



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 5

6th Sunday of Easter

To love as Jesus, means to offer yourself in service, at the service of your brothers and sisters, as he did in washing the feet of the disciples. It also means going outside of ourselves, in order to open ourselves up to others, especially those in need. It means making ourselves available, with what we have. This means to love not in word but in deeds.'

Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 9 May 2021

Now

Christian Life Programme

starts Saturday 4 May
St Francis de Sales Church

Coming up

Ascension of the Lord and Mothers Day

Sunday 12 May

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 12 May

Pentecost

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

From Fr Ravi

God's love has no bounds and no partiality to share with others...

When ants find food, ants never collect food alone, rather it takes a colony of ants, similarly herds of cows and a flock of sheep. Normally humans are individualistic, only in the time of great need, like wars and natural calamities we come together to help others.

The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter call us to abide in God's love and to share it with others as we continue to grow in our faith journey.

First reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we witness the powerful transformation that takes place when the Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit. Peter's realization that God shows no partiality but accepts all who fear Him and do what is right is a reminder to us that God's love is inclusive and knows no bounds. Let us strive to imitate God's impartial love by welcoming and embracing all people, regardless of their background or circumstances.

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that the saving power of God is to be proclaimed to All Peoples in all nations. How appropriate is it for us to hear this Psalm as we contemplate the apostolic or missionary calling that each of us has received.

In the second reading from the first letter of John we are reminded that God is love. It is through his love that we are saved and called to love one another as we reflect on the selfless sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

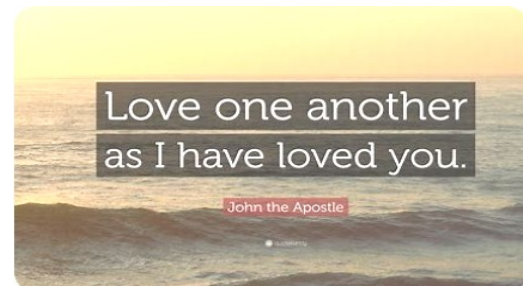
Let us be inspired to love unconditionally, to forgive generously and to seek reconciliation with those we may have hurt or who have hurt us.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus commands us to abide in his love and to love one another as he loves us. This is no small task - for it requires us to lay down our lives for one another and to be willing to sacrifice our desires and comforts for the well-being of others. As we contemplate the depth of God's love for us, may we be moved to love sacrificially, in selflessly extending kindness, compassion and forgiveness to all whom we encounter and meet. God blesses us all.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversary: Regina Lutomski, Liberato Amitrano



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

Festival of Life Sunday – May 5th 2024

In baptism, through water and the word, a person is immersed in Jesus Christ, and journeys with Christ, through his death and resurrection to a new life. This week we celebrate an initiative of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue. We highlight Baptism, and its significance for Christian unity. This initiative affirms the shared belief "in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins" as confessed in the Nicene Creed. Today we spend some time focussing on Baptism which is the seedbed from which Christians can develop a deeper appreciation of one another on our journey to wholeness.

Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family
Enric Mathis Amal
and
Gavin Darius Acha
Liao
who were
Baptised at St
Francis de Sales
Church
last Saturday.



Cathedral Restoration Easter Raffle Fundraiser Winners

The Winning Tickets were:

1. \$1000 New World Voucher Ticket No. 2212
2. \$1000 New World Voucher Ticket No. 3855
3. \$500 New World Voucher Ticket No. 3231
4. \$500 New World Voucher Ticket No. 2446

Thank you to all those who supported this raffle buy selling tickets, buying tickets,

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

Readings for this week

Sun 5 May: Acts 10:25-26,34-48; 1John 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Mon 6 May: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tue 7 May: Acts 19:21-20:6; Jn 16:5-11

Wed 8 May: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thurs 9 May: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Fri 10 May: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Sat 11 May: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28



Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Year Of Jubilee with the Theme "Pilgrims of Hope"

"The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope"

All Parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to a Pilgrimage of Hope.

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

Seek: Explore and Discern. Archdiocesan Vocations and Young Church event. Sunday 5 May at 12.30pm, St Anne's Newtown. For more information contact youth@wn.catholic.org.nz.

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

Healing Service

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church Petone 41 Britannia St. on Tuesday 7 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.

Marist St Pats RFC – The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12 May at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

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.

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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