



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 29 June 2025

Sts Peter & Paul

"Today more than ever, humanity cries out and calls for peace. This is a cry that requires responsibility and reason, and it must not be drowned out by the din of weapons or the rhetoric that incites conflict. ... There are no "distant" conflicts when human dignity is at stake. War does not solve problems; on the contrary, it amplifies them and inflicts deep wounds on the history of peoples, which take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, or stolen futures. May diplomacy silence the weapons! May nations chart their futures with works of peace, not with violence and bloodstained conflicts!"

Pope Leo XIV 22 June 2025

Now

Sts. Peter and Paul

Sunday 29 June

Peters Pence Collection

Sunday 29 June

Coming up

Day of prayer for Seafarers

Sunday 13 July

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

Samoa 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: 9.15am St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am St Anne's

Gospel Reflection

In the readings for this Sunday, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, we have an excerpt from Paul's second letter to Timothy. As we know, Paul was initially a persecutor of Christians, and, after his conversion, he became one of those persecuted for being a Christian. Paul's second letter to Timothy is considered the last letter he wrote before his death. In this letter, Paul writes that "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength." It was with God's strength that Paul was able to endure the hardships and carry out his mission.

We also hear the extraordinary story of Peter's liberation from prison, which makes the persecution the early Christians were suffering feel very real. King Herod Agrippa had ordered the death of James, the brother of John. Peter was then arrested and was facing a similar fate. But the Lord sent his angel to liberate Peter. Peter realises what the Lord had done for him. He finds strength in the Lord to continue with his work of building this fledgling Christian movement despite the obvious risk to his life.

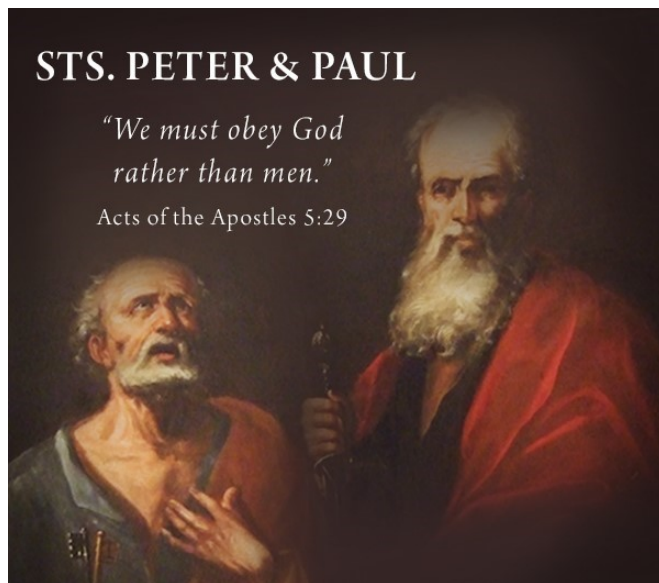
Both Peter and Paul found the strength to be the pillars of our Christian faith, the rock and the fire, because the Lord stood by them. Whenever we feel like the burdens of our lives are too heavy for us, let us remember that the Lord is always standing by us, and giving us strength to carry on.

Mauricio

STS. PETER & PAUL

*"We must obey God
rather than men."*

Acts of the Apostles 5:29



Responsorial Psalm : The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Gospel acclamation : You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Remembering the Holy Souls

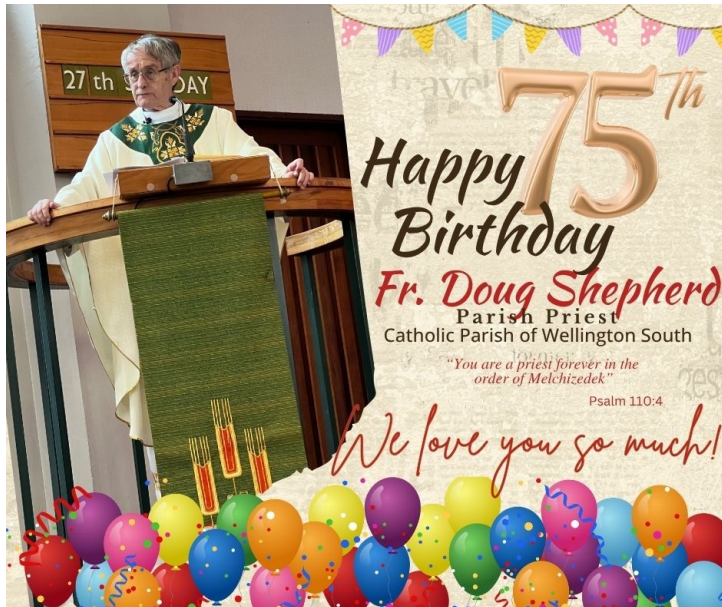
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Anniversaries: Antonietta Canzano (Elenio) , Rev Mate Kolich



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

Celebrating Fr. Doug's 75th Birthday! We give thanks for the many years of faithful service, guidance, and spiritual leadership he has shared with our parish community. May this special birthday be filled with joy, good health, and the love of all those whose lives he has touched. Happy birthday Fr. Doug!



Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 2-11 2026! Registrations open July 6th at 1pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

NZ Catholic News: The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference encourage all to sign-up to receive NZ Catholic News direct into your mailbox each week. You can sign up by going to this link
<https://cathnewsnz.com/sign-up/>

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Readings for this week

Sun 29 June: Acts 12:1-11 ; Paul 4:6-8,17-18; Matt 16:13-19
Mon 30 June : Gen 18:16-33 ; Matt 8:18-22
Tue 1 July : Gen 19:15-29; Matt 8:23-27
Wed 2 July : Gen 21:5:8-20 ; Matt 8:28-34
Thurs 3 July : Eph 2:19-22 ; John 20:24-29
Fri 4 July : Gen 23:1-4,19 24:1-8;62-67; Matt 9: 9-13
Sat 5 July : Gen 27:1-5,15-29 ; Matt 9:14-17



Baptism : We welcome into our Parish family,
Adam Jared de Chavez Forteza



who was baptised at St Anne's Church last Saturday by Fr Doug.



The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation – Love is a Decision - online registration now open for the next Course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive **Sundays 7 & 14 Sept** 10am-4pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces. Only two more courses before the end of the year, September and November. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Hope and Renewal Summit – Earlybird Extended! One more week. One big opportunity. Parish renewal isn't just for one person — it's a shared mission. Come as a parish. Be renewed. Go back ready. Palmerston North 3-4 October 2025. Register today and save: www.hoperenewalsummit.com

Peters Pence Collection 29 June: a gesture to support the Pope in His mission. On June 29 – which this year falls on the last Sunday of June – the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

Building Foundations Prayer Trek— Sat 12 July We'll meet at Island Bay Presbyterian church at 10.00 and trek along and up to the Rhine Street subdivision and along to the Lookout, considering along the way Foundation Building in its many aspects and avenues. Liz 0221855357



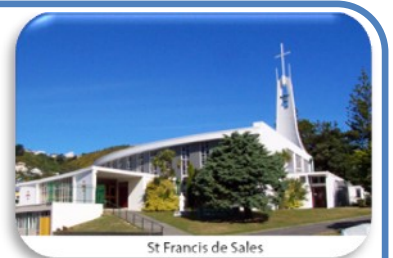
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St Francis de Sales