



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 25 May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.'

Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 18 May 2025.

Now

World Children's Day Mass

Sunday 25 May 9am St Anne's

Coming up

**Next meeting of the
Parish Council**

Wednesday 28 May 2025

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday 1 June 2025

Suzanne Aubert Birthday

Thursday 19 June 2025

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

'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid' so says Jesus to the first disciples at the Last Supper, so says Jesus to us here and now. How disturbing and unsettling it must've been for the disciples listening to Jesus talk about things they couldn't understand or relate to. Yes, they would've heard Jesus say many times before 'Whoever loves me will keep my commandments' but what about statements like: 'If you know me, you know my Father too and have seen Him' or 'The Advocate (Helper), the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name will teach you everything' or 'I am going away and shall return'? How scary that must've sounded to the disciples when Jesus dropped hints about things to come. Peace is a greeting that Jesus used a lot, especially after his resurrection. In the gospel, he says, 'my peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give' (John 14:27). These same words bring back fond memories for me because they appear as an inscription on a family headstone.

Given the current suffering, violence and chaos that abound in the world, it wasn't surprising that Pope Leo XIV's first words to the world were "Peace be with you". A peace that does not mean the absence of suffering, which is a common worldly definition but rather, a blessing given by the Holy Spirit to help us handle the sufferings and hardships that arise in our lives.

The 'Acts of the Apostles' reading describes how the first apostles found a way around a thorny issue with the help of the Holy Spirit to quell the anxiety amongst the gentiles (like us) about whether to be circumcised or not.

Let us pray... Lord God, give us the Spirit of Light and Truth so we can have the peace and strength to stand up to those stressful moments in our lives so that our hearts will not be troubled or afraid.

Steve

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU:
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.
I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU
AS THE WORLD GIVES.
DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED
AND DO NOT BE AFRAID.

JOHN 14:27



Responsorial Psalm : O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel acclamation : Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP: Laotioa Aukuso, Teresa Popov

Anniversaries: Salvatore Zino, Elvira Aprea, Giuseppina Mollo



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WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY - 25th May 2025

On this day of prayer for children, we are reminded that Jesus always welcomed the little ones. Children - wherever they may be - have a right to meet Christ and to know His love. Christ put them at the centre, pointing out to us that we need to be like children to enter the Kingdom. World Children's Day invites us to celebrate children and to see in them a living Gospel.

Today's 9am Mass is a special Mass for all our children. There will be some food to share after the Mass

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

Prayer and fasting for peace and the relief of Suffering of children worldwide.

Catholics, moved by confronting images of children in Gaza, invite other Catholics to take part with them in Twenty-four hours prayer and fasting for Peace and the relief of children suffering starvation, injury and death due to wars being fought by adults. You are invited to fast from food, or if health excludes food fast, fasting from another activity on Friday 30th of May and to Pray for Peace in all places of conflict. You may choose to donate to Caritas the amount you will not pay for food that day. You may also choose to continue this fast on Fridays until there is an end to the children in Gaza being denied food and safety. We suggest praying "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us" (as in the Mass) and or the Litany of saints we were asked to pray for the election of Pope Leo XIV.

Readings for this week

Sun 25 May: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apoc 12:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Mon 26 May: Acts 16:11-15 ; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tue 27 May: Acts 16 : 22-34 ; Jn 16:5-11

Wed 28 May: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 ; Jn 16:12-15

Thurs 29 May: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Fri 30 May: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:20-23

Sat 31 May: Zeph 3:14-18 ; Luke 1:39-56



We are sad to update you on the closure of **St Bernard's School** in Brooklyn. The Education Minister has made the decision to de-integrate (close) St Bernard's school at the end of this year.

As part of our Parish we have enjoyed a close relationship with St Bernard's school and we will do all we can to support them as a Parish.

Baptisms:

We welcome into our Parish family *Christian Sefesi, Rebecca Sefesi, Blossom Price Creach* who were Baptised at St Anne's Church last Saturday by Fr Doug.

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 or

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 May at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

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.

College Open Days

St Mary's College: Open Day was on Tuesday 20 May.
St Pats College: Open Day tours are Tuesday 27 May or Thursday 29 May

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.

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St Anne's

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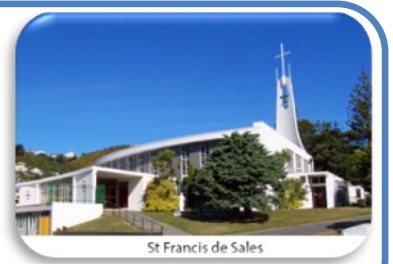
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St Francis de Sales