



# 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 May 12

### Ascension of the Lord

As he makes his 'exodus' to Heaven, Christ makes way for us, he goes to prepare a place for us and, from this time forth, he intercedes for us, so that we may always be accompanied and blessed by the Father.

Christ does not want to limit our freedom by his presence. On the contrary, he leaves space to us, because true love always generates a closeness that does not stifle, is not possessive.

*Pope Francis May 2022*

## Now

### Ascension of the Lord and Mothers Day

Sunday 12 May

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday May 12 to 19

### Our Lady of Fatima

Monday 13 May

## Coming up

### Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 19 May

### 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

The Ascension marks the end of Jesus' earthly mission. The time has come for Jesus, triumphant over death, to physically leave the disciples and begin a new life with God. One dramatic chapter is ending and a new chapter is beginning.

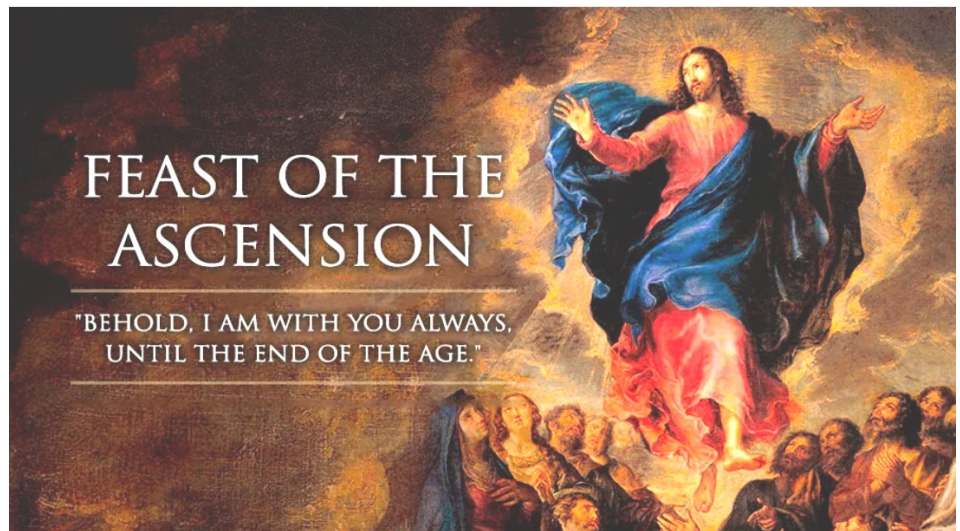
During the period after Easter, Jesus has appeared to the disciples many times in his post resurrection form. He has greeted and comforted them, explaining the kingdom of God and what has happened in the context of the scriptures. It has all been in preparation for this occasion.

Jesus gives his final instructions to the disciples to go out and proclaim the Good News and promises they will be baptised by the Holy Spirit.

That must have been an exhilarating time for the early Church (if not a little overwhelming!). Like a young adult leaving home and finding their way in the world, the time has come for each disciple to step up and go about their mission.

Today that responsibility to step up and spread the Good News belongs to us. Let us live out Jesus' instruction to the disciples and bring goodness where there is evil and healing where there are wounds.

*Shane Connolly*



**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel acclamation:** Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

#### RIP:

**Anniversary:** Laura Mollo, Raffaele Muollo, Antonino & Antonietta Basile, Antonino & Ida Muollo



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](http://wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

We pray for all Mothers, those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion.



**Volunteers needed:** We need more helpers to assist with the candle roster or the flower roster at Island Bay Church. Contact the Office please

REOPENING CELEBRATIONS AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, HILL ST, WELLINGTON

**Friday 7 June:** 7.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving. Cathedra (bishop's chair) will be returned to its place. Cathedral doors will be opened again.

Last Friday at St Anne's there was a gathering of the XLT Youth group.

XLT (eXaLT) is a night of music, worship, Eucharistic adoration and more for teens and young adults!



### Archdiocese Clergy Gathering

We pray for our Priests, who have been attending the Clergy gathering in Silverstream during the last week. May they be strengthened for the tasks ahead and be ready for the challenges of the Church today.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 12 May:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

**Mon 13 May:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**Tue 14 May:** Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Jn 15:9-17

**Wed 15 May:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

**Thurs 16 May:** Acts 26:1-32; Jn 17:20-26

**Fri 17 May:** Acts 25: 13-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Sat 18 May:** Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Jn 21:20-25



**Refugee Appeal.** A big thank you for your generosity and support, the family are so grateful and appreciative for your care and compassion. The Wellington South Parish has raised \$6,345.00 which have been received by the family in Ethiopia. Please continue to pray for this family that they will soon come to Wellington and be reunited with family members. Well done Wellington South Parishioners. May God Bless you. **Sr Rachel.**

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 12-19 May

The Catholic Church has been taking part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for over 50 years. Now more than ever, the world needs us all to come together in unity and share a message of love and inclusion to all of our neighbours around the world.

Jesus prayed that his followers would all be one (Jn 17:21), and so Christians cannot lose hope or stop praying and working for unity. Let us make this Week dedicated towards Christian Unity, one that is rooted in prayer.

**Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on Thursday 23rd May at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper.

Theme: "The Lord God is our All-in-One"

Speaker: Steve Ready

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### ERSKINE OLD GIRLS

All Erskine Old Girls and Staff are invited to a service at Erskine Chapel, Avon St, Island Bay, 9.30am, on Saturday, 8th June. Service starts at 10am

The chapel will be open for old girls and staff to visit from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Please register <https://bit.ly/3T8oEz7> or contact [monicatresch@gmail.com](mailto:monicatresch@gmail.com)

### Catholic College Open Days

**St Pat's Town** Open Day Tours - Tuesday 28 May between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and again on Thursday 30 May at the same times.

**St Mary's College** Open Day - Tuesday 28 May, 9am to 11am

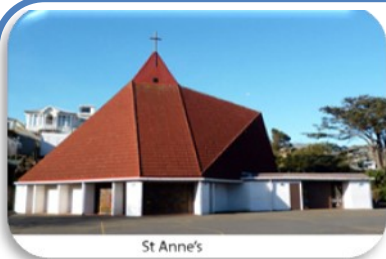
**St Catherine's College** Open Day—Wednesday 12 June 6pm to 7.30pm

Mass-goers next Sunday (**Feast of Pentecost**) are encouraged to wear a coloured item symbolising the fire of the Holy Spirit either red, orange or yellow.

### Transport required

If you are able to give a lift to a parishioner from Poneke House in Constable St to St Anne's for the 9am Sunday Mass please contact the office.

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St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales