



# 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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



## Sunday 13 April 2025

### Palm Sunday

How often we think back and lick the wounds that other people, life itself and history have inflicted on us. Today, Jesus teaches us not to remain there, but to react, to break the vicious circle of evil and sorrow. To react to the nails in our lives with love, to the buffets of hatred with the embrace of forgiveness.'

*Pope Francis, 10 April 2022.*

## Now

### Children's 1st Reconciliation

Saturday 12 April St Anne's

## Coming up

### Chrism Mass

Wednesday 16 April 7.30pm

At the Cathedral

### Easter

Sunday 20 April

### ANZAC Day

Friday 25 April

### Weekend Mass

**Vigil Mass 19 April**  
pm 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: 7pm St Anne's & SFDS  
Fri: 3pm St Anne's & SFDS  
Sat: 7pm St Francis de Sales

## From Fr Biju

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah and the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of salvation Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Calvary two ways of thinking collided. The leaders of the people mocked him: Let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God. The soldiers echoed this: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself. One of the criminals beside him taunted: Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.

Save yourself. Take care of yourself. Think of yourself. This is the mantra of a world obsessed with self-preservation, personal success and power. It is the voice of those who crucified Christ and a mind-set still prevalent today. Against this self-centred mentality stands Jesus, who offers himself instead of saving himself.

Even from the cross, Jesus chose to forgive his killers. His love remained unbroken, his forgiveness unwavering. This is the God we believe in. Let us gaze upon the crucified Christ this week. From his wounds flows forgiveness. From his suffering, love triumphs.

As we journey through Holy Week, let us embrace the certainty that no sin is beyond God's mercy. He never tires of forgiving. With Jesus, there is always hope. With him, it is never too late. In Christ, we can always begin anew.

*Have a Blessed Holy Week.*

**Fr Biju**



# PALM SUNDAY

Entering Holy Week

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel acclamation:** Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

### Remembering the Holy Souls

**Anniversary:** Silone Taliauli, Vince Basile, Palma Aprea  
Palma Mollo, Carmela Mollo, Raffaele Muollo, Antonietta & Antonino  
Basile, Ida & Antonino Muollo



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**Divine Mercy Feast Day at St Anne's**  
April 27th Begins with an Evening



Reflection on Friday 25 April till Saturday. Sunday 27—Procession with the Holy Eucharist at the car park 8.30am followed by the 9am Mass and blessing of the items that parishioners bring. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the **Jubilee Mass for the sick and Health workers** last Sunday at St Anne's. It was a time to celebrate our care givers and Hospital workers.



**EASTER TIMETABLE**

Thursday 17 April

**Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7.00pm St Francis de Sales  
7.00pm St Anne's

**Good Friday** 18 April  
9.00am St Anne's Stations of the Cross  
10.00am St Francis de Sales Stations of the Cross

Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion  
3.00pm St Anne's  
3.00pm St Francis de Sales

**Easter Saturday Vigil** 19 April  
7.00pm St Francis de Sales (Combined Mass)

**Easter Sunday** 20 April  
9.00am Mass at St Anne's  
10.30am Mass at St Francis de Sales  
5.00pm Mass at St Anne's

**Tax Receipts** will be emailed out this week. For those without email or who use envelopes they will be available from the foyer this weekend. Your regular donations are appreciated.

**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.

**Readings for this week**

- Sun 13 Apr:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23
- Mon 14 Apr:** Isaiah 42:1-7; Jn 12: 1-11
- Tue 15 Apr:** Isaiah 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
- Wed 16 Apr:** Isaiah 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25
- Holy Thurs:** Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Good Fri:** Is 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; Jn 18:1-19:42
- Easter Sat 19 Apr:** Romans 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12



**Samoa Sunday School** is held after the 9am Mass at St Anne's in the Hall starting from 4 May. Parents are welcome to bring their children along. Lessons are bilingual.



Please pray for the children who are preparing to do their first Reconciliation. This is the first step on their Sacramental journey to a closer relationship with God and a deeper understanding of the faith.

The **Stations of the Cross** saved from St Bernard's Church will be available to view during Holy week. They have been installed in the walkway to the Presbytery.



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St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales