



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

Sunday 19 April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

'Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom in which there is no sword, no drone, no vengeance, no trivialization of evil, no unjust profit, but only dignity, understanding and forgiveness... Prayer calls us all to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day — in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and civil and religious communities.'

Pope Leo XIV, Homily, Vigil for Peace, 11 April 2026

NOW

Diamond Jubilee SFDS

Saturday 18 April

Sunday 19 April

Upcoming

ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25 April

This 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

Gospel Reflection,

Recognised in the breaking of the bread

What wonderful light our Sunday readings bring to our world today, the third Sunday of Easter! In a world darkened by the threat of war and voices insisting that might is right, the assurance that comes from Peter and his successor, speaking the word of truth about the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion brings a peace and joy that no darkness can overcome or doubt destroy.

Peter's sermon on the first Pentecost day reminds us of the power of the Spirit, turning frightened disciples into fearless proclaimers of the truth. Jesus was put to death, but it was impossible for him to be held by death's power, because the God of life was on his side. So, it has always been. The same message is there in our second reading, from the first letter of Peter. We have been ransomed not by silver or gold or anything that fades or wears out, but by the blood of the lamb without stain or fault, the one whom God raised from the dead, so that we would have faith and hope.

Our gospel story, from the closing chapter of Luke, tells the lovely tale of the two disciples on their way home to Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. It is not hard to sense their sorrow and disappointment as they talked about the sad events they have just experienced and of how their hopes have been shattered. 'Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free,' they told the stranger who joined them on their way.

Jesus, still unrecognised, tells them that they have missed the truth proclaimed by all the prophets from the time of Moses. 'How our hearts burned within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us,' they later recalled.

But the miracle only happens when they forget their own needs long enough to invite the stranger to join them for the evening meal. Manaakitanga is the key word here – hospitality, our willingness to share however little we may have with those who are close to us. Like the many marae that opened their doors in so many places over recent days, to welcome strangers displaced from their homes by the cyclone, the power of love casts out every shadow and brings peace to the lonely and dispossessed. Every Eucharist makes this truth live once more:

here, at this table, no one is turned away or left to feel abandoned or displaced. As we so often sing, all are welcome in this place.

Dennis Horton



Responsorial Psalm : Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel acclamation: Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP :

Anniversaries : Mick Moore, Vincenzo Basile

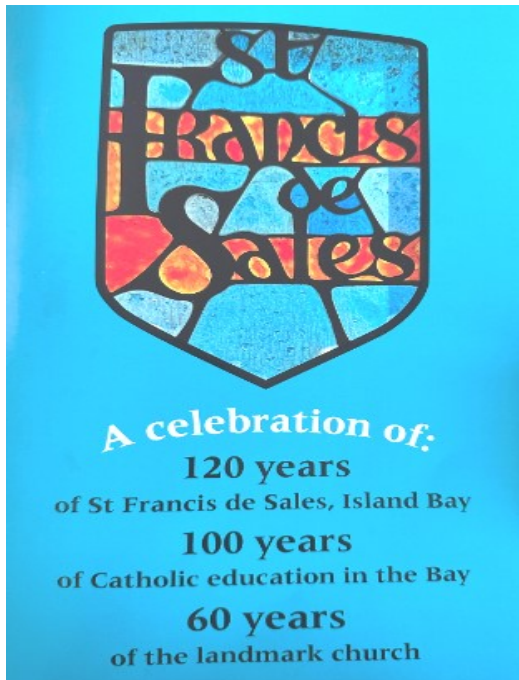


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PARISH JUBILEE WEEKEND

The Parish Jubilee weekend is upon us this weekend; just a reminder that the weekend is to celebrate 60 years since the opening of this Church, 120 years of Catholic education in Island Bay and 100 years since the Sisters of the Sacred Heart opened the St Madeleine Sophie primary school, the forerunner of the St Francis de Sales School in Island Bay.

The **2026 Diamond Jubilee book** is now available, in full colour; the price is \$20 and will be available for purchase on Sunday. The book covers all the themes of the Jubilee weekend and the history of the Parish from 1999 - 2026. (Cash payment would be most helpful).



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.

Tax Receipts and envelopes: Most Tax receipts have now been emailed. New envelopes will be ready to collect from 25/26 April from the foyer of your Church.

Retreat Days and Themes at Pā Maria 2026 -Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection.
Saturday May 2nd 9am to 3.13pm
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

Readings for this week

Sun 19 Apr :Acts 2:14,22-28; 1Ptr 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35
Mon 20 Apr :Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tue 21 Apr : Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35
Wed 22 Apr : Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40
Thurs 23 Apr : Acts 8: 26-40; John 6:44-51
Fri 24 Apr :Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Sat 25 Apr : Wisdom 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 12:23-28



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



The Ecumenical **Junior Youth Group** went on a Duke of Edinburgh tramp around Mt Taranaki, climbing



Fanthams Peak and reaching Symes Hut, the highest DOC hut in the North Island. Praise God for fantastic weather and a great time together in Creation!

St Thomas More Society, Wellington - Mass and dinner, Friday 26 June, 5.30pm, 2026 Cathedral Chapel. Guest speaker is Archbishop Paul Martin, Archbishop of the Wellington Diocese. If you are interested in attending email thomasmoresoc@gmail.com or call Monica Devine on 021 2991138

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). Contact: marriage@cadw.nz



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