



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 5 April 2026

Easter Sunday

An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits.'

Laudato Si' 209

Action: In this Eastertide season of new life and hope, what new habits can I begin living out in the way I travel, in the food I eat, the clothing I wear, the words I speak and the witness I show in my family?

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 12 April

Diamond Jubilee SFDS

Saturday 18 April

Sunday 19 April

ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25 April

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's Easter Sunday Gospel begins with Mary of Magdala arriving on her own at Jesus' tomb early in the morning "while it was still dark." When Mary sees the stone has been removed, her first instinct is a very human one of alarm rather than hope. She is possibly thinking Roman soldiers, Jewish leaders or grave robbers have taken Jesus.

Some scholars say that this mention of darkness by the Gospel writer John can also be seen to represent the grief and confusion we feel when faced with loss and uncertainty. Mary's initial sense of loss, however, becomes the path to divine revelation.

She runs first to Peter and another unnamed disciple and tells them the Lord has been taken from the tomb. At the tomb, the men find the burial cloths, indicating that the grave has not been robbed by thieves. The men, however, still do not understand that Jesus has risen from the dead.

After they leave, Mary stands weeping near the tomb. She sees two angels in white seated where Jesus's body was and tells them her Lord has been taken away and she doesn't know where they have put him.

Still blinded by her tears, she becomes aware of a man in front of her who she thinks is a gardener. It is only when he speaks her name—"Mary"—that her eyes are opened. This recognition of Jesus when he calls her by name demonstrates the personal nature of God's relationship with his followers.

Jesus gives Mary a commission to go and tell the people that she has seen him. Here, it is notable that it is a woman who finds the open tomb and is directed to spread the message, highlighting the importance of women in God's universal plan.

Like Mary, we are called to be a people who live with the joy of the Resurrection even in a troubled world, testifying by our lives that death has been defeated and Christ is truly alive.

May the joy of Easter fill your heart with peace and hope.

Kate Mahony

May the joy of Easter fill your heart with hope, peace, and renewal, celebrating the resurrection with love and blessings. This special season brings the promise of new beginnings, faith, and the triumph of light over darkness. Wishing you a blessed, joyous, and meaningful Easter season.

From Fr Biju and Fr Tikoua



Responsorial Psalm : This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel acclamation: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP :

Anniversaries : Malia Kalameli Kauone

Special intention : Angelina & Luigi Mollo, Camillo Amitrano, Giuseppina & Salvatore Volpicelli, Petra & John Van der Donk, Michael Petagna, Carolina & Ferdinando Petagna



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

Children First Reconciliation : A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Children's First Reconciliation at St Anne's last Saturday



Easter Sunday Mass Times

9am At St Francis de Sales
9am and 5pm at St Anne's

Parish Jubilee Weekend:

Saturday 18 April 2026. 10.00am Mass of Remembrance and morning tea; All are invited to bring a photograph of members of the family to be remembered at this Memorial Mass. A Guided tour of the distinctive features of the St Francis de Sales Church follows at 11.30am.

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.**

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.

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

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

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.

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

Readings for this week

Sun 5 Apr :Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

Mon 6 Apr :Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tue 7 Apr : Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wed 8 Apr: Acts 3:1-10 ; Luke 24:13-35

Thurs 9 Apr : Acts 3:11-26 ; Luke 24:35-48

Fri 10 Apr :Acts 4:1-12 ; John 21:1-14

Sat 11 Apr: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15



WELLINGTON SOUTH
ANZAC
COMMEMORATION

12.30PM
ISLAND BAY SCHOOL
25 APRIL

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



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