



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 7

2nd Sunday of Easter

For God, no door is ever completely closed. He never chooses to abandon us; we are the ones who keep him out. But when we make our confession, something unheard-of happens: we discover that the very sin that kept us apart from the Lord becomes the place where we encounter him.

Pope Francis, Homily, 8 April 2018

Now

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 7 April

Daylight Saving ends

Sunday 7 April 3am

Feast of the Annunciation

Monday 8 April

Coming up

ANZAC Day

Thursday 25 April

Day of prayer for Vocations

Sunday 28 April

(Collection for the Seminary)

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

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

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In today's first reading we learn there was 'but one heart and soul' in the ideal community and 'great grace was upon them all'. These beautiful words encourage us to live in a way which accepts people as they are and embrace that diversity within the heart of Jesus.

In the second reading John writes that keeping God's Commandments should not be hard because in doing so we are called to be true to our human nature. In the New Covenant, we are urged to love each other as Jesus loves us and thus be agents of peace, reconciliation and justice: 'Peace through integrity'. These ideas return us to the first reading and lead us into the Gospel.

John's Gospel is set in an atmosphere of fear. It is Easter Sunday, two days after the death of Jesus. The disciples are terrified that as companions of Jesus they too will be arrested and punished. But suddenly Jesus is with them in spite of the locked doors. He is with them in a new way. Three times he reassures them with his declaration, 'Peace be with you' and with it the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit to accompany them. We too are invited to rest in this promise of peace, amongst the uncertainties and challenges in our lives and world. God has got this. If we have peace in our hearts then it radiates out to our whānau, our communities, our workplaces and our country.

Thomas speaks for many of us for whom seeing is believing. But Thomas found much more than the physical person of Jesus when he declared 'My Lord and my God'. We can find Jesus in our daily encounters with people and places and experiences if we are open to really 'seeing' Him.

We have our own place of peace in our church garden: Te Wā Rangimarie. Its name underlines that this is a physical place of beauty in God's Creation, while also speaking to a season and a spiritual space around peace.

*Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koe.
Carolyn Carr*



Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting

Gospel acclamation: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Denis Joseph Whiting, Ana Mafuli To'o

Anniversary: George Catalan, Fe Calimpong, Sarina Natoli
Guy Famularo, Giovanni Castelli, Silone Taliauli



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

With deep gratitude for whatever you can give.

South Coast Arts Trail

St Francis de Sales Sat 4 May 10am to 2pm

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish family **Victoria Nguyen** who was Baptised at St Francis de Sales Church last Saturday by Fr Doug



Readings for this week

- Sun 7 Apr:** Acts 4:32-35; 1John 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
- Mon 8 Apr:** Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10; Hebrews 10:4-8; Lk 1:26-38
- Tue 9 Apr:** Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15
- Wed 10 Apr:** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thurs 11 Apr:** Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Fri 12 Apr:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Sat 13 Apr:** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21



Sunday 7 April Feast Day of Divine Mercy St Anne's

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

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/>

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



Quiet Days with Sr Sue Cosgrove

Thursday 11th, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

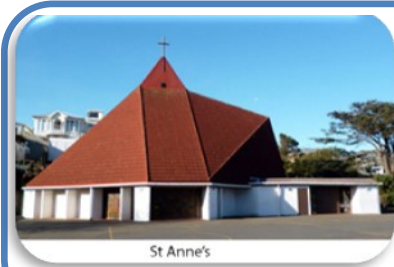
In these unquiet times, let's gently reflect on insights from the life and works of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert and, in peace, draw fresh strength and hope. There is no fee, however, a koha is greatly appreciated.

Liturgy Workshop with Fr Patrick Bridgeman

What do we believe?

10am-12pm on Saturday 20 April

@ St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, Johnsonville



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St Francis de Sales