



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 December 21 4th Sunday of Advent

"Let no one be lost! Let all be saved! This is what our God wants. As Christmas approaches, we too want to embrace more strongly his dream, while being steadfast and faithful in our commitment. We know that even in the face of the greatest challenges, we are not alone: the Lord is near, he walks with us, and with him at our side, something beautiful and joyful will always happen.'

Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 14 December 2025

The Parish office will be closed until Tuesday 23 January. Emails will still be answered. The first Newsletter of the New Year will be on 28 January.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24

6pm Family Mass St Francis de Sales
Carols from 5.40pm

7.30pm Family Mass St Anne's
9pm Night Mass St Francis de Sales

Christmas Day: Thursday 25

9am St Anne's
10.30am St Francis de Sales

NEW YEARS DAY Thurs January 1
10am Mass St Anne's

Fr Doug's Christmas message

Dear parishioners of Wellington South Parish

As I prepare to say goodbye and take the next step in my journey as a priest in Kapiti next year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the time I have spent among you. It has truly been a blessing to live, serve, and share life with you in this beautiful parish. I have grown in my priesthood because of you.

From the very beginning I was met with such warmth, kindness, help and genuine hospitality. Your care, prayers, and generosity have carried me through seasons of joy and challenge, and for that, I am deeply thankful. The memories I will take will always be cherished: the shared worship, the laughter, the quiet conversations, and the moments of grace that made my time here so meaningful. South Wellington Parish will always hold a special place in my heart.

Though I may be moving on physically, a part of me will always remain here with you in deep gratitude. I leave with hope and confidence in the future of this strong parish, knowing that God's presence continues to guide you all.

May your hearts remain open, your faith steadfast, and your community strong.

With love and gratitude, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

*Blessings always,
Fr Doug*



Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Gospel acclamation: The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

2026—At all Masses on the weekend of 7/8 February we will be saying farewell to Fr Doug who is moving to Kapiti and welcome to Fr Tikoua

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Paul Toki

Anniversary: Luigi & Angelina Mollo, Salvatore & Giuseppina Volpicelli, Raffaele Volpicelli,



Highlights from 2025



Ash
Wednesday
with St
Anne's
School

February 1
Launch Out
Thanksgiving
Mass





Newtown Festival March

Children's Mass March



Confirmation Mass June

Samoan Community 70th Anniversary August



1st Holy Communion August 24

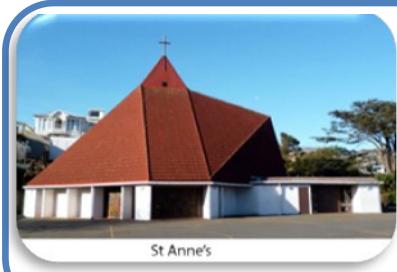
Suzanne Aubert Day October 2

Fr Biju 25th Priesthood Anniversary



Closing of St Bernard's School November

1st night SimbangGabi 2025



St Anne's

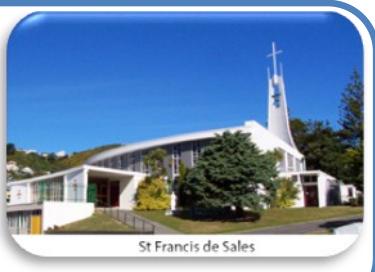
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St Francis de Sales