



# 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 29 March 2026**

## Palm Sunday

'Christ's grace illumines this world, which seems to constantly search for novelty and change, even at the cost of sacrificing important things — time, energy, values, affections — as if fame, material goods, entertainment and fleeting relationships could fill our hearts or make us immortal. It is a symptom of a longing for the infinite that each of us carries within us, a need that cannot be satisfied by passing things. Nothing finite can quench our inner thirst, for we are made for God, and we find no peace until we rest in him.'

*Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 22 March 2026*

## ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25 April

## 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 (Not 4 Apr)

## Gospel reflection,

Today we are celebrating Palm Sunday also known as Passion Sunday. This marks the entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, where He is going to suffer, die and rise again from the dead for our sins and of the world. This is also the beginning of Holy Week.

The crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest". These are the words of people when they welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. But not so long after when the people changed their minds and words saying "Crucify Him. Crucify Him"

The prophet Isaiah in the first reading confirmed to us that Jesus was sent by His father to die for our sins. As the Lamb of God, "I will offer my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore my beard and I did not cover my face against insult and spittle". We can prove that Jesus truly offered his life for his unconditional love for all of us.

Again Paul reminds us that Jesus emptied Himself and assumes the condition of a slave and even accepting death, death on the cross. For sure we believe that He is the son of the most high but this shows to us His great love for you and me.

Let us enter this Holy Week, reflecting about the suffering that Jesus will experience for his great love of us. We pray that He may give us the strength to be able to carry our crosses and follow Him throughout this Holy Week.

*Fr Tikoua*



**Responsorial Psalm :** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel acclamation:** Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

## Remembering the Holy Souls

**RIP :** Mary Ward

**Anniversaries :** Camillo Amitrano, Giuseppe Volpicelli  
Su'emalo Luka Lui, Palma Aprea



For the latest information visit the Parish Website - [wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](http://wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

**GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL  
ECUMENICAL WALK OF THE CROSS**



Join us as we re-experience the path of Christ into Jerusalem, to Pontius Pilate's hall of judgement, to Christ's tomb. We'll meet at 2pm, 3 April (Good Friday), Wakefield Park, by the golf club rooms, Berhampore.

We complete the walk with Hot Cross Buns at 3pm, Island Bay Presbyterian Church, 88 The Parade.



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

**Stations of the Cross**

**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.



**Bishops Lenten Appeal: Please take an envelope today.** Your generous support enables Caritas to help poor and marginalised communities around the world. Contact [caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:caritas@caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22.

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.



**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.

**Readings for this week**

- Sun 29 Mar** :Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 26:14—27:66
- Mon 30 Mar** :Isaiah 42:1-7 ; John 12:1-11
- Tue 31 Mar** : Isaiah 49:1-6 ;John 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wed 1 Apr**: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
- Thurs 2 Apr** : Exo 12:1-8,11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15
- Fri 3 Apr** :Is 52:13—53:12;Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
- Sat 4 Apr**: Genesis 1:1—2:2 ; Genesis 22:1-18 ;Matt 28:1-10



**Parish Jubilee Weekend:**

**Saturday 18 April 2026.** 10.00am Mass of Remembrance and morning tea; Guided tour of the distinctive features of the St Francis de Sales Church; learn more about the bell tower and the significance of the marble side altars and much more.

**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 by making payment to Catholic Parish of Wellington South bank account 02-0576-0064832-01. To avoid disappointment please make payment as soon as possible as the lunch is proving to be popular.

And the Diamond Jubilee Booklet will be at the printers this week.

**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.



**PONTIFICAL  
GOOD FRIDAY  
COLLECTION**

Please support this collection on Good Friday  
A special collection will be taken at the end of the service  
Please place your donation into the baskets at the door of the church

To sustain the "living stones" (local Christians) and maintain holy places amid economic hardship, war, and reduced pilgrim numbers.

**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

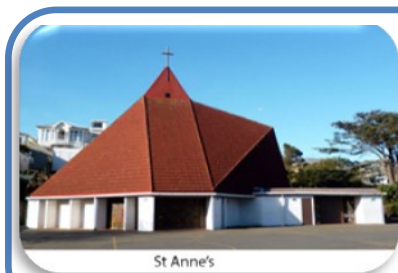
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

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



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