



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 8 June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

"There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor, who are a treasure for the Church and for humanity."

Pope Leo XIV Address to members of the "Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice" Foundation

Now

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 7 June

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 8 June

Coming up

Suzanne Aubert Birthday

Thursday 19 June

Matariki

Friday 20 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

From Fr. Biju

The feast of Pentecost brings to an end the Easter season and we are ready to begin our own journey. Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The first public comment made of the new post-resurrectional community of the disciples of Jesus was that they spoke a kind of language that everyone understood. The Pentecost is corrective to the Tower of Babel experience, where hardly anyone spoke a language that another could understand. If the Babel was an attempt out of existential fear to resist a dispersal of people and to play God, the Pentecost is an act of God's Spirit to dispel the fear and empower the new community to traverse every corner of the world, bringing a new language that every human being can understand. What is this language that everyone, beyond the conditionings of space, time or culture can understand? It is the language of love, the lingua franca of the Spirit of God. It is the language Christians are called to speak in and be united in.

Today we might ask what gift of the Spirit, what language do we need so that everybody can understand no matter what their ethnic or linguistic background? Yes, there is such a gift, such a language. It is the language of Love. This is a language that all people understand. In the words of Teilhard de Chardin, 'Love is the only force that can make things one without destroying them'. It is the only language capable of creating a unity that respects diversity – the kind of unity our divided Church, and war-torn and broken world, sorely needs. Like the first apostles, we are now the soldiers of Christ and his witnesses in today's world. May we become aware of the presence of the Spirit in us. Pray for the gift of the language of the Spirit-Love.

Happy Feast Day.

Fr Biju



Responsorial Psalm : Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

Gospel acclamation : Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP:

Anniversaries:



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

Baptism : We welcome into our Parish family twins Zuri Sayre and Zuleika Sayre who were baptised at St Anne's Church last Saturday by Fr Doug.



Hope and Renewal Summit – Come Together - 3 & 4 October, Palmerston North

Fr. James Mallon reminds us that parish renewal is a shared mission. We need one another—just as the blind man was brought to Jesus by his friends, we too must come together for the Church to be renewed. Earlybird pricing ends 15 June. (Groups of 4+ save an extra \$10 per person). Register today and save: www.hoperenewalsummit.com

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.

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.

Readings for this week

Sun 8 June: Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor 12:3-7.12-13, Jn 14:15-16.23-26
Mon 9 June : Judith 13:18-19; Jn 19:25-27
Tue 10 June : 2Cor 1:18-22 ; Matt 5:13-16
Wed 11 June : Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 Matt 10:7-13
Thurs 12 June : 2Cor 3:15-4:1.3-6 ; Matt 5:20-26
Fri 13 June : 2Cor 4: 7-15 ; Matt 5:33-37
Sat 14 June : Prov 8:22-31 ; Jn 16:12-15



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Come and join other men at Joshua's next meeting on Thursday 19th June from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Venue is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) Two activities – Steve Ready reflecting on "Christ's Truth and Forgiveness" followed by Ken's quiz on Genesis chapters 1 to 14.

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

'BUILDING FOUNDATIONS' PRAYER TREK



Meet at Island Bay Presbyterian,
Sat 12th July 10am 88 The Parade

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.

With every blessing

Liz 0221855357

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 thomasmoresoc@gmail.com

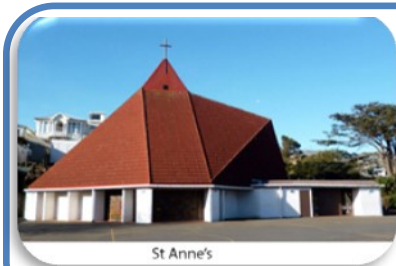
Wellington South Finance Report 2024/5

The Finance Committee are pleased to present the Finance report for the year ended 31 March 2025. Your regular donations enable us to continue to operate financially in a challenging time.

Copies are available from the foyer.

Catholic Hospital Chaplain – Job Vacancy: We are a cross-denominational team providing for the pastoral, spiritual, ethical and religious needs of staff, patients and whānau who come from a diverse range of cultural and faith backgrounds. A committed Catholic ministry background, along with maturity and resilience are required. At least two years of pastoral ministry experience preferred. This is a permanent, part-time (15 hours per week) position. Contact Chris Ward at: reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz or phone 021 374 373

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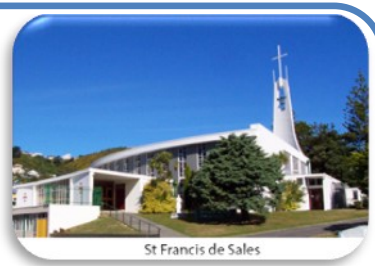
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St Francis de Sales