm St Anne's



2025 **Sacramental programme**. We are now accepting enrolments for 2025. This programme is available to all children who have been baptised into the Catholic faith and reached Year 4 or above in the primary school system. Enrolment forms are available on the Church website [wellingtonsouthcatholic.org/](http://wellingtonsouthcatholic.org/)



Congratulations to Matthew White who received the sacrament of **Holy Orders** at Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington on Saturday, 22 February.

**Readings for this week**

**Sun 2 Mar:** Eccl 27:4-7; 1Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:27-38  
**Mon 3 Mar:** Eccl 17:24-29; Mk 10:17-27  
**Tue 4 Mar:** Eccl 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31  
**Wed 5 Mar:** Joel 2: 12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
**Thur 6 Mar:** Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
**Fri 7 Mar:** Isaiah 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15  
**Sat 8 Mar:** Isaiah 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Mission Fair**. The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver came to Island Bay in 1952, to seek help for the missions in Africa and other continents. Each year they fundraise for a specific cause and in 2025 it is: Tanzania - Iringa: Request from Sr Prudensiana Maya. Education for needy children, also providing medicines, food and clothing.



**Welcom News** is out this weekend: Contents include: Pope Francis' health – messages and prayers from Church representatives and global leaders worldwide. WelCom's future – a statement from Archbishop Paul Martin sm and Bishop John Adams.



The president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has invited the faithful to increase their prayers for healing for Pope Francis, who is being treated in hospital in Rome for double pneumonia.

**Divine Mercy** at St Anne's starts at 6pm after the 5pm Mass every Sunday. All welcome

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St Francis de Sales