



# 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 23 November 2025 Feast of Christ the King

"Today, scenarios of war, unfortunately present in various regions of the world, seem especially to confirm that we are in a state of helplessness. Yet the globalization of helplessness arises from a lie, from believing that history has always been this way and cannot change. The Gospel, on the other hand, reminds us that it is precisely in the upheavals of history that the Lord comes to save us. And today, as a Christian community, together with the poor, we must become a living sign of this salvation." *Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 15*

### Now

#### Parish shared lunch

Sunday 23 November  
St Anne's Hall

### Coming up

#### Volunteers Thank You Cuppa

Wednesday 26 November  
6.30pm at St Anne's Hall

#### 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

**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

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On this final Sunday of the Liturgical Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. instituted by Pope Pius xi in 1925 through his encyclical 'Quas Primas,' the feast was intended to reassert the supremacy of Christ in a world increasingly attracted to secularism, nationalism and ideological extremism. We are invited to contemplate a kingship rooted in compassion and humility, and a love that draws all things in unity. The self-giving of the cross challenges the domination and self-interest of all worldly power. Christ's kingdom of gentleness and mercy is the Inheritance of all who turn to Him in their needs and the responsibility of all His followers.

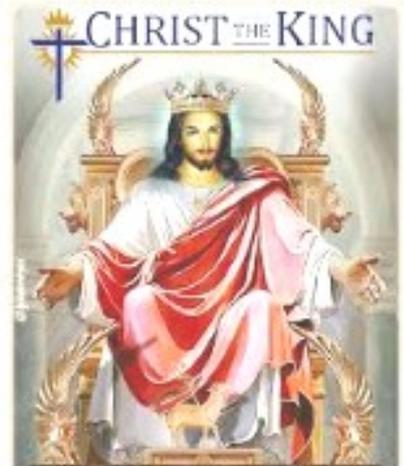
In the Gospel Luke 23:35-43 says that the crucified Christ is mocked by many, yet recognised as King by a dying criminal, who receives the promise of Paradise.

The solemnity of Christ the King, invites the Church to reflect deeply on the Kingship of Christ, on who Christ is for us, and on the nature of His kingdom. The gospel also takes us to an unlikely place; to Jesus' brutal and lonely crucifixion. Yet, in this moment of seeming defeat, the Power of God is revealed, and a kingdom of Gentleness is born. The leaders, soldiers and even one of the crucified criminals join in a chorus of derision; 'He saved others: let Him save Himself if He is the Messiah of God, His chose one.' Their taunting assumes that the real power would surely assert itself through strength and self-preservation, an expectation that is prevalent today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Yet, Jesus does not respond according to the logic of violent, worldly power. He is not provoked by those who taunt Him, and in His agony, He remains silent. His silence is not weakness, but a sovereign choosing of peace and forbearance.

Always remember, God loves us no matter what, therefore, we need to do the same to others through the help of the Holy Spirit. Let us be happy and enjoy life by celebrating this great feast of "CHRIST OUR KING".

**By Koleta Teofilo Konise**



**Responsorial Psalm** : Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Gospel acclamation**: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP** : Paul Kelly

**Anniversaries** : Sr Mary Scanlon, Des Hoskins, Maryanne Jones



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellington.southcatholic.org](http://wellington.southcatholic.org)

**Sunday, 23 November 12pm – St Anne’s 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!

**To all parish volunteers**

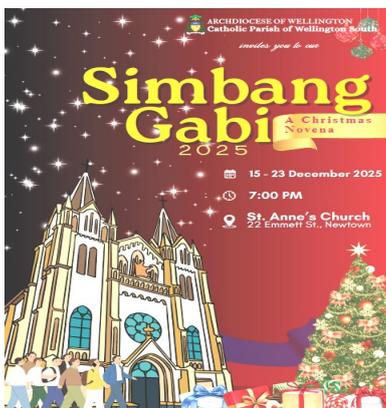
Thank You, Parish Volunteers! We’re blessed with a vibrant parish community, enriched by your generosity, gifts, and service. To show our gratitude, the Parish Council warmly invites you to a pre Christmas get together and thank you cuppa on Wednesday 26 November in the Hall at St Anne’s at 6.30pm

This includes all committee members, ministers of the sick, anyone on our rosters, volunteer cleaners, etc. Every act of service helps bring life and joy to our parish.



**St Bernard’s Legacy:** Congratulations to Riley, Alna and Mason on being awarded a Scholarship to attend a Catholic secondary school in Wellington. We wish them well on their journey to further their Catholic education.

**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](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



**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!

**ALLED & EQUIPPED** Formation Programme - Applications CLOSING 30 November

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would you like to know more about what it means to be Catholic? Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you don’t know enough? For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Holy Hour** with the St Peter Claver Sisters Blessed Sacrament exposed every Thursday at 1 Mersey St Island Bay. We pray for peace, families and vocations etc. All are welcome. Please contact the Sisters on 04 3838401

**Readings for this week**

- Sun 23 Nov :**2Samuel 5:1-3; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:35-43
- Mon 24 Nov :** Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
- Tue 25 Nov :** Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
- Wed 26 Nov:** Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28
- Thurs 27 Nov :**Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28
- Fri 27 Nov :** Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
- Sat 29 Nov:** Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36



**LAST VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR** for 2025! JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. 7.30-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Tuesday, 25 November.

Join us for **Divine Mercy** starting 9.10am every Sunday before mass at St Francis de Sales Church - all are very welcome to join us.

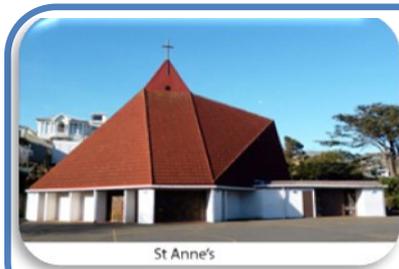


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**Bible Diaries 2026** available now for \$20 in the church foyer



**Advent: a hikoī for Pilgrims of Hope** \$6 contact the office



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