



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 whakaturu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti

Sunday 1 March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love: "Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world". The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all Creation.... Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the Environment, directing us to be stewards of all Creation.'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' 236.

Now

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 1 March

Sacramental Parent Evening

Tuesday 3 March 7pm St Anne's

Next Combined Parish Mass

Sunday 8 March SFdS

Coming up

Chrism Mass

Wednesday 1 April 7.30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday 5 April

Diamond Jubilee SFDS

18/19 April

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am Mass Anne's

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

Samoa Mass every 3rd Sunday

Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Liturgy St Anne's

Thurs: 10am St Anne's

Fri: 9.15am St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am St Anne's

From Fr Tikoua

Entering the 2nd week of the Lenten Season, through it's liturgical readings, the Catholic Church reminds us of the Baptismal promise that opened the door to our Sacramental journey for the glory of God and the sanctification of our souls.

First reading from the book of Genesis involved the Divine calling of Abraham to become the Spiritual father of the people of God. The appearance of Abraham in history marked a new era. In the seventy fifth year of Abraham, God intervened in the course of history, reshaping it's future to embrace the Divine Plan of Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul's second letter to Timothy is a reminder that God calls each and everyone of us and wants us to be holy. While Matthew in the Gospel tells us the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

How lucky are we if we live a holy life and then we will share the Glory of Jesus one day !!

Fr Tikoua



Sacramental Preparation



Sacramental Programme

The Parent evening will be held on 3 March at 7pm at St Anne's Church. This programme is available to all children who have been baptised into the Catholic faith and have reached Year 4 or above in the primary school system. Application forms are on the Website [here](#)

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel acclamation: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP :

Anniversaries : Raffaele Volpicelli, Joseph Ulberg, Yolanda Mollo



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



Sunday 8 March will be our next **Parish Combined Mass**. This will be followed by a shared cuppa.

Everyone is invited to join us for the Combined Mass at St Francis de Sales Church starting at 10.30am
The 9am Sunday Mass at St Anne's will be cancelled, however the 5pm Sunday Mass at St Anne's is still on as well as the Saturday Vigil on 7 March.

This is also the day of the Newtown Festival when St Anne's Church grounds are used by the community.

Thursday March 5th **Living Wage Meeting** 5pm to 7.30 St Josephs Mt Victoria. 5 .30 pm Kai 6.00 pm Start Parishioners are invited from SMOA, **Wellington South**, Otari and Catholic Services to this meeting.

This meeting with Catholic faith-based organizations will update members on current Living Wage campaigns and vision for 2026. The meeting will use Table talk process to identify strategies and a vision for 2026

The Annual mission fair was on last Saturday and everything went well and the perfect weather too. Thanks to all the parishioners who supported us. We raised \$4260.00 for the missions. Kind regards from Sr Reena and the St Peter Claver nuns.



LENT 2026 with FOOD FOR FAITH.

Visit www.foodforfaith.org.nz and sign up to receive daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor. Prepared especially for those seeking greater maturity of faith.

Readings for this week

Sun 1 Mar :Gen 12:1-4 ; 2 Tim 1:8b-10 ; Matt 17:1-9

Mon 2 Mar : Daniel 9:4b-10 ; Luke 6:36-38

Tue 3 Mar : Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 ;Matt 23:1-12

Wed 4 Mar: Jeremiah 18:18-20 ;Matt 20:17-28

Thurs 5 Mar :Jeremiah 17:5-10 ;Luke 16:19-31

Fri 6 Mar : Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a ;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat 7 Mar: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



The Hope Project: Would you like to help?

Through partnership with Hope Project, the united churches of each city and town can see gospel booklets connect with most homes. In the 2 weeks prior to Easter we will be delivering booklets. We pray for each household in the street as we walk. By Easter every home in our wider Island Bay community will be blessed with prayers for hope and a desire to seek/follow our Lord Jesus.

To join up contact Helen Reynolds on 021-257-8145, or helenreynolds15174@gmail.com

Holy Hour with the St Peter Claver Sisters Blessed Sacrament exposed every Thursday at 1 Mersey St Island Bay. We pray for peace, families and vocations etc. All are welcome. Please contact the Sisters on 04

Bishops Lenten Appeal

The beginning of Lent marks the start of the Bishops' Lenten Appeal. Donations can be made to Caritas directly .The bank account for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is 03-0518-0211216-003. Please use "Lent" as the Code and your first and last name as particulars. Freepost envelopes are available at Mass throughout Lent.

Please take an envelope today if you prefer to give in that way. Donations received by Caritas by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2025/26 tax year. Any donations received in the Caritas office after April 1st will be sent a receipt for the 2026/27 tax year.

Your generous support enables Caritas to help poor and marginalised communities around the world. Contact caritas@caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22.



SFDS Jubilee Weekend Sat 18 April Sun 19 April

Saturday 18 April 2026. Those wishing to visit and understand "The Catholic Features of Island Bay" by an historic walkabout will be provided with Notes for the walk, or drive. The Sisters of Compassion have kindly provided for the Cloister Café to be open for lunch until 2.30pm on this day.

Sunday 19 April 2026 12.30pm Jubilee Lunch, The Pines, Houghton Bay, Wellington; (\$55 per person, \$27.50 children under 12, under 5-year-olds free, to be paid in advance; there are no door sales).

Please register your attendance by making payment to Catholic Parish of Wellington South bank account 02-0576-0064832-01. Places are limited.

Chrism Mass

You are warmly invited to attend the Chrism Mass on

Wednesday, 1 April, 7.30pm

at Sacred Heart Cathedral , Thorndon. All parishioners are encouraged to come and take part in this significant and prayerful liturgy.



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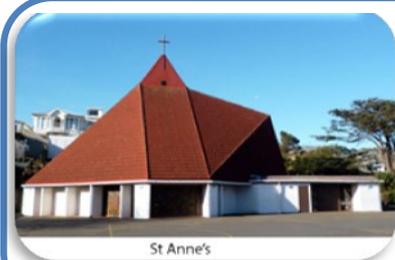
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St Anne's

