



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 whakaturu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 2 November 2025

All Souls Day

In the power of prayer, with hands raised to heaven and open to others, we must ensure that this period of history, marked by war and the arrogance of power, soon comes to an end, giving rise to a new era. We cannot allow this period to continue. Enough! This is the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. Enough! Lord, hear our cry!

Pope Leo 28 October 2025

Now

All Souls Day

Sunday 2 November

Coming up

Closing Mass St Bernard's School

Saturday 15 November

Feast of Christ the King

Sunday 23 November

Shared Parish Lunch at St Anne's

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 30 November

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am Mass at Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

Samoan Mass every 3rd Sunday

St Bernard's Mass 10.30am
monthly 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

Fri: 9.15am St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am St Anne's

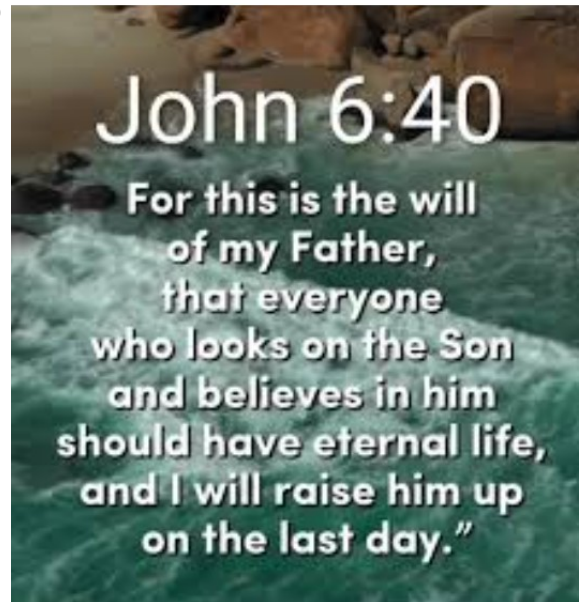
From Fr Biju,

Yesterday, we celebrated the joy of All Saints, our brothers and sisters who now share in the glory of heaven. Today, our hearts turn with tenderness to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. These two days are closely linked, like joy and sorrow held together in Christ. The saints remind us of our destiny, and the departed invite us to remember with love, to pray with hope, and to walk with faith. The liturgy today places before us two truths: God's mercy and our responsibility. Faith in Christ expressed in love for our neighbour is the heart of Christian life. God's love is stronger than death, and that those who belong to him are safe in his eternal embrace.

Today, as we pray for the souls of the departed, we are reminded of the great mystery of the communion of saints. The Church teaches us that there are three dimensions of this communion: the Church triumphant in heaven, the Church suffering in purgatory, and the Church pilgrim on earth. Visiting cemeteries, offering Masses, and remembering the dead are not acts of hope—hope rooted in the conviction that death does not have the last word.

This communion also reminds us of responsibility. What we do on earth echoes in eternity. Our choices, our actions, our capacity to love or to withhold love—these matter. Today, as we pray for the faithful departed, we also reflect on our own path. The Last Judgement should not frighten us; rather, it should encourage us to live the present with faith, mercy, and love. God's grace always comes first. But He asks us to respond, to make our lives a witness of love. May the Lord, at the end of our days, recognize us as good and faithful servants. May Our Lady, the Gate of Heaven, accompany us on our journey, so that one day we may rejoice with the saints, united with all the faithful departed in God's eternal embrace. Amen.

Fr Biju



Responsorial Psalm : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation: Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP : Emma Amitrano

Special Intentions : Raffaele Muollo, Antonino & Antonietta Basile
Ida & Antonino Muollo



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



Baptism

We welcome into our Parish Family Arieta Pickering who was Baptised by Fr Biju at St Francis de Sales recently.



At Masses this weekend parishioners are invited to bring along a photo of a deceased family member for a special blessing on the feast of All Souls, a day of commemoration of all the faithful departed.

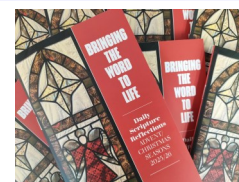
Official Closing Mass and Jubilee Celebrations

On **Saturday 15th November** St Bernard's School will be holding a Mass to mark the closing of the school and also celebrate their 90th Jubilee. The school hall will open at 11.30am, Mass is at 12pm, and lunch at 1.30pm. There will be opportunities to tour the school, look back through memorabilia, and an open mic for people to share memories. Please register your attendance through this link. <https://forms.gle/Kv9Ln2FQovzyLkPY7>

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. An Hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! **7.30 -8.30pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Tuesday, 28 October** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Late Night Mass for Young People: Come join us for this November's Late Night Mass **on 7th November** at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Mass begins at 8.00pm followed by fellowship in the foyer. Bring a plate and a friend to celebrate together in the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist!

Advent: a hikoi for Pilgrims of Hope - In this new book, Bringing the Word to Life, Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Speak to your parish leaders/parish office about obtaining a copy of this book.



Great Saints of Italy Tour 2026: Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a tour to Italy in May 2026. Contact Pilgrimage Tours at www.theTOURcompany.net or phone 0800 99 77 88 for the full itinerary and price.

Jubilee Diary Note; over the weekend of 18/19 April 2026 the Parish will be recognising the **60th Diamond Jubilee of the opening of the SFDS church** together with the 120th More details are to come but will include a Jubilee luncheon.

Columban Calendars

Columban calendars on sale in the foyer \$12



PLANT SALE : Saturday 22 November 2025 from noon to 3pm , 1 Mersey Street , Island Bay.

Proceeds will go to installing 50 domestic water plants to provide safe and purified drinking water in the Srikakulam Diocese in India and to give financial support to purchase 5 plastic water tanks for the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph

in Kibuye-Bondo Diocese in Kenya. If you wish to donate plants to the sale then please drop off to the convent before the day of the sale. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.



Join young people at St Francis de Sales on the **2nd Sunday** of each month to lead the music at 10.30 Mass. We will also prepare for the Christmas vigil at 6pm on Christmas Eve. **We need singers and instrumentalists** 10 years+. If you'd like to give it a try, come to a practice on Sunday 2nd November. Just turn up and sing! If you can play an instrument, please contact the parish office so we can arrange some music for you in advance.

Readings for this week

Sun 2 Nov :Wisdom 3:1-9 2 ; Romans 6:3-9 ; John 6:37-40
Mon 3 Nov : Romans 11:29-36 ; Luke 14:12-14
Tue 4 Nov : Romans 12:5-16ab ; Luke 14:15-24
Wed 5 Nov: Romans 13:8-10 ; Luke 14:25-33
Thurs 6 Nov :Romans 14:7-12 ; Luke 15:1-10
Fri 7 Nov : Romans 15:14-21 ; Luke 16:1-8
Sat 8 Nov: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 ; Luke 16:9-15



Fr Doug Shepherd - Parish Priest

027 248 3562
doug.shepherd@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Fr Biju Xavier - Assistant Priest

022 1594548
frbijuxavier2010@gmail.com

Parish Bank Details ADW-CPWS: 02-0576-0064832-00

Parish Office: 22 Emmett Street Newtown

Telephone - 934 4099; office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org; Web Site: <https://wellingtonsouthcatholic.org>

