



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 22 March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

"Today, in a particular way, in the face of the many questions of the human heart, as well as the tragic situations of injustice, violence and suffering that mark our time, it is essential that our faith be alert, attentive and prophetic. It should likewise open our eyes to the darkness of the world, and bring to others the light of the Gospel through our commitment to peace, justice and solidarity."

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 15 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

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

Gospel reflection,

In the first and second readings we hear that God's spirit is within his people. Ezekiel writes that the Lord God says to his people: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live". Paul, in his letter to the Romans, acknowledges this spirit being within his readers. He wrote, "you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you".

In the gospel, the love expressed stands out for me. The gospel tells how Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus. It shows how this love was expressed when Jesus wept with those who were weeping as they grieved for Lazarus. And it also shows Jesus' love for those he did not know. Due to this love, he wanted them to also believe. It seems as if Jesus delayed expressing his love for his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and going to see the ill Lazarus, so that all present would believe he was sent by his Father.

When they met, Jesus said to Martha "did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" It is striking that Martha has faith, even though Lazarus is dead and in the tomb. She says, "even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him".

John writes that Jesus, at Lazarus' tomb, then said: "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." Due to Jesus' love for us, he wants us all to believe.

May we believe that the Spirit of God is in us and believe in the love of Jesus for us. When Lazarus left the tomb, Jesus said to the people there, "unbind him, and let him go." Holy Spirit, unbind us so that we see the signs of this love in our lives today.

Maria Rodgers



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 : With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel acclamation: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP :

Anniversaries : Antonio Cuccurullo, Doris Whiting



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellingtonsouthcatholic.org



Sacramental Preparation 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.

Stations of the Cross

Friday 28 St Anne's 6.30pm St Francis 6pm
Good Friday 9am St Anne's
 10am St Francis de Sales



The Stations of the Cross saved from **St Bernard's Church** will be available to view during Holy week. They have been installed in the walkway to the Presbytery.



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.
- 5:00 PM End of celebration

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

Readings for this week

- Sun 22 Mar** :Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11;John 11:1-45
- Mon 23 Mar** :Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;John 8:1-11
- Tue 24 Mar** : Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
- Wed 25 Mar**: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Luke 1:26-38
- Thurs 26 Mar** :Genesis 17:3-9 ; John 8:51-59
- Fri 27 Mar** : Jeremiah 20:10-13 ; John 10:31-42
- Sat 28 Mar**: Ezekiel 37:21-28 ;John 11:45-56



Parish Jubilee Weekend:

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. **11.30am Guided tour** of the distinctive features of the St Francis de Sales Church.

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 and wonderful guest speakers, 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

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.



Reconciliation is available every Saturday morning at St Anne's after the 10am Mass. 2 Priests will be available.

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

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.

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



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