



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 26 October 2025 30th Sunday in Ord Time

One cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them.'

Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te, 4 October 2025

Now

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming up

All Saints Day

Saturday 1 November

All Souls Day

Sunday 2 November

Closing Mass St Bernard's School

Saturday 15 November

Feast of Christ the King

Sunday 23 November

60th Diamond Jubilee SFDS

18/19 April 2026

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

Samoa 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

Gospel reflection

How should we pray to get God's attention? Is there a prayer or a way of praying that is better than others? Sometimes we are desperate for an answer and no matter how long or short our prayers, or how many, our pleas appear to go unheeded.

Towards the end of his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus gave us important teachings on prayer in two parables that are unique to Luke - the widow who didn't give up (last Sunday) and the contrasting prayers of the Pharisee and the tax collector (this week). The Pharisee started well by praying, "I thank you, God" then proceeded to boast about himself reminding God that he lived an exemplary life and he was not like others. His ego was sky high and acted in a way that didn't reflect God's love. It seemed he didn't need anything from God other than to remind God of the failings of others. In contrast, the tax collector had nothing to boast about and was full of remorse. He was clearly aware of the need for God's forgiveness and in humility, pleaded for it - "God, be merciful to me a sinner".

The first reading from book of Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) repeats the message of last Sunday's parable about the widow not giving up and the Lord's timing is always perfect. The wisdom of this book reminds us that the Lord listens to the prayers of the humble, the disadvantaged and vulnerable; represented by the widow and the orphan in this reading, and those who are victims.

I find the Lord's prayer such a special and complete prayer that I appreciate when I can remember to recite it at a pace that allows me to be consciously aware of what I'm saying. I often pause at the lines 'your will be done on earth as it is in heaven' (Your will, Lord, not mine!) and the forgiveness petition - am I praying with any unforgiveness in my heart?

How does God's Word today speak to you about your own prayer moments?

Steve



Responsorial Psalm :The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel acclamation: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP : Ursula Carroll , Patrick O'Rourke, John Kolaczynski

Anniversaries: Liberato Moreno



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



Thank you to everyone who came to support the **St Peter Claver Sisters** at their Spring Shared Dinner on the 11th of October at Anne's. We raised \$2805.00 for the Missions



Concert at the Cathedral: Sunday 2 November 2pm Hill St. A wonderful collaboration of the Cathedral's Vigil Mass Group and other Wellington musicians performing classical, contemporary and operatic works. Tickets at the door
Admission Adult \$20, Child \$10, Family \$40
This Concert is in honour of the Leader of our group, Sr Marie Gore. Proceeds to the Cathedral

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.

Join young people at St Francis de Sales on the **2nd Sunday** of each month to lead the music at 10.30mass. 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 26 Oct : Eccl 35:12-14,16-19; 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Mon 27 Oct : Romans 8:12-17 ; Luke 13:10-17

Tue 28 Oct : Ephesians 2:19-22 ; Luke 6:12-16

Wed 29 Oct : Romans 8:26-30 ; Luke 13:22-30

Thurs 30 Oct : Romans 8:31b-39 ; Luke 13:31-35

Fri 31 Oct : Romans 9:1-5 ; Luke 14:1-6

Sat 1 Nov : Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 ; 1John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a



Parish Event Sunday 23 November – Feast of Christ the King. Melania from the Parish Council is looking for a few volunteers to help organise the Parish pre Christmas Luncheon. Contact her after Mass or email her on melania.lui@gmail.com

World Youth Day 2027: Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please fill out the expression of interest form below and email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz for any questions.

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>

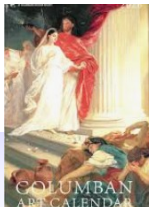
HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. An Houradoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! **7.30-8.30pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Tuesday, 28 October** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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 hikoī 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.

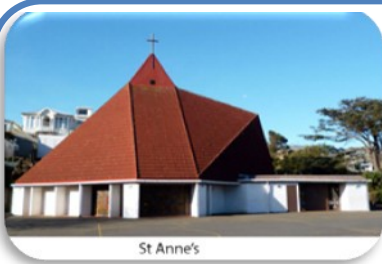
November is Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal Month. We live in challenging times – times that are causing many people to lose hope. Your ongoing support helps. www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

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 Jubilee of the recognition of a Catholic parish in Island Bay. The weekend will, now, also include a remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the school at St Madeleine Sophies (the forerunner of the current school of St Francis De Sales). More details are to come but will include a Jubilee luncheon.



Columban Calendars

Columban calendars on sale in the foyer \$12



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