



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 1 June 2025

Ascension of the Lord

“We see Jesus’ love for us: his is a presence that does not want to limit our freedom. On the contrary, he leaves space to us, because true love always generates a closeness that does not stifle, is not possessive, is close but not possessive; on the contrary, true love which makes us protagonists.....Let us ask ourselves if we really are; and also, if we are capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them.”

- Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 29/5/22. -

Now

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 1 June

Coming up

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 7 June

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 8 June

Suzanne Aubert Birthday

Thursday 19 June

Day of Prayer

For migrants and refugees

Sunday 22 June

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

Today we celebrate a very momentous event of the Risen Lord, HE is taken into heaven, Ascension Sunday. In the First reading, Jesus promises the apostles that the Holy Spirit will come upon them and will be their guide, empowering them to continue HIS mission of spreading the Gospel to all nations. The apostles asked the Lord if the time had come for the kingdom to be restored to Israel. However, the Lord asked them to be patient as it is God the Father who decides. This reminds us to look inside our hearts if we are patient enough to let the Holy Spirit guide us in our everyday spiritual journey. I feel that the Lord is telling us to be patient too. However, we can't just stand around waiting, looking upwards, like the apostles did when Jesus disappeared. We must get on with our mission of spreading the Good News in whatever way we can.

Furthermore, in the Second reading the Hebrew's encourage us to be confident in God's promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. It provides a powerful prayer for wisdom and knowledge about God's purpose for all of us in the glory of HIS death and resurrection.

As we reflect on the Gospel today, we know that the apostles were living witnesses to HIS ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit. As followers of Christ, we become witnesses as well as we actively spread the Good News. We pray that we will live with active faith and not a passive one through participation in the Eucharist and devotional prayers and practices, being involved in and contributing to the life of our parish community and living out our Christian values in our simple daily interactions with others.

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Catalan Savill



Responsorial Psalm : God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel acclamation : Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Gordon (Pat) Thompson, Ivo Emer

Anniversaries: Michael John Tindall



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellington.southcatholic.org

Confirmation 2025

Please pray for our 33 children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 7 June. They have been preparing for this important Sacrament over the last few weeks developing a closer relationship to God and a deeper understanding of our faith.

Archbishop Paul Martin will be conferring the Sacrament.



Pentecost Sunday, 8 June 2025:

The Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and Communities will be on Pentecost Sunday, 8 June 2025. The afternoon programme will be held in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street. Beginning at 2.30pm and includes a shared dinner (please bring something to share) and will finish with 7pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Paul. Please contact: Bern McCabe 0211655463. This event is part of the Archdiocesan Celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.

Pedeseonica - Duhovi (Pentecost Sunday)

The Croatian Catholic Mission in Auckland is organizing a Holy Mass in the Croatian language on Sunday **8th June 2025** at 11:30am Catholic Parish of Wellington South,
St Anne's Catholic Church,
22 Emmet Street, Newtown,



College Open Days

St Catherine's College: Open Evening Wednesday 11th June 2024. Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

To arrange a preference certificate please contact the Parish office. You will need to live within the Parish boundary and be able to produce a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Readings for this week

Sun 1 June : Acts 1:1-11; Ephe 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

Mon 2 June : Acts 19:1-8 ; Jn 16:29-33

Tue 3 June : Acts 20:17-27 ; Jn 17:1-11

Wed 4 June : Acts 20:28-38 ; Jn 17:11-19

Thurs 5 June : Acts 22:30;23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri 6 June : Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

Sat 7 June : Acts 28:16-20.30-31 ; Jn 21:20-25



Vacancy –Director Catholic Enquiry Centre: The Catholic Centre is the first point of contact for enquirers seeking information about the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and supports Church communities in their mission of evangelisation. The Centre is seeking a new Director to lead a small team in continuing this important work. A personal commitment to the Catholic Church along with a proven history of sharing the faith and of leading a team will be necessary. Please send expressions of interest to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by June 6. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

Compassion Soup Kitchen meals. The Compassion Soup Kitchen is continuing to serve meals to anyone who needs them; 7.45am – 8.45am & 4.45pm-5.45pm, Monday to Saturday at 132 Tory Street, Wellington. Contact 04 385 9299 if you have any questions.

Marist St Pats RFC – The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June 2025 at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be celebrated by a morning tea. All welcome".

St Thomas More Society, Wellington - Mass and dinner, Friday 13 June, 2025

The St Thomas More Society's annual Mass and dinner is an opportunity for members of the Wellington legal community (including non-lawyers) and law students to gather and celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of lawyers. This year, Mass will take place at 6:00pm in the Cathedral Chapel. Drinks and dinner will follow at the Wellington Club for those who wish to attend. Our guest speaker this year is Bishop John Adams, Bishop of Palmerston North Diocese. Call Monica Devine on 021 2991138 or Email thomasmoresoc@gmail.com

Community Seminar : Understanding Change, Loss and Grief

– Catholic Social Services is offering a community seminar titled Understanding Change, Loss and Grief which is a part of the Seasons for Growth programs.

When : Wednesday 18th June, 2025

Time : 9:30am – 12:30pm

Venue : Newtown Community Centre

Cost : \$40 (includes workbook and light refreshments)

To register go to

<https://forms.office.com/r/sdHLJDWmKDor>

Contact Jess at seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz or 021 374 405

THE ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE— Love is a Decision

Online registration now open for the June Course on the Archdiocesan website. Consecutive Sundays, **8th & 15th June**, 10am-4pm held in St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces. please email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz for any information.

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St Francis de Sales