



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 30 March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent

The elder son needs mercy too, This son represents us when we wonder whether it is worth all the trouble if we get nothing in return. Jesus reminds us that one does not stay in the house of the Father for a reward but because one has the dignity of being children who share responsibility. There is no "bargaining" with God, but rather following in the footsteps of Jesus who gave himself on the Cross without measure."

Pope Francis, General Audience, 11 May 2016.

Now

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Workers

Sunday 6 April 5pm St Anne's

Daylight Saving ends

2am Sunday 6 April

Coming up

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13 April

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: 9am Mass St Francis during Lent
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 Doug

Dear Parishioners,

In our three Scripture Readings this Sunday, there is a clear theme at the heart of them: God's infinite mercy He shows to sinners.

In the First Reading we have the profound words He spoke to His people: 'I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are now behind them. The years of wandering in the desert are over; they have come home at last to the promised land.

A new era is about to begin for them and they mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the Feast of the Passover. The home coming of the prodigal son in the Gospel also helps to illustrate this quality of mercy and forgiveness too. The younger son shame in what he did is now behind him. His lost years are over as he returns back to his father to confess his sins. His father welcomes him with open arms and a wonderful feast and as he says to his older son: 'It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead and is alive: he was lost and is found.' A new and bright future lies ahead of the younger son.

Jesus told this parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that thought Jesus far too lenient towards sinners, He even ate with them! They were meant to see themselves in the older son.

Our Second Reading stresses how God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, not holding our faults and weaknesses against us when we come seeking His forgiveness and mercy. And remember we too need be compassionate and forgiving to others as we too are sinners. As we hear in Saint James; 'Whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save their soul from death.' (5: 20)

"This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found."

~ Luke 15:24

With every blessing

Fr Doug



Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP Sr Patricia Clarke

Anniversary: Denis Whiting, Antonio Cuccurullo, Edward Lutonski



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

Easter Mass Times

St Anne's Catholic Church
22 Emmett St, Newtown

Holy Thursday - 17 April 7pm
Good Friday 18 April Stations 9am
Commemoration Service 3pm
Easter Sunday - 20 April 9am & 5pm

St Francis de Sales Catholic Church
173 Clyde St, Island Bay

Holy Thursday - 17 April 7pm
Good Friday 18 April Stations 10am
Commemoration Service 3pm
Holy Saturday - 19 April 7pm
Easter Sunday 20 April 10.30am

Bishops' Lent Appeal

2025: Put your compassion into action Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 have been distributed from the foyer.

Every donation given will support Caritas' life changing humanitarian and development work around the world – and create change not just for today but for the future. The Bishops' **Lent Appeal** is essential to our mission, providing much of the resources necessary to continue our life-changing work in Aotearoa, the Pacific, and beyond. We are grateful for the generous support your Parish gave to Caritas last year. With continued support this year, we can offer hope to communities facing hardship.

Pick up your envelopes from the foyer today

JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTH WORKERS -

Sunday 6th April. A special Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on Sunday 6th April at St Anne's Church, Newtown to pray for the sick and those entrusted with their care. All caregivers, nurses and doctors at our hospitals and care facilities are especially welcome.



Chrism Mass

Wednesday, April 16th
7:30 PM
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Hill Street
WELLINGTON

During Lent Fr Biju will be saying Mass every Tuesday morning at 9am at St Francis de Sales Church. You are welcome to join him.



Reconciliation is available every Saturday morning at St Anne's before and after the 10am Mass. 2 Priests will be available.

The **Divine Mercy Feast** will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street on Sunday, 27 April at 2pm. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. All are welcome.

You can bring Holy objects to be blessed. Refreshment and Fellowship follows, please bring a plate.

Readings for this week

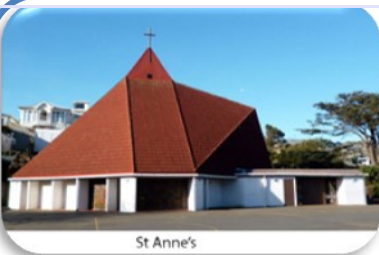
Sun 30 Mar: Joshua 5:9-13; 2Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Mon 31 Mar: Isaiah 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tue 1 April: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-3,5-16
Wed 2 April: Isaiah 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thur 3 April: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Fri 4 April: Wisdom 1,12-22; Jn 7:21-2,10,25-30
Sat 5 April: Jer 11:108-20; Jn 7:40-52



The Archdiocesan **Marriage Preparation Course** – Love is a Decision – register for the June Course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive Sundays 8 & 15 June 10am-4pm, St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces. Courses available for 2025 will be in September and November. Couples are encouraged to enrol in a course well in advance of their wedding date in case they need to defer due to sickness etc. Any queries, please email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Divine Mercy at St Francis de Sales starts 9.10am Sundays at St Anne's starts 6pm after the 5pm Mass every Sunday. All welcome

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St Francis de Sales