



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



## Sunday 27 April 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter

It is by seeing Jesus' wounds that the disciples of all time know that we have been forgiven because we contemplate the boundless love flowing from his heart – a heart that beats for each person. We can begin to savour this newfound love through the same gift Jesus granted on the evening of his Resurrection: the forgiveness of sins.

*Pope Francis 8 April 2018*

### Now

#### Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday 27 April

#### Feast of St Peter Chanel

Monday 28 April

#### ANZAC Day

Friday 25 April

### Coming up

#### Mothers Day

Sunday 12 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 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

## From Fr Doug

Dear Parishioners

In the Gospel we have John's version of Pentecost, birthday of the Church. The risen Christ appears to His apostles showing them His wounds and bestowing His peace upon them.

He gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissions them into the mission of His Church, (to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins). One of the gifts of the Spirit was that the Church had power to forgive sins.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one valid and legitimate way of exercising the power over sin given by the risen Lord to His disciples. Today we are invited to reflect on the mercy of God and the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who equips and encourages us for our witness and mission.

However, like Thomas, we too can be victims of doubt in our faith journey, but Jesus challenges us by believing in faith and trust, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' This teaching is for all of us who live in the absence of the physical Jesus but who deeply believe in Him as our Lord.

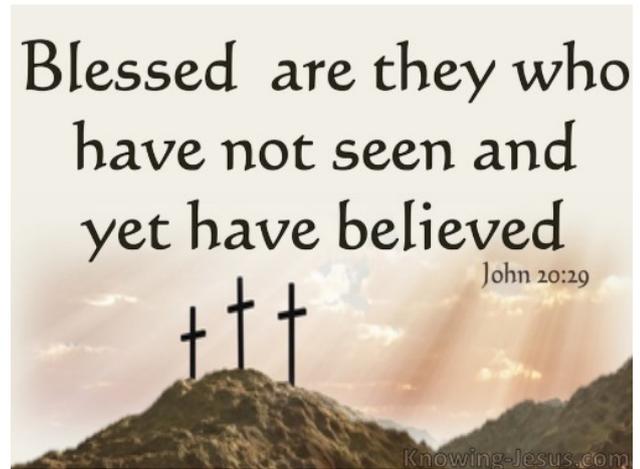
It is in the Lord that we have our true identity and as His disciples follow His direction in our lives.

So let us continue to embrace our faith and trust in the resurrected Lord.

*With every blessing  
Fr Doug*

Blessed are they who  
have not seen and  
yet have believed

John 20:29



#### Special Mass for Pope Francis at St Anne's Church 10am Saturday 26 April

Pope Francis' funeral has been scheduled for 10 a.m. in Rome (8pm local time) on Saturday in front of St. Peter's Basilica

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel acclamation:** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

#### Remembering the Holy Souls

**Anniversary:** Dorothy Bruce, Salvatore De Gregorio, Vanessa O'Connor





### 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

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](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### JUBILEE for WORKERS

Mass for St Joseph the Worker- St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria at 9.30am on Sunday 4th May. Come and join in this Jubilee Year Mass and reflect on the importance and value of work and the needs of all workers. Catholic teaching encourages us to take actions that support and respect the dignity human person, the common good and the importance of work. There will be a 15-minute conversation after Mass for those who would like to consider possible actions.

### 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!

**Marist St Pats RFC** – The Clubs Past Players and Supporters Weekend commences on Friday 2 May 2025 at the Clubs Hataitai Clubrooms at 6.00pm . All welcome.

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### Divine Mercy Feast Day at St Anne's

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.

You are invited to a **PRAYER WORKSHOP** on May 10 from 9.30am to 4pm in Connelly Hall 10 Guildford Tce.

This workshop will offer:

1. Prayer Group Formation
2. Prayer Ministry: Teaching and Training
3. Prophetic Intercession: Teaching and Training

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**Pope Francis** has died at age 88 after his appearance on Easter Sunday. Catholics across New Zealand are praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and in thanksgiving for his servant leadership.



Archbishop Paul celebrated a special Mass at the Cathedral on **Thursday evening at 7pm**. May he rest in peace. Cardinal John Dew has left for Rome and will be the third New Zealand cardinal to vote in a papal election

**Hours of Mercy** – Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June from 10am – 2pm. Please register as per the poster attachment or call 0225178988.

### Readings for this week

**Sun 27 Apr:** Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

**Mon 28 Apr:** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 15: 12-19

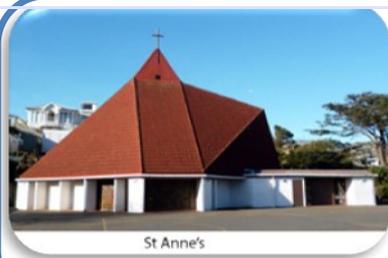
**Tue 29 Apr:** Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

**Wed 30 Apr:** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

**Thurs 1 May:** Acts 5:-27-33; Jn 3:31-36

**Fri 2 May:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 61:1-15

**Sat 3 May:** 1Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-9



St Anne's

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St Francis de Sales