



# 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 26 April 2026**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

The Rosary, like other ancient forms of prayer, has united us this evening in its steady rhythm built on repetition. Peace gains ground in the same way: word by word, deed by deed, just as a rock is hollowed out drop by drop, or fabric woven stitch by stitch. These are the slow rhythms of life, a sign of God's patience. We must not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the pace of a world that does not know what it is chasing. Rather, we must return to serving the rhythm of life, the harmony of creation and healing its wounds.'

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

**NOW**

**ANZAC DAY**

Saturday 25 April

**Seminary Collection**

Sunday 26 April

**Upcoming**

**Pentecost**

Sunday 22 May

**Trinity Sunday**

Sunday 31 May

**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

**Samoa 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

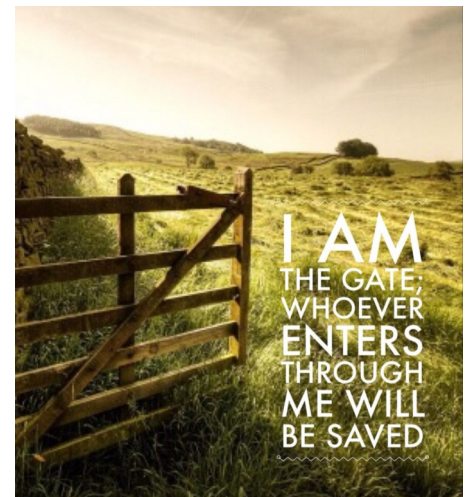
## From Fr Tikoua

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is a special and important Sunday for all Christians around the world. It is because of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our Mother Church asks us to pray for more priests and religious throughout the entire world and in our Archdiocese of Wellington. We can prove that not so many young people want to be priests, nuns and brothers today. So let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers to His harvest.

The Gospel of John for this Sunday, Jesus said "I am the gate of the sheep." The one who enters the gate is the shepherd, he calls his sheep and lead them out to feed them. The sheep will follow Him because they know his voice but they will not follow strangers. This means that Jesus is our shepherd feeding and looking after us every day. This is why we are asked this Sunday to pray for more good shepherds in our Church.

The First Reading, Peter as our first Pope, stood and declared to the crowd about Jesus whom they crucified but now rose from the dead and He is alive. Hearing this many were cut to the heart and asked what to do? Peter answered to repent and be baptised and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We see how the Apostles were sent out to the whole world and proclaiming the Good News and baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus called and chose His Apostles, then He sent them out to continued the works He had done so that everyone would receive this Good News.

Again the Second Reading, Peter in his letter stated clearly we would have a merits in the sights of God as a punishment for doing our duty for Gospel. This is what we were called to do because Christ suffered for us and left us an example for us to follow the way He took. To be a priest or a shepherd, you will face such oppositions but do not afraid Christ who has called you, He will be with you always until the end of time. This is why we must pray for more vocations and all our priests that they may grow stronger in their callings in shepherding their flock.



*Fr Tikoua*

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

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

**Remembering the Holy Souls**

**RIP :**

**Anniversaries :** Dorothy Bruce, Salvatore De Gregorio, Vanessa O'Connor



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**PARISH JUBILEE WEEKEND**

What a wonderful celebration Mass for the 60th Jubilee of St Francis de Sales Church last Sunday.



The Parish wishes to extend its thanks to all those who helped organise a very enjoyable weekend that celebrated 60 years since the opening of the SFdS Church, 120 years of Catholic education in Island Bay and 100 years since the opening of the St Madeleine Sophie primary school, the forerunner of the St Francis de Sales School.



Particularly, the Parish wishes to acknowledge the support it received from Ninness Funeral Home, Harbour City and Wilson Funeral Homes, Maxim Financial Markets and The White Room.

The 2026 Diamond Jubilee book sold out, and a further print-run is now in progress.

**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.

The Parish is looking for more volunteers for  
**Parish Council members**  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**Overhead projector operators**  
 Full training will be given. Contact the Parish



**Readings for this week**

**Sun 26 Apr:** Acts 2:14.36-41; 1Ptr 2:20-25; John 10:1-10  
**Mon 27 Apr:** Acts 11:1-18 ; John 10:11-18  
**Tue 28 Apr :** Acts 13:44-52; John 15:12-14  
**Wed 29 Apr:** Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50  
**Thurs 30 Apr :** Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20  
**Fri 1 May :** Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6  
**Sat 2 May :** Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14



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**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

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminary Appeal** Sunday, 26 April 2026

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to pray especially for those called to the priesthood. This day also marks the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of the men who are currently discerning and following God's call to priestly service within our diocese.

**Please pray for our Seminarians.**

Dyester Abo-abo, Emilo Capin, Gerson Badayos, Long Tran, Ele Minseok Oh and Kham Nguyen.

**St Mary's College Open Day – 19 May 2026**

Come and experience our welcoming school community! Tour the campus, meet our staff and students, and discover the opportunities available at St Mary's College. We look forward to seeing you there.

**St Anne's School expansion**

With the fast growing roll of our Catholic School in Newtown, ADW and the Catholic Education Office are looking at 2 new classrooms to accommodate the increase in students. They have requested some of the Parish land on Daniel St, including the 3 garages and the Quiet Garden area that was planted after the old Presbytery was demolished.

Last year the Parish Council and the Finance committee agreed in principle to allow a building project to go ahead on this land. The memorial tiles will be incorporated into the new design. The future of our children and their education is paramount.

This project will involve redesignation of some Parish Land to Integrated land. Initial plans have now been submitted and are available to view in the foyer of St Anne's Church.

**Where does your money go**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Feb</b>
Donations	\$20,998	\$15,064
Other	\$13,882	\$7,793
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,880</b>	<b>\$22,857</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Feb</b>
Levies	\$11,466	\$8,167
Maintenance Rates Insurance	\$6,566	\$15,072
Admin/Wages	\$5,304	\$4,240
Other	\$17,147	\$10,713
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,875</b>	<b>\$38,192</b>

