



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 15 March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

We lift up our humble prayer to the Lord, so that the thunderous sound of bombs may cease, weapons may fall silent, and a space for dialogue may open up in which the voice of the people can be heard. I entrust this intention to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, that she may intercede for those who suffer because of war and lead hearts along the paths of reconciliation and hope.'

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 8 March 2026

Now

Parish Reconciliation

Saturday 21 March 3pm SFDS

Sunday 22 March 12pm St Anne's

Coming up

Chrism Mass Cathedral

Wednesday 1 April 7.30pm

Easter Masses

Holy Thursday:

7pm St Francis de Sales

7pm St Anne's

Good Friday:

3pm St Francis de Sales

3pm St Anne's

Easter Saturday

7pm Vigil St Francis de Sales

Easter Sunday

9am St Francis de Sales

9am St Anne's and 5pm St Anne's

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am Mass at St Anne's 8 March

10.30am St Francis de Sales

5pm St Anne's

Samoan 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 Biju,

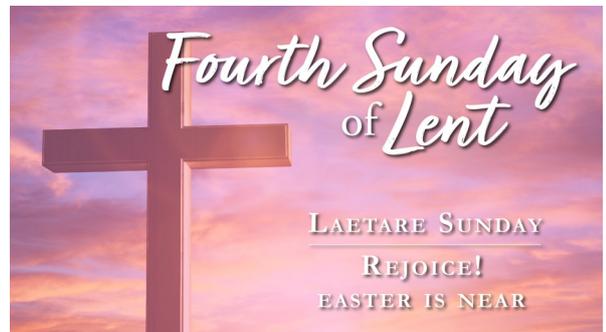
The Lord enlightened the blind man outwardly in his eyes and inwardly in his heart, so that he might see both the light of the world and the Light of eternity. The Gospel tells the story of the man born blind who is given sight by Jesus. This confirms Jesus' affirmation that "I am the light of the world", the light that illuminates our darkness.

In the healing story, for the authorities Jesus is just 'that man.' They have eyes, but they don't want to see who he is. For the blind man, in the beginning, Jesus is a simple "man". He gradually discovers the identity of the one, who opened his eyes and confesses his faith in Him. He considers Him a prophet; then recognizes Him as one who comes from God; finally, he welcomes Him as the Messiah. The Samaritan woman too, saw Jesus only as a stranger, a Jew. But as they speak, something shifts, she begins to see more... a prophet, a holy man who knows her story, and finally, the one who is to come, the Messiah.

The healed man, who now sees both with the eyes of the body and of the soul, is the image of every baptised person, who immersed in Grace has been pulled out of the darkness and placed in the light of faith. But it is not enough to receive light, it is necessary to become light. Lent is a time we come to the presence of the Lord, perhaps weary, burdened and blind. Jesus meets us there. He engages with us, speaks to our hearts, gently revealing who he is, and who we are.

The seed of new life placed in us in Baptism is like a spark of a fire, which purifies us first, burning the evil that we have in our hearts, and allows us to shine and illuminate with the light of Jesus. Today, let us choose the path of illumination and transformation.

Fr. Biju Xavier



Bishops Lenten Appeal

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. 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.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP : Tony Muollo, Fr Denis Collins

Anniversaries :



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



Feast of the Divine Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) Sunday 12 April 2026 at St FRANCIS DE SALES

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PROGRAMME

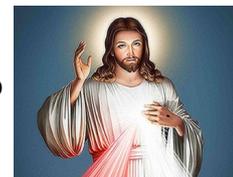
2:00 PM Eucharist Adoration and Worship
Confessions

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction

3:30 PM Holy Mass. Celebrant Archbishop Paul

4:30 PM Final Blessing
Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
Blessing of personal religious objects
Refreshments and Fellowship follows
(please bring a plate to share)

5:00 PM End of celebration



Note: we pray the
Divine Mercy
Chaplet each
Sunday, 9.10am at
St Francis de Sales

Please pray for the children who are preparing to do their first Reconciliation. This is the first step on their Sacramental journey to a closer relationship with God and a deeper understanding of the faith.



SFDS Jubilee Weekend

Mid-April 2026 - Publication of the Jubilee magazine.

Saturday 18 April 2026. 10.00am Mass of Remembrance; the principal celebrant will be Cardinal John Dew assisted by priests from within the CPWS Parish and from overseas.

Sunday 19 April 2026 10.30am Jubilee Mass; the principal celebrant is Fr Merv Duffy SM, the Provincial of the Society of Mary in NZ assisted by priests from within the CPWS and visiting priests.

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 ASAP by making payment to Catholic Parish of Wellington South bank account 02-0576-0064832-01. Places are very rapidly filling!

Please Note: For the Jubilee weekend there will be **no Vigil Mass** at St Francis de Sales and **No 9am Mass** at St Anne's. People from St Anne's are invited to join the celebrations. The 5pm Mass at St Anne's is still on

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation – Love is a Decision & Commit - online registration available on the Archdiocesan website: Marriage Ministries | Archdiocese of Wellington Next course, consecutive Sundays 7 & 14 June from 10.00am - 4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Any email queries contact: marriage@cadw.nz

HAS ANYONE EVER SAID YOU WOULD MAKE A GOOD PRIEST? Do you think you might have a vocation? Come to a VOCATIONS WEEKEND for young men discerning priesthood. 27-29 March 2026 with Fr Alan Roberts. Contact: l.hensel@cadw.nz to register.

Congratulations to Fr Tikoua who celebrated his 27th Anniversary of Priesthood on Friday 6 March. Although new to our Parish, we are grateful for his presence and ministry among us. Wishing him many blessings in his continued service.

Divine Mercy Feast Day at St ANNES April 12th

Preparation for the Feast on Good Friday 3 April. The 9 day Novena begins. Friday and Saturday 10-11 April Retreat at the Home of Compassion.

Sunday 12th—Procession with the Holy Eucharist at the car park 8.30am followed by the 9am Mass and blessing of the items that parishioners bring. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7.30-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Tuesday, 24th March and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship :

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on **Thursday 19th March 2026** from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall 10 Guildford Terrace (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Speaker: Monsignor Gerard Burns on "The relevance of faith in 2026". Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Readings for this week

Sun 15 Mar :1Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a ; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Mon 16 Mar : Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tue 17 Mar : Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Wed 18 Mar: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thurs 19 Mar :2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Matt 1:16, 18-21

Fri 20 Mar : Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 ; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat 21 Mar: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53



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