



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 30 November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

“We share the same faith in the one and only God, the Father of all people; we confess together the one Lord and true Son of God, Jesus Christ, and the one Holy Spirit, who inspires us and impels us towards full unity and the common witness to the Gospel. Truly, what unites us is much greater than what divides us! In a world that is divided and torn apart by many conflicts, the one universal Christian community can be a sign of peace and an instrument of reconciliation, playing a decisive role in the global commitment to peace.”

Pope Leo XIV, Apostolic Letter on the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, 2025. November 2025

Now

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 30 November

Rite II Advent Reconciliation

St Anne's 3pm

Coming up

SimbangGabi

Starts Monday 15 December

St Anne's 7pm

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

From Fr Biju

We are entering into a new liturgical year, with the season of Advent. It is an opportunity for us to “go to the house of the Lord” and “seek good things”. It is the perfect time to reignite our faith and start anew. Today's first reading invites us to journey with the Lord, so that “He may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths”.

There are two key phrases that should become the foundation for our Advent journey to Christmas: “Wake up” and “Be alert”. We need to wake up from the darkness of our lives in order to walk in the light of the Lord. We live in darkness when we keep God away from our lives by our sins. Oftentimes, we pretend that we have no sin and there is nothing wrong with us. It is others who need renewal. The reality is that all of us have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. We need to make a conscious and deliberate decision to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us be sustained by our continuous effort to stay alert to the situations around us, so that we do not fall back into the works of darkness. We need to allow God to mould us and shape us, and thus allow him to teach us his ways.

Some of the ways in which we can stay alert to God working within us are spending a little more time in personal prayer, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation, and our willingness to forgive others. These will help us prepare to welcome into our hearts Jesus, the God-with-us. When we do this, we prepare ourselves to experience the joy of Christmas.

Let us challenge ourselves each day to open our hearts to the Lord. For the next 24 days, let us journey with hope and faith, and make room in our hearts for the birth of Jesus. As we light the candles of this Advent wreath each week, may the light of Christ become stronger in our lives. May we grow stronger in our commitment to Christ and to his people.

Have a blessed season of Advent.

Fr Biju



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

Gospel acclamation: Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP : Anna Millar (*funeral 3 Dec St Anne's*)

Anniversaries : Catherine Maher, Leon Domanski

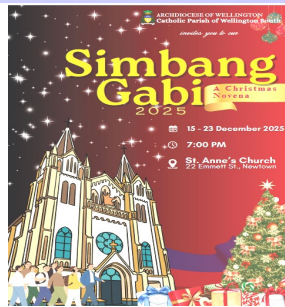


For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

RITE 2 RECONCILIATION in preparation for Christmas will be for both Wellington South and Wellington East parishes at 3pm on Sunday 30 November at St Anne's Church, Emmett St in Newtown. Frs Bill, Kinh, Doug, Biju and Fr Jeff Drane SM will be present.

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!



Carols at Parliament Sunday 7 December 2025

Christmas celebration service in the Banquet Hall, Parliament Buildings, Wellington from 7 pm (please arrive before 6:30 pm to be seated by 6.50 pm)

St Bernard's School closing Mass and hospitality in the Hall was last Saturday. Thank you to all the organisers the teachers and pupils of St Bernard's School. Last day is 17 December. We will miss you.



Holy Land update: Christian Voices; Kairos documents. As we approach Christmas, what are Christian voices saying from within the Holy Land? What reflection has the displacement of people in Gaza and the West Bank brought (including the Kairos documents)? Mons. Gerard Burns will offer some historical and theological reflections at 7.15pm, Sunday 30th Nov, in St Francis of Assisi parish church, 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville. All welcome.

Readings for this week

Sun 30 Nov :Isaiah 2:1-5 ; Romans 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Mon 1 Dec : Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11
Tue 2 Dec : Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wed 3 Dec: Isaiah 25:6-10a' ; Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs 4 Dec :Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri 5 Dec :Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Sat 6 Dec: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 ; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



PARISH EVENT

'Thank you to all who attended the Parish shared lunch - special thanks to our volunteers and to the groups who participated in the entertainment,

as well as MC and the providing music-many blessings!"



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.

Rediscover the wonder of Christmas. Come along to **Holy Trinity's Advent sessions**, at 4.30pm each Sunday of Advent! Let's watch and learn, and deepen our Christmas faith together: St Patrick's Church, 4.30 - 5.30pm, led by the OCIA team. Sunday 30 Nov, and 7th, 14th, and 21st December. Call Margaret on 021 344 356, for more information



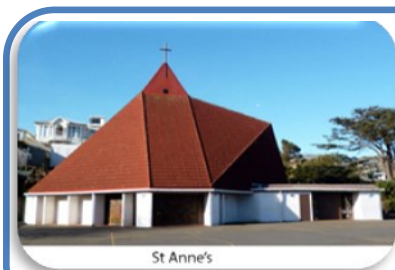
Columban Calendars

Available in the Church Foyer \$12

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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