



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 16 November 2025 33rd Sunday of Ord Time

God's actions are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity. Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest'. - *Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te, 16.*

Now

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 16 November

Coming up

Plant Sale

1 Mersey St

Saturday 22 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 Doug

Dear Parishioners

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the focus is on the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ. The prophet Malachi (First Reading) says that a day of judgement is coming in a blaze of fire, for the righteous it will be a day of salvation.

However, there is a stark message that not only warns sinners to repent but as an encouragement to all who do God's will while on earth. The Second Reading from Saint Paul to the Thessalonians also relates to the Second Coming when Paul warns them not to be idle but to continue fervently praying and working for God's Kingdom.

Luke in the Gospel also refers to a coming a presence 'Parousia' in close association with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. The destruction of the Temple, which Jesus had predicted, had already happened by the time Luke wrote this.

Luke reminds them of the words of Jesus in all the evil and persecution which was about to happen to all who believe in Him, not to give up but stay steadfast! 'By your endurance you will gain your lives.' That same encouragement is for all of us in this present age.

This Sunday marks the World Day of the Poor; the Bishops of New Zealand stand with Pope Leo in encouraging all the faithful to consider how each one of us can make a difference in the lives of the poor and disadvantaged.

As Pope Leo reminds us, "Love for the poor- whatever the form their poverty may take- is the evangelical hallmark of a Church faithful to the heart of God."

*Yours in Christ
Fr Doug*



Responsorial Psalm : The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel acclamation: Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP : Araceli Del Ayre, Manuel Cacho Ang

Anniversaries : Barbara Hoskins, Geoffrey Cochrane,
Petelo Aukusitino, Herman Thomsen,



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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: The bishops of New Zealand have written a pastoral letter to the Catholic community that is being read at all Masses this weekend. The letter coincides with the Church's commemoration of World Day of the Poor. It invites each person to consider how they can listen and respond to those who are in need. It offers some practical ways to live out the Christian imperative of charity, and especially in helping Catholic agencies committed to supported those who are in need. The letter can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

November is Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal Month. We live in challenging times – times that are causing many people to lose hope. The poor and vulnerable among us are especially affected. This is why we need your help. Your ongoing support helps us bring hope to those who need it. Donate to CSS 02 0560 0213864 000. Use your name phone number and code CSS Hope.

Sunday, 23 November 12pm – St Annes Hall – PARISH SOCIAL EVENT – END OF YEAR SHARED LUNCH. All parishioners are invited to come with food to share at this parish social event. There will be music and entertainment from various groups, all are welcome!

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.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship : Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on **Thursday 20th November** from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start followed by supper. Note: Change of Venue - St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice Street, Mt Victoria. Speaker: Peter Ewart SM on "Is there an opportunity for peace?" Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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 a copy.



Pope Leo at the COP30 Climate Conference in Brazil
"If you want to cultivate peace, care for creation," the Pope told the leaders. Tragically those in the most vulnerable situations are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution. Caring for creation, therefore, becomes an expression of humanity and solidarity"



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.



Bible Diaries 2026
available now for \$20 in the church foyer



SIMBANG GABI :
Once again we will be hosting Christmas Novena Masses from 15 to 23 December 2025 at **St Anne's Church, Newtown, 7pm start.** Let us prepare and reflect on the birth of Jesus through the lens of the Virgin Mary. All are welcome!

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.



Readings for this week

- Sun 16 Nov :** Malachi 3:19-20a; 2Thess 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
- Mon 17 Nov :** 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 ; Luke 18:35-43
- Tue 18 Nov :** 2 Macc 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
- Wed 19 Nov:** 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31 ; Luke 19:11-28
- Thurs 20 Nov :** 1 Macc 2:15-29 ; Luke 19:41-44
- Fri 21 Nov :** 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59 ; Luke 19:45-48
- Sat 22 Nov:** 1 Macc 6:1-13 ; Luke 20:27-40



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