



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 3 May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

"Life shines brightly not because we are rich, beautiful or powerful. Instead, it shines when we discover within ourselves the truth that we are called by God, have a vocation, have a mission, that our lives serve something greater than ourselves."

Pope Leo at the Mass for the Jubilee of Education.

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5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3 May

Anniversary of the Election

of Pope Leo

Friday 8 May

Mothers Day

Sunday 10 May

Upcoming

World Communications

Day & Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity

Sunday 17 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

Samoan Mass every 3rd Sunday

Weekday Mass

Mon: 9am Mass St Francis de Sales.

Tues: 10am Mass St Anne's

Thurs: 10am Mass St Anne's

Fri: 9.15am Mass St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am St Anne's

Gospel reflection,

'Do not let your hearts be troubled' – a verse for all seasons and one that is relevant right now given what is happening and what has happened, around us and in the world, and what we might be going through? Even Jesus 'was troubled in spirit' (John 13:21) when he knew who was going to betray him.

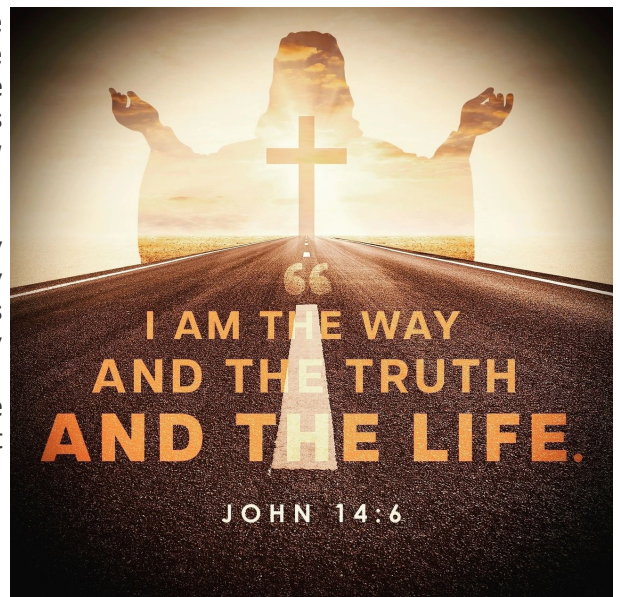
The setting for today's gospel was the Last Supper and Jesus was offering words of comfort to the apostles. He was trying to allay their fears and confusion after they learnt that He was about to leave them, that one of them was about to betray him and Peter would deny him three times. Peter had already said 'Why can't I follow you?' Thomas said, 'how do we know the way?' and Philip, 'Let us see the Father then we shall be satisfied.'

So, what did Jesus say that helped, encouraged and gave hope to his apostles? It was the 'I AM' statements that only feature in John's gospel, that gave them comfort and reassurance. I AM the Gate of God's sheepfold (John 10:7,9) and I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), we heard last Sunday. Today, it's the well-known - I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). Jesus's advice was simple - trust in His promises (the Word of God) so you will stay close to Him and live life to the full.

Over the past 3 months, we have been decluttering and preparing our apartment for sale because it is no longer fit for purpose. No lift and lots of stairs. Who is going to fall in love with our place? In a buyers' market, will there be sufficient funds from the sale to purchase what we need for the next step? In all these matters, I sensed Jesus saying, 'Be still and know that I am God.'

The prayer "Jesus, my Way, my Truth and my Life" reminds us Jesus has the answer to every one of our problems. When our hearts are troubled, how do we let go and let God take over?

Steve



Responsorial Psalm : Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel acclamation: I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP :

Anniversaries : Regina Lutomski, Liberato Amitrano



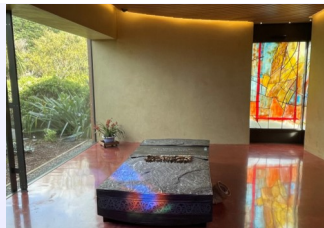
For the latest information visit the Parish Website - wellington.southcatholic.org

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.



Visit the Home of Compassion: Honouring Suzanne Aubert

Did you know that this year marks 100 years since the death of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert? Have you ever

been to the Heritage Centre at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay? There you can visit her tomb and learn of the achievements of this remarkable woman?

Weekday Masses Wellington South

Please note that starting in May 2026, the Tuesday Liturgy at St Anne's will change to a Mass. Timetable as follows:

Mondays 9am Mass SFDS
Tuesdays 10am Mass St Anne's
Wednesdays—Priests Day Off
Thursdays 10am Mass St Anne's
Fridays 9.15am Mass SFDS
Saturdays 10am Mass St Anne's



There will be a Rosary 15 minutes before each weekday Mass during the month of May. All are welcome



The Parish is looking for more volunteers for
Parish Council members
Eucharistic Ministers
Overhead projector operators

Full training will be given. Contact the Parish Office.

Readings for this week

Sun 3 May: Acts 6:1-7; 1Ptr 2:4-9; John 14:1-12
Mon 4 May: Acts 14:5-18 ; John 14:21-26
Tue 5 May: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31
Wed 6 May: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thurs 7 May: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Fri 8 May: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Sat 9 May: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21



Thank you, once again! PARISH JUBILEE WEEKEND

The Parish has received many notes of gratitude and thanks from visiting priests, religious and from people living out of the Parish who travelled to attend events held over the recent Jubilee weekend. The Parish extends a warm acknowledgement of thanks to everyone who made our guests feel so warmly welcome.

The warmth of such welcomes was consistent with one of the themes of Fr Merv Duffy's SM inspiring homily that concluded with "When you do finally come face-to-face with Christ you will recognise him, not because of the mosaic but because you have seen his face in your fellow parishioners".

Whilst the initial print-run of the 2026 Diamond Jubilee book sold out, a further print-run has now been completed. The Book has received shining reviews; it is available following Masses held at SFdS and at The White Room, Island Bay, \$20.

An African Experience of Parish Life in New Zealand

Calling all our African parishioners. There will be a fellowship and formation day on Saturday, 23 May 2026 from 2.00 – 3.30pm at the Connolly Hall of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington. Fr Patrick Bridgman, ADW Liturgy Advisor, will give a formation session on Proclamation of the Word, followed by reflection and fellowship. Bring the family and bring a plate to share. Email dr.bangure@gmail.com or 021 134 8476

Volunteer Baby room coordinator needed at St Vincent de Pauls Newtown location. Looking for someone to sort and display donated baby wear. Can you commit to a regular weekly shift? Contact Tracy Ward on 021 0618063 Or vinnies-wellington.org.nz



The **Mary Potter Hospice Annual Street Appeal** is fast approaching – it is now 3 weeks away. It takes place on Thursday 14 and Saturday 16 May.

We have collection locations throughout Wellington, so there will be a nearby location convenient for you! To enrol Go to <https://marypotter.org.nz/events/street-appeal-volunteers-2026/>

St Mary's College Open Day – 19 May 2026

9am to 11am. 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 Catherine's College Open evening -10 June 2026

6 to 7pm Bourke St Kilbirnie

St Pats College Open Day Tuesday 23 June 2026

between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm and again on **Thursday 25 June** between 10.00am to 11.30am **and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm.**



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