



# 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 12 April 2026**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

*Pope Leo XIV, First Address, 8 May 2025*

**NOW**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sunday 12 April

**Upcoming**

**Diamond Jubilee SFDS**

Saturday 18 April

Sunday 19 April

**ANZAC DAY**

Saturday 25 April

**Next Weekend Masses**

**Sat 18 April**

NO 10am Mass St Anne's

NO 6pm Mass St Francis de Sales

**10am Memorial Mass SFDS**

**Sun 19 April**

NO 9am Mass at St Anne's

All are welcome to the Jubilee Mass

**10.30am St Francis de Sales**

5pm Mass at St Anne's

**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**

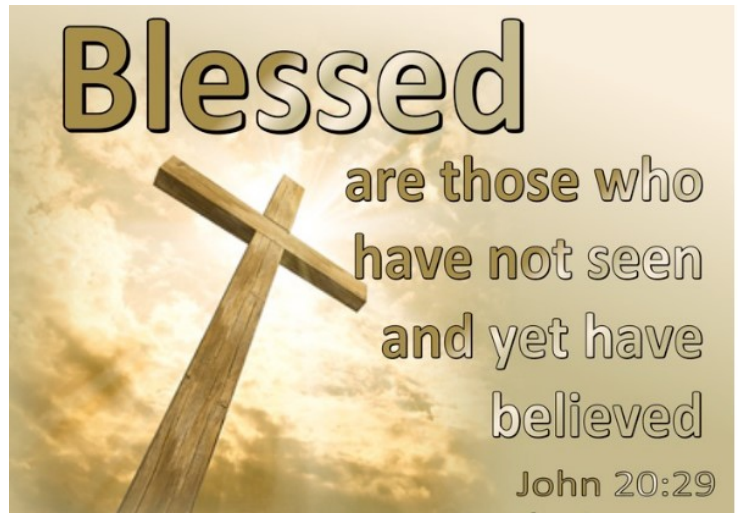
Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Divine Mercy Sunday. The basis of the whole Easter Mystery is the merciful love of God. From the beginning of creation, throughout Scripture, and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus, God has been revealed as love itself. In His infinite love for us, God desires nothing more than to forgive our sins and offer us His mercy.

Our world's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on new urgency in the 20th century. Jesus appeared to a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina as Jesus continued to appear to her, she recorded His messages in her Diary. On one such occasion, Jesus said to St. Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy".

"Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." Today we celebrate that Easter gift of God's unending, merciful love for all his children. Let us never fail to seek the mercy that God desires to freely give us.

Dear brothers and sisters, today, more than on any other occasion, God's boundless mercy is poured into our hearts. Our sins, however grievous, however numerous, are no match for God's infinite mercy. All we need is sincere sorrow and the courage to approach the Fountain of Mercy. As we experience God's mercy, we are called to be like the early Christians, building a world of sharing, compassion, peace, and unity through our faith and acts of love. Jesus, we trust in you.

*Fr Biju*



**Responsorial Psalm :** Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel acclamation:** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

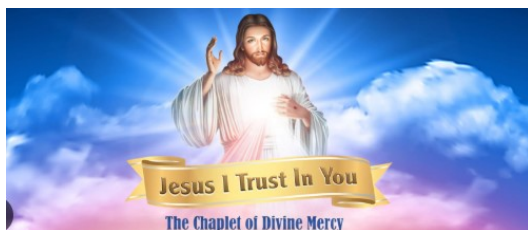
**Remembering the Holy Souls**

**RIP :** Chris Shepherd (*Fr Doug's brother*), Denis Richard Luke  
Carl Muollo (*Funeral SFDS Tuesday 11am*)

**Anniversaries :** Judilyn Espiritu



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



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

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

**Mass of Remembrance Saturday 18 April**

**10am** Main Celebrant Fr Biju Xavier (Cardinal John sends his apologies as he is now unable to be with us); assisted by visiting priests. All are invited to bring a photograph (or names written on the programme) of friends and family to be remembered at this Memorial Mass. These will be placed on the steps of the altar. Followed by morning tea.  
**12pm** Guided tour of the special architectural and liturgical features of the iconic 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 at The Pines, Houghton Bay. **Book today** as there will be no door sales - tickets \$55 pp, \$27.50 for children under 12 years, under 5 years free, spaces are limited. Bank account Archdiocese of WGTN Catholic Parish of Wgtn Sth 02-0576-0064832-01 Reference Name and Jubilee. Email: office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

**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.

**Readings for this week**

**Sun 12 Apr** :Acts 2:42-47; 1ptr 1:3-9; John 20:19-31  
**Mon 13 Apr** :Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8  
**Tue 14 Apr** : Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15  
**Wed 15 Apr** : Acts 5:17-26; John3:16-21  
**Thurs 16 Apr** : Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
**Fri 17 Apr** :Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15  
**Sat 18 Apr** : Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21



**The Spirit of ANZAC Sat 25 April 2pm**

This concert Remembering the Fallen will be performed at **St Mary of the Angels** on ANZAC Day, as part of the national commemoration of all kiwis / New Zealanders killed in war and also honouring returned servicemen and women. Entry free



12PM PARADE MUSTER AT ST HILDA'S  
12.15PM PARADE TO ISLAND BAY SCHOOL  
12.30PM ANZAC COMMEMORATION FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

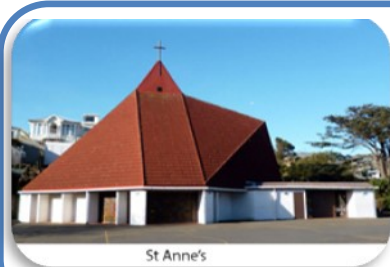
A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the **Easter Liturgies**, our Priests, Liturgy committees, musicians, singers, florists, cleaners and wax removers. You all helped to make the Easter ceremonies in Wellington South so special.



**Retreat Days and Themes at Pā Maria 2026** - Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection. 2 May 2026 at 9.00 am to 3.15 pm. Theme : Easter  
A day of prayer to enter into the spirit of Easter. Please bring your own lunch. Entry by koha. RSVP by 28 April to pamariabookings@gmail.com

**The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation** – Love is a Decision Next course, consecutive Sundays 7 & 14 June from 10.00am - 4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early (couples attend both Sundays together in person). See the Archdiocese's website for information about getting married overseas and the papers required. Contact: marriage@cadw.nz

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship:** Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 16th April 2026 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). Speaker: Lislle Pietersz, Current of Grace Wellington leader, on "Seek and witness Jesus' love" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477 280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



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