



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 ngōtahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 20 April 2025 Easter Sunday

Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it". Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: "Christ is Risen".

Pope Francis Easter Sunday Mass, 16 April 2017

Now

Easter Sunday

Sunday 20 April

Coming up

ANZAC Day

Friday 25 April

Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday 27 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 monthly 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

Fri: 9am St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am St Anne's

Gospel Reflection

Sometimes I feel a fraud when I claim to be a practising Christian as I do not pray enough or read the scriptures enough. Then my turn comes to write the reflection, and it is Easter Sunday!

I still battle with why Jesus had to die and what his rising actually means.

ChatGPT was comforting. It told me these were good and fundamental questions but I have a 350-word limit and have not studied theology so who am I to attempt to answer. Despite this I will explain what I think it means.

In the first reading Peter is preaching to Gentiles (non-Jews) in the house of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion. This is big as it shows the gospel is for everyone, not just Jews. It also talks of Jesus being put to death by hanging him on a tree. Dying on a tree was seen as a curse – Jesus took on that curse himself.

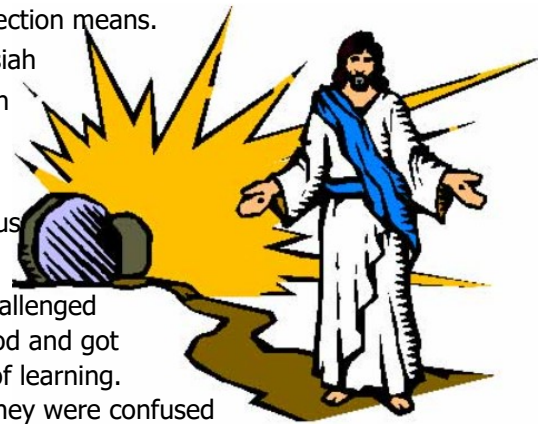
I was always told that Jesus died to save our sins.

Sin is the difference between humans and God and separates us from God.

Jesus died to fix this broken relationship. Jesus' death is also seen as confirming what God told the prophets. It shows God's love, Jesus' willingness to suffer and die is seen as the ultimate expression of God's love.

After many searches this is a summary of what I found to explain what Jesus' resurrection means.

- It confirms that Jesus is the Messiah
- Jesus is bigger than sin and death
- Eternal life. Death is not the end
- It proves the Gospel to be true
- Christianity would not exist if Jesus had not risen from the dead.



I also struggle with the way Jesus challenged his disciples, they often misunderstood and got things wrong, I suppose this is part of learning. At the tomb when Jesus was gone, they were confused even though they had been told Jesus would rise.

I can then also misunderstand and be confused but I do believe that Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. When I asked one of my sisters what the resurrection meant to her, she said, "It means God is a living God". I like that, I agree, so I'll finish there.

Virginia McCabe

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel acclamation: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Remembering the Holy Souls

Anniversary: Gianni Leoni, Brian Ward, Carolina & Ferdinando Petagna, Petra & John Van der Donk, Camillo Amitrano, Giuseppe & Salvatore Volpicelli





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.



Congratulations to our 39 Parish children who received the Sacrament of

Reconciliation for the first time last Saturday. A big thank you to all the Parents and to our Parish coordinators who helped to prepare the children.



ANZAC Day Friday 25 April

The Wellington South Community Anzac Service will be at 12.30pm, 25 April at Island Bay School by the bell tower. It's a lovely commemoration with the Last Post played on a bugle, the tolling of the bell, and laying of wreaths under the bell tower by various community groups. All are welcome to come along.



People are invited to meet on the grass at St Hilda's Anglican Church (311 The Parade) at 12pm and parade down the footpath to Island Bay School with a bagpiper leading the way from 12.15pm for a 12.30pm service start at school.

Light refreshments will follow the commemoration in the school hall.

Catholic Social Services are looking for an experienced social worker to fill a part-time position at CSS. The position is currently being advertised on SEEK.



Contact Vivien Chiu, Administrator Catholic Social Services Ph/Txt: 027 40 55 469 / 04 3858642

Tax Receipts have been emailed out recently. For those without email or who use envelopes they will be available from the foyer. Your regular donations are appreciated.

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. Contact mail marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Signature Choir

playing Pacific music: A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Boosted.nz campaign. Because of you, we exceeded our goal of \$50,000 in just one month. Playing at the Sydney Opera House soon.



Readings for this week

- Sun 20 Apr:** Acts 10:34-37; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
- Mon 21 Apr:** Acts 2:14,22-23; Mt 28: 8-15
- Tue 22 Apr:** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Wed 23 Apr:** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Thurs 24 Apr:** Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26;Jn 13:1-15
- Fri 25 Apr:** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Sat 26 Apr:** Acts 4:21-31; Mk 16:9-15



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Tuesday 29th April, 7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill Street, Wellington. All are welcome!

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St Francis de Sales