



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 9 Feb 2025

5th Sunday Ord Time

'With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear, without giving in to disappointment when one catches nothing, and without giving up and saying "there is nothing more that can be done". Always, in personal life as well as in the life of the Church and society, there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over — the Lord always invites us to get back on our feet because he opens up new possibilities.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 6 Feb 2022

Now

Blessing of the Boats

Sunday 9 February 2pm

Feast of St Scholastica

Monday 10 Feb

Valentines Day

Friday 14 Feb

Coming up

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

From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners,

In the First Reading we hear the call of Isaiah to prophecy. In the vision of the Temple, God reveals Himself to Isaiah as the Holy Lord God of Hosts. The vision reveals to Isaiah that he is to be a messenger of God, to His holy people. This prepares us for the Gospel which deals with the call of the first disciples.

Here again it is God that takes the first initiative and expecting the response from Isaiah that God requires. The catch of fish, which is miraculous to Peter, convinces him there is something wonderful, and in the moment that he is experiencing of Jesus, something greater than himself.

Peter and his companions will leave everything they have and follow Jesus. By our own baptism we too are called to follow Jesus. We are called to follow Jesus in our own unique ways.

Yes, we acknowledge our own weaknesses. God will strengthen us. Humility is the starting point and with God's grace we are saved.

Pope Francis;

'And they are meant to encourage us and to heighten our awareness of God's grace at work in our lives. The examples of Isaiah, Peter and Paul invite all of us to reflect on our own calling as disciples of Jesus, to acknowledge how, in spite of being weak and sinful creatures, God's grace continues to uplift and strengthen us. Perhaps, like Peter, it may have been an experience of failure that brought us to our knees and led us to more profound awareness of God's grace.'

With every blessing

Fr Doug



Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Monsignor David Bennett

Anniversary: Glen Greco



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

We welcome to our Parish **Fr Biju Xavier** who takes up the position of Assistant Priest. He comes to us from Upper Hutt where he has worked recently.

We also say goodbye and thankyou to Fr Ravi as he moves to take up his appointment of Administrator in Plimmerton. We wish him well in his new role. Our Pre Seminarian Dyester has now left to begin at the Seminary.



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.

The **Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion** and the final resting place of Suzanne Aubert is now a category one heritage listing.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga's heritage assessment advisor, Natalie Marshall, said the chapel had outstanding historical and spiritual significance for its direct association with Aubert, the Catholic nun, nurse, and social worker who founded the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion, the only Catholic order to be initiated in New Zealand.

Aubert also started two hospitals in Wellington, the St Joseph's Home for the Incurables in 1900 and Our Lady's Home of Compassion in 1907, dedicating her life to helping others.

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 9 Feb: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Mon 10 Feb: Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mk 7:1-13

Tue 11 Feb: Genesis 1:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wed 12 Feb: Genesis 2:4-9,15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thur 13 Feb: Genesis 31:1-8; Mk 7:24-30

Fri 14 Feb: Genesis 13:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Sat 15 Feb: Genesis 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10



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

Application forms are on the Parish website



Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish family Atlas Noel Lumaban who was Baptised at St Francis de Sales Church recently by Fr Doug



Thanks. Ray Thomson, retired SFDS sacristan, sends his grateful thanks to all those who kindly sent him best wishes on the occasion of his recent milestone birthday.

Deacon Matthew White will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the Cathedral on Saturday 22 February at 11am

Jubilee of Married Couples and St Valentine's Day Mass. Married and engaged couples are warmly invited to this special celebration of marriage. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Friday 14th February at 6pm, with refreshments to follow. Come and join us for Mass with plenty of time for a dinner reservation afterwards.

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