



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 6 April 2025 5th Sunday of Lent

For God doesn't forgive with a decree but with a caress. He forgives by caressing the wounds caused by our sins, because he is involved in forgiveness, is involved in our salvation. Go and sin no more: God's mercy is great, forgiving us by caressing us".

Pope Francis 7 April 2014

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

Easter

Sunday 20 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

Gospel Reflection

Today's reading about the woman taken in adultery is one of the more memorable incidents recorded in the Gospels.

Jesus is in the area near the Temple when a group of scribes and Pharisees – looking for something to use against him — drag a woman caught in adultery to him. (You may notice they do not offer the same treatment to the man she was found with.)

They say to Jesus that in the Law, Moses commanded them to stone such a woman. (In the Old Testament it was the prerogative of witnesses of the adultery to throw the first stones). You can imagine this group waiting on his response, so sure they have set a clever trap for Jesus.

If Jesus says the woman should be punished – by being stoned – he will be contradicting his own teaching about mercy and compassion for the sinner. If he says she should be forgiven, then he is in violation of their Law.

Instead, Jesus throws the ball back in their court. He bends down and writes something on the ground. (Bible scholars have presented numerous theories and speculation as to what he might have written but no one really knows.)

Then he says, 'Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.'

In response, we are told, the men go away one by one. They have had to acknowledge they are also sinners. Jesus is left alone with the woman. He asks, has no one condemned you? When she replies, no one, he says, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.'

Note that Jesus does not condone adultery. Rather, he sees in the woman the seeds of repentance and the potential for conversion. He looks at the present and the future – not the past.



This week, we can ask ourselves this: How often have we unhesitatingly sat in judgment on someone for wrongs they have done – looking for specks in another's eyes while ignoring the planks in our own? A fitting reminder in this time of Lenten reflection.

Blessings

Kate Mahony

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel acclamation: Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP Leo Brett Kelly

Anniversary: George Catalan, Sarina Natoli, Ana To'o



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.



24 Hours for the Lord at the Cathedral

A prayer vigil that takes place in churches all over the world on the eve of the 4th Sunday of Lent. Thank you to everyone who came along last Friday evening for the CPWS hour. Special thanks to One Song Music group



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.

Readings for this week

- Sun 6 Apr:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
- Mon 7 Apr:** Daniel Ch 13; Jn 8:1-11
- Tue 8 Apr:** Numbers 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
- Wed 9 Apr:** Daniel 3:14-20; Jn 8:31-42
- Thurs 10 Apr:** Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Fri 11 Apr:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
- Sat 12 Apr:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-57



Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025: The theme for the Lent appeal in 2025 is Restoring hope: Your compassion in action / Kia puawai te Tūmanako. Caritas' mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development, is of vital importance to us all. **The Bishops' Lent Appeal** is the best way to directly fund Caritas' work – supporting vulnerable communities around the world. For the Catholic community, Caritas is how we help our brothers and sisters in need, upholding their human dignity through local partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching.



Pick up your envelopes from the foyer today

Please keep in your prayers **Deacon Kinh Van Nguyen** who will be Ordained at the Cathedral on Saturday 12 July

Easter Mass Times

St Anne's Catholic Church
 22 Emmett St, Newtown

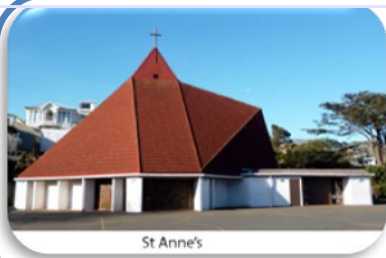
Holy Thursday - 17 April 7pm
 Good Friday 18 April Stations 9am
 Commemoration Service 3pm
 Easter Sunday - 20 April 9am & 5pm

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

Divine Mercy Feast Day at St Anne's April 27th

Begins with an Evening Reflection on Friday 25 April till Saturday. Sunday—Procession with the Holy Eucharist at the car park 8.30am followed by the Mass and blessing of the items that parishioners bring.



St Anne's

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