



# 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 March 17 5th Sunday of Lent

Precisely then, in trials and in solitude, while the seed is dying, that is the moment in which life blossoms, to bear ripe fruit in due time. It is in this intertwining of death and life that we can experience the joy and true fruitfulness of love, which always, I repeat, is given in God's style: closeness, compassion, tenderness.'

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 21 March 2021*

### Now

#### Children's Session 3 Reconciliation

Sunday 17 March

#### St Patrick's Day

Sunday 17 March

### Coming up

#### Easter Reconciliation

Sunday 24 March 3pm at St Anne's

#### Next meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 26 March

#### Chrism Mass

Wed 27 March St Theresa's Karori

#### Weekend Mass

##### Vigil Mass

6pm at St Francis de Sales

##### Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

**Samoa Mass** every 3rd Sunday

**St Bernard's Mass** 10.30am every 1st Sunday at the school Hall

#### Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Liturgy at St Anne's 13 Feb

Wed: 9am St Bernard's in Term time

Thurs: 10am St Anne's Mass

Fri: 9.15am St Francis De Sales Mass

Sat: 10am St Anne's Mass

## Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners

In the First Reading from Jeremiah, we hear God talking about a new covenant with His people. 'I will be their God and they shall be my people.' This covenant comes about through the death of Jesus: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood' (Lk 22:20).

In the Gospel Jesus talks about His imminent death. It shows the truly human disquiet Jesus is feeling about His approaching passion and death. But it also stresses that what was to take place was within the purpose of why God sent His beloved Son to save humankind.

Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that His own death will bear much fruit.

John has no account of the agony in the garden in his Gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus saying, 'My soul is troubled.' And in the words, 'Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?' we catch an unmistakable echo of His prayer in Gethsemane (Mk 14:36).

We catch a similar echo in the Second Reading: 'He learned to obey through suffering,' This reading also stresses the fruitfulness of Jesus' death He became the source of eternal life for all who obey Him.

It is a time to honestly examine ourselves and ask: what is it in me that like the grain of wheat must die if my life so as to bear a rich harvest? What things, attitudes and choices do I need to let go of, to let the fullness of life that Jesus wants to give to me? We are asked to be Christ centred.

With every blessing  
*Fr Doug*



### Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand

#### Caritas Lent Appeal

Each year, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand runs the Bishops' Lent Appeal to support their work to aid and empower the most poor and vulnerable in our society. The Caritas mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace, and development, is of vital importance to us all, especially the vulnerable communities they work with across the Pacific and beyond.

The Bishops' Lent Appeal is the most direct way of providing the resources Caritas depends on to continue this vital work.

We ask that during this time of preparation and almsgiving, you make a special gift to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 online at [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) or using the envelopes provided at Mass. This act represents the giving of alms and will mean so much to those that Caritas helps.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Gospel acclamation:** Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

#### Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP:** Antonio De Gregorio, Geraldine Vendiola, Paul Tuala

**Anniversary:** Anastasia Esposito, Geraldine Munson, Sr Mary Perpetua, Vincenzo Paino



## EASTER TIMETABLE

Thursday 28 March

**Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.00pm St Francis de Sales

7.00pm St Anne's

**Good Friday** 29 March

9.00am St Anne's Stations of the Cross

10.00am St Francis de Sales Stations of the Cross

Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion

3.00pm St Anne's

3.00pm St Francis de Sales

**Easter Saturday Vigil** 30 March

7.00pm St Francis de Sales (Combined Mass)

**Easter Sunday** 31 March

9.00am Mass at St Anne's

10.30am Mass at St Francis de Sales

5.00pm Mass at St Anne's

### Palm Sunday:

Does anyone have a macrocarpa tree or know of someone that does?

We are looking for a couple of branches that can be used for palms for the whole Parish.

Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

The Island Bay **Youth Group** meets every 2nd Friday of



term time and has started well for 2024. We have been pleased to welcome Peter Crossan as our new youth pastor, he is up from Dunedin studying at Vic Uni. This group starts at

Intermediate age and we have a good cohort of new year 7 youth joining us, with about 18 youth attending. More are always welcome! There is a lot of fun and games, but with the good news of Jesus as the underlying basis of the group.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 17 Mar:** Jer 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; Jn 11:1-45

**Mon 18 Mar:** Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-2,17-20

**Tue 19 Mar:** 2Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18 Mt 1:16,18

**Wed 20 Mar:** Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28; Jn 8:31-42

**Thurs 21 Mar:** Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Fri 22 Mar:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Sat 23 Mar:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-57



### Caring for our environment

We now have a bicycle rack installed at the back of St Anne's Church. On a nice day you can bike or scooter in instead of using your car. The South Coast to city bicycle lane makes this a safe and easy option for those who like biking.



### Chrism Mass 27 March

The Mass will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral in Karori. The Archbishop will bless holy chrism, the oil of catechumens, and the oil of the sick. Each Parish will be allocated a set of oils. Parishioners are invited to gather for this important Mass.

**Easter Reconciliation:** Saturday 23 March after 10am Mass at St Anne's—Individual Confession or Sunday 24 March 3pm at St Anne's Reconciliation service.

**Lifeteen:** Last Sunday we had a night on reconciliation and



adoration: The Prescription to help us enter into a reflective space of growing closer to Jesus for Lent

### St Patrick's Day Parade and Concert

Celebrate St Patrick's Day on Sunday 17th March along the Wellington Waterfront. Entertainment begins at 12pm at Kumutoto Square with the annual Parade starting from there at 1pm.

Last Days! **Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on Thursday 21st March at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by supper. Speaker: Michael Powell on "God reigns - no doubts" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

**A taste of Theology** - Lecture series covers a range of topics including Scripture, dogmatic, moral and spiritual theology, Church history, Philosophy, pastoral and liturgical studies and Canon Law. Presenters are lecturers of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. Courses will be online via Zoom on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM. Fee is \$60 Go to <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/catholic-theological-college-2/>

**Divine Mercy** at St Francis de Sales starts 9.10am before the 10.30 Mass every Sunday. All welcome

**Divine Mercy** at St Anne's starts at 6pm after the 5pm Mass every Sunday. All welcome

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St Francis de Sales