



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 harikoo, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday March 31

Easter

'Today is Easter, the Pasch, a word that means "passage", for in Jesus the decisive passage of humanity has been made: the passage from death to life. We are not alone: Jesus, is with us, forever. Let the Church and the world rejoice, for today our hopes no longer come up against the wall of death, for the Lord has built us a bridge to life. ... May you, the Lord of life, encourage us on our journey and repeat to us, as you did to the disciples on the evening of Easter: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 19:21).'

Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi, Easter 2023

Now

Easter

Sunday 31 March

Coming up

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 7 April

Feast of the Annunciation

Monday 8 April

ANZAC Day

Thursday 25 April

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm at St Francis de Sales, 7pm Easter

Sunday Mass:

9am St Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

Samoan 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-*Not Easter*

From Fr Ravi

The readings for the Easter Sunday Year B, remind us of the incredible love and victory that we find in Jesus' triumph over death. In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. He testifies to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, proclaiming that through his death and resurrection, all who believe in him receive forgiveness of sins.

This message of salvation is not limited to a select few but is offered to all who believe in the name of Jesus, regardless of their background or status. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." — John 20:29.

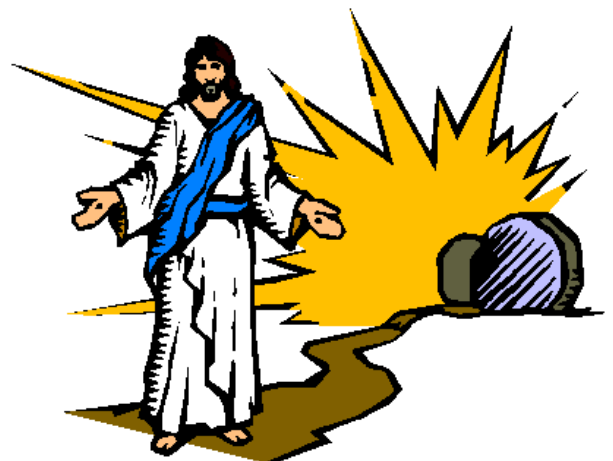
The responsorial Psalm echoes this sentiment of praise and thanksgiving for the deliverance and salvation that comes through God's love. We are reminded to give thanks to the Lord, for his mercy endures forever. The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's mercy and love for us, as he triumphs over sin and death to offer us eternal life.

In the second reading from the letter to the Colossians, we are urged to set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. We are called to live our lives in light of the resurrection, letting go of earthly desires and focusing on the things of God. The resurrection of Jesus empowers us to live with a new perspective, seeking the things of heaven and not being weighed down by the cares of this world.

In today's Gospel, we encounter Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb, filled with grief and confusion. Yet, as she encounters the risen Christ, her sorrow is turned to joy and disbelief to faith. The resurrection is a powerful reminder that God's ways are not our ways and that through Christ, all things are possible.

May the miracle of Easter bring you joy on this day. Hoping your Easter is as special as you are..
HAPPY EASTER

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Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel acclamation: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Anniversary: Raffaele Volpicelli, Palma & Carmela Mollo, Luigi & Angelina Mollo, Giuseppina Mollo, Giuseppe Mollo, Gerardine Mollo Giuseppe Basile, Elena Barnao, Jack Shangtai Chan Fong, Nola Lowry



First Reconciliation

Last Saturday 30 of our children made their first Reconciliation at St Anne's Church. We thank the Leaders and all the Parents who helped prepare these children for this special event in their lives. Please pray for them as they continue on their Sacramental journey.



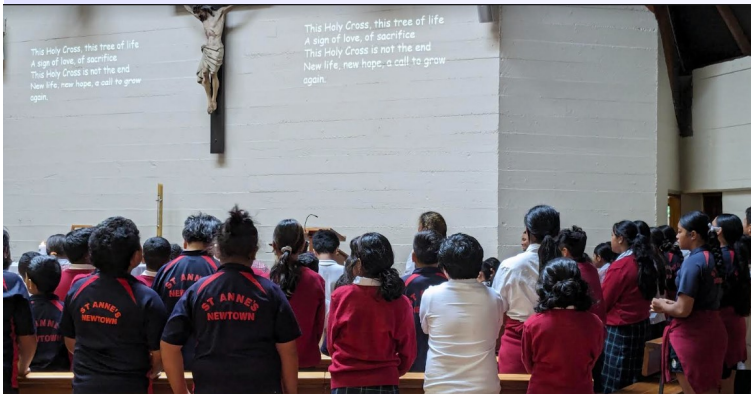
Vacancy: Caritas NZ have an opening at our Wellington office for an experienced Executive Assistant to join the team. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us> for more information.

Sonrise Service

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with other denominations Sunday 31st March 7am at the Mt Victoria lookout. For more information email cwc1449@gmail.com

St Anne's School Easter Liturgy

This Holy Cross, this tree of life, a sign of love, of sacrifice. This Holy Cross is not the end, new life, new hope, a call to grow again.



Readings for this week

Sun 31 Mar: Acts 10:34-37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Mon 1 Apr: Acts 2:14,22-32; Mt 28:8-15

Tue 2 Apr: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11,18

Wed 3 Apr: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thurs 4 Apr: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Fri 5 Apr: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Sat 6 Apr: Acts 5:1-16; Mk 16:9-15



Divine Mercy at St Anne's

A 9 Day Novena starting on Good Friday 29 March to Saturday 6 April.

Saturday 6 April

Reflection Day after 10am Mass till 4pm

Sunday 7 April Feast Day of Divine Mercy

To celebrate the Feast Day we will have a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament and images of Divine Mercy and our blessed Mother from the Church around the carpark. Then return to the Church for blessing of the items.

This will be followed by 9am Mass

Everyone is welcome

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive **Holy Communion** in your own home please contact the parish office on office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please make yourself known by visiting the Church office or fill in a New Parishioner form available in our Church foyers and drop it in the collection basket.

The Feast of the Annunciation

Monday 8 April

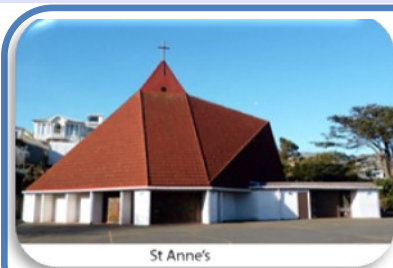
The Annunciation is the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ. It also marks her acceptance, her "Fiat," of God's will. This is the beginning of the Incarnation when Jesus took on His human nature.



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