



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 April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

'Henceforth, if we allow Jesus to take us by the hand, no experience of failure or sorrow, however painful, will have the last word on the meaning and destiny of our lives. Henceforth, if we allow ourselves to be raised up by the Risen Lord, no setback, no suffering, no death will be able to halt our progress towards the fullness of life... Then no stone will block the way to our hearts, no tomb will suppress the joy of life, no failure will doom us to despair.'

Pope Francis, Homily, Easter Vigil, 30 March 2024.

Now

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 14

Coming up

Day of prayer for Vocations

+ Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday 21 April

(Collection for the Seminary)

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

From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners,

The wounds of love, Jesus showed His disciples His hands and feet and encouraged them to touch them. One might have expected the risen Lord to be shining in His glory without any wounds or blemishes. Yet, not only is His body still scarred, but it is those very wounds that help the disciples to recognise Him.

Those terrible wounds caused by humiliation, torture and finally crucifixion. Jesus showed these wounds to His apostles, they were the proof of His great love for humanity.

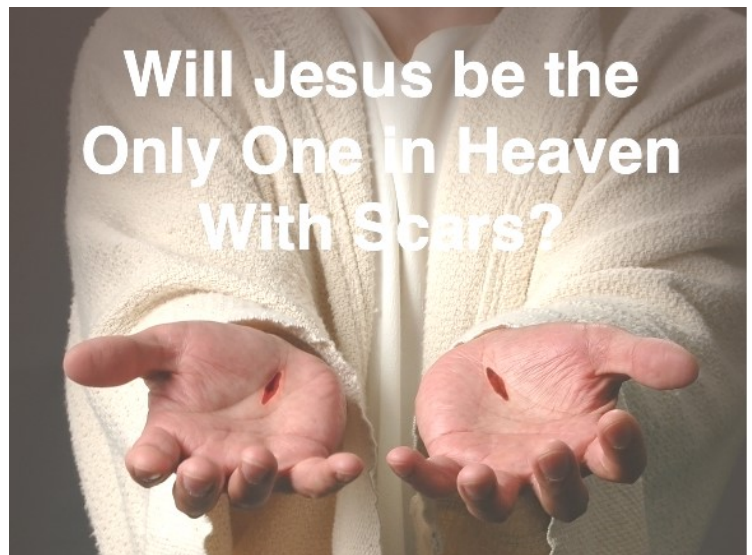
For those who deeply care for others can sometimes pick up many wounds during their lives. Some are visible some are invisible.

Those invisible ones that leave deep furrows in the mind and soul by hardship, worry, anxiety and grief are sometimes harder to deal with than physical hurt.

But these wounds are nothing to be ashamed of. They are proof of our love. Even if nobody else sees them, God sees them and is compassionate for He sees that we resemble His Son and Jesus' wounds give us hope in our own wounds.

The resurrection means that Jesus lives and we can encounter Him in faith. He will be with us where we are, helping to give meaning to our lives, especially to the painful and dark parts. And like the apostles we too are commissioned to bring the 'Good News' to others.

*Every blessing
Fr Doug*



Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Gospel acclamation: Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Maureen Ross

Anniversary: Vincenzo Basile, Raffaele Muollo, Antonino & Antonietta Muollo



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

**CAN YOU 'GIVE A LITTLE'
TO HELP FAMILIES BE REUNITED?**

This is an appeal with a very local flavour. An African family living in Wellington is working through the NZ Family Reunification Programme to bring close refugee relatives from Ethiopia to join them here.

While their application is in process, the family in Ethiopia are surviving in very poor conditions. While the local family have been providing financial support, their own resources are now very stretched.

Sr Rachel Moreno of the Sisters of Compassion is liaising with the host family and invites Wellington South parishioners to contribute to a fund to relieve this situation. This will be channeled through Caritas Ethiopia for distribution. The need is urgent. Cash donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Refugees" and dropped into the collection basket at Mass, or given direct to Sr Rachel. Her phone contact is 021 029 78616. Our Target is \$5,000 With deep gratitude for whatever you can give.



Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family
**EMANUELLE GAYLE
ASTRANDE**
who was Baptised at St Francis de Sales Church last Saturday by Fr Doug



Divine Mercy Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Divine Mercy celebrations last Sunday such a great event. Some photos of our people at St Anne's



Couples for Christ (CFC)
Wellington invites you and your family to rediscover God's love through our

Christian Life Program



Christian Life Program (CLP). This is open to all couples, widows, widowers, divorced, and single parents. This is a free event and refreshments will be served after each session. The CLP will start on the 4th of May 2024, Saturday at 2pm in **St Francis de Sales Church** (173 Clyde Street, Island Bay). For more information, please contact Bro. Augy Historillo - 0275417781, Bro. Gio Rival - 0291297060 or through our website <https://couplesforchristwellington.nz/>

Mary Potter Hospice Annual Street Appeal will be on Thursday 16 and Saturday 18 May. If you are able to collect for an hour or two, then register here - <https://marypotter.org.nz/events/street-appeal-volunteers-2024/>

Fundraiser for Mary Potter Hospice:
Fabric-a-Brac

Vintage and modern fabrics for bargain prices. St Anne's Hall Saturday May 4th 10am to 1pm



Father John O'Connor's **Food For Faith** forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation, and send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to john@fff.org.nz More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/qualities>.

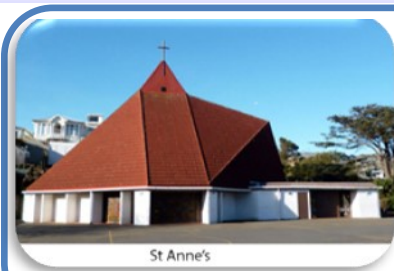
Last Days! **Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us this coming Thursday 18th April at 7:30pm to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by supper. Speaker: Fr Kevin Mowbray SM on "How good is our God" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Readings for this week

Sun 14 Apr: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1John 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48
Mon 15 Apr: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tue 16 Apr: Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35
Wed 17 Apr: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thurs 18 Apr: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Fri 19 Apr: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Sat 20 Apr: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



"Each year, the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call... is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness."



St Anne's

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