



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 23 Feb 2025 7th Sunday Ord Time

"we should approach God with awe and not fear, with respect for God's power and infinite goodness. When we approach him in this way, we entrust ourselves to His mercy, even in the darkest of moments."

Pope Francis—28 September 2016

Now

Mass at Vincentian Home

Tuesday 25 1.30pm

Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 26 Feb

Coming up

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

From Fr Biju

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

As you gather as a family, identify some things that family members are expected to do each day like: prepare meals, go to school or work; complete household chores, behave appropriately at school, at work and at home; and so on. Discuss whether it is easy to live up to these expectations. Why or why not? Then discuss the meaning of the phrase "go the extra mile" and what it would mean to go the extra mile in the expectations you identified.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes how we are to act toward one another. What he says may sound like what we mean by the phrase "going the extra mile." Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are

easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult.

Observe that today's Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God's standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us. During a

time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he

or she will go the

"extra mile" for the

family. Thus we can

enter into new

relationships, and be

partners of Christ in

establishing the

Kingdom of God here

on earth.

Fr Biju



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel acclamation: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Anniversary: Maritess Cimafranca, Nicolas Catalan Jr, Socorro, Songco, Francesco & Frank Basile, Raffaele De Gregorio, Teofilo Vendiola



Next 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.



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.

As we step into the new year of 2025, all members of our community are invited to participate wholeheartedly in the Year of Jubilee—a year of grace, renewal, and deepening faith. Let us embrace this special year as Pilgrims of Hope, walking together in prayer, joy, and solidarity. Let us keep the spirit of prayer and community alive. May this year bring us closer to one another, to our faith, and to the abundant blessings that God has in store for us. Together, let us live the message of Pope Francis and celebrate the hope and unity in this Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope.

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/

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

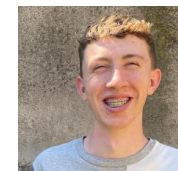
Please pray for Matthew White who receives the sacrament of **Holy Orders** at Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington on Saturday, 22 February.

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

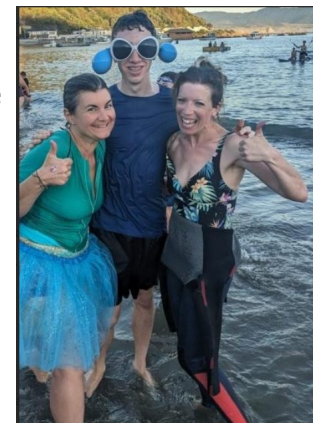
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Please keep Kinh, Emilio and Gerson in your prayers. Thinking about priesthood? Visit www.wellingtonpriests.org. Please also keep in your prayers Frs. David Orange and Peter O'Connell who are experiencing ill health at present and all our clergy.

We welcome Quentin Stark, the new Youth Pastor for the **Ecumenical Youth Group** in Island Bay.



Quentin is a local, studying music at Massey. On Friday we joined in with the Birdman Competition at the beach (part of the Island Bay Festival), congrats to Quentin, the youth, and the leaders from our group who dressed up and took the plunge! The group recommences as normal every fortnight, 7pm at the IB Presbyterian Church hall, from Feb 28th. All welcome, years 7-13. Prayers for a blessed year appreciated.



COME AND SEE VOCATIONS WEEKEND
Friday 7 March – Sunday 9 March

A weekend discernment retreat for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. 7 March – 9 March 2025 at Magnificat Retreat Centre, Cross Creek Farm, Featherston
RSVP to Lucienne at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz.

Readings for this week

- Sun 23 Feb:** Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
- Mon 24 Feb:** Eccl 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
- Tue 25 Feb:** Eccl 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
- Wed 26 Feb:** Eccl 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
- Thur 27 Feb:** Eccl 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
- Fri 28 Feb:** Eccl 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
- Sat 29 Feb:** Eccl 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16



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