



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 16 March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, we are capable of walking together with others, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves whether we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.

Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2025.

Now

St Patricks Day

Monday 17 March

Sacramental Parent Evening

Tuesday 18 March

Coming up

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Workers

Sunday 4 April 5pm St Anne's

Easter

Sunday 20 April

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: 9am Mass St Francis during Lent
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

On this second Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect on the transfiguration of Jesus, an event that reveals His divine glory. Jesus ascends the mountain to pray, and during this prayer, His face changes, radiating the splendour of God's glory. The voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, computers, mobiles, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on?

Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, mobiles and computers. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus. Lent serves as a time to listen – to God's Word, His will, and His presence in our everyday lives.

May we embrace His light to transform us, guiding onward in faith, trust and hope. God bless you on this Lenten journey.

Fr Biju

This is my chosen Son;
listen to him."

-Luke 9:35

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel acclamation: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP Fr Paul O'Connor

Anniversary: Anastasia Esposito, Geraldine Munson, Paul Tuala



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion.



Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025: Put your compassion into action Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 have been distributed from the foyer.



Every donation given will support Caritas' lifechanging humanitarian and development work around the world – and create change not just for today but for the future. The Bishops' **Lent Appeal** is essential to our mission, providing much of the resources necessary to continue our life-changing work in Aotearoa, the Pacific, and beyond. We are grateful for the generous support your Parish gave to Caritas last year. With continued support this year, we can offer hope to communities facing hardship.

Pick up your envelopes from the foyer today

XLT YOUTH WORSHIP 2025: JOIN US for our first XLT in 2025! An evening of relevant worship, adoration, reconciliation and fellowship for college students and young adults. Friday 28th March @ 7pm at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.

Planned Giving: With the end of the financial year coming up and cash being less readily available, now is the best time to switch to bank transfer or automatic payment if you are currently using planned giving envelopes. If you wish to know more or make the switch to bank transfer/ap, please contact the Parish Office.



Blessing of the Ashes at St Anne's

JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTH WORKERS - Sunday 6th April. A special Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on Sunday 6th April at St Anne's Church, Newtown to pray for the sick and those entrusted with their care. All caregivers, nurses and doctors at our hospitals and care facilities are especially welcome.

During Lent Fr Biju will be saying Mass every Tuesday morning at 9am at St Francis de Sales Church. You are welcome to join him.



Reconciliation is available every Saturday morning at St Anne's after the 10am Mass

FOOD FOR FAITH for Lent. Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ. Sign up to receive daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Readings for this week

- Sun 16 Mar:** Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36
- Mon 17 Mar:** Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lkt 10:1-2,17-20
- Tue 18 Mar:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wed 19 Mar:** 2Sam 7:4-5,12-14; Rom 4:13-22; Lk 2:41-51
- Thur 20 Mar:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Fri 21 Mar:** Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-18; Mt 21:33-43
- Sat 22 Mar:** Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD @ Sacred Heart Cathedral A Lenten opportunity to join millions of Catholics around the world in prayer and adoration during this Jubilee Year. From 5:30pm on Friday 28th March until the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 29th March. Parishes are invited to take lead for an hour or two during the 24-hour Vigil.

Our Parish has booked

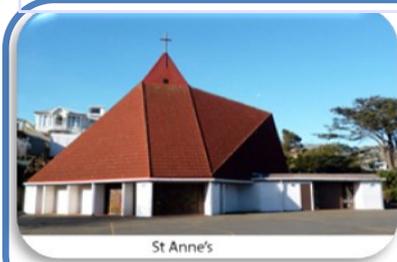
9pm to 10pm on Friday evening 28 March.

Everyone is welcome to visit the Cathedral and spend some time in adoration during this period. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Visit <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/>

Reminder about the **Joshua Men's meeting** this coming Thursday 20th March in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral). Join us from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start followed by supper. Speaker: Fr Alfred Tong on "The need for generosity" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Divine Mercy at St Francis de Sales starts 9.10am Sundays at St Anne's starts 6pm after the 5pm Mass every Sunday. All welcome

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St Francis de Sales