



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 9 March 2025 1st Sunday of Lent

May this time of Lent also be a time of the desert for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer — just a little, it will do us good — in these spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts, our inner truth, what we know cannot be justified. Let us find inner clarity, placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer.

Pope Francis Angelus 6 March 2022

Now

1st Sunday of Lent
Sunday 9 March

Coming up

St Patricks Day
Monday 17 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

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

Gospel Reflection

Preparation and Temptation in the Desert

In this week's Gospel, we hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil during his 40 days in the desert. Like the Israelite's 40 years in the wilderness, tests of character and faith in God are involved.

The account takes place between the baptism of Jesus and the start of his public mission. Lead by the Spirit, Jesus is completing a period of preparation.

We are reminded that Jesus is human and vulnerable during his time in the desert. Hungry, uncomfortable, and by himself, this was an opportune time for Jesus to be tempted. These were not just passing temptations of the moment, but temptations that recurred through Jesus' public life.

The devil repeatedly tries to trick Jesus to prove his identity in self-serving ways. Jesus' resolute response affirms his identity, his commitment to mission, and his obedience to God's will. Jesus was well prepared.

The nature of the temptations are worth reflecting on. They can be loosely aligned to temptations of material comfort or wealth, status, and power. These are sadly the basis of values we see widely celebrated in our world today. The message that Jesus came to spread was not based on self-centred gratification but a completely different set of values that involved serving others.

In a world of self-serving temptations, the 40 days of Lent provide an opportunity to "spend time in the desert" and reflect, prepare, and strengthen our faith.

"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

Blessings

*Shane
Connolly*



Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel acclamation: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP Fr Paul O'Connor

Anniversary: Antonino De Gregorio



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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Combined Mass last Sunday at St Francis de Sales Church. A special thank you to the children and teachers of our 3 schools and the Parish Liturgy Teams.



The Newtown Festival Pacifika Stage at St Anne's was well attended. Many of our volunteers were on site with stalls and quiet areas for a cuppa.



Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is moving to small parish-based groups called Dovecotes, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact Gloria: dovenational.leader@gmail.com or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: www.dove.org.nz

Readings for this week

Sun 9 Mar: Deut 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Mon 10 Mar: Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tue 11 Mar: Isaiah 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wed 12 Mar: Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thur 13 Mar: Esther 4:17; Mt 7:7-12
Fri 14 Mar: Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Sat 15 Mar: Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025:

Put your compassion into action Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent



Appeal 2025 have been distributed today at Mass. 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. This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit if possible, to reduce costs and make processing donations faster.

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

Come and join other men at **Joshua Wellington's** next meeting on Thursday 20th March 2025 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family *Aoife Bondoc* who was Baptised at St Francis de Sales Church last Saturday by Fr Doug

2025 **Sacramental programme.** Deadline for enrolments in 2025 is **Friday 14 March**. 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/



During Lent Fr Biju will be saying Mass every Tuesday morning at 9am at St Francis de Sales Church. The first one will be Tuesday 11 March. You are welcome to join him.

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

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

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