



Catholic Parish of Wellington South

In the Spirit of Mēri Hohepa 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 whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti



Sunday 5 July 2026

14th Sunday Ord Time

God's presence offers light and life for all. The city is a new Eden, with its living water offered to the thirsty and its tree of life whose leaves are for the healing of nations. (Rev 22:2). As we await its fulfilment, this vision is set before us as an encouragement – a call to overcome our divisions and to work together – for this is the way of Jesus Christ, yesterday, today and forever.'

Pope XIV Magnifica Humanitas #242

Now

Matariki

Friday 10 July

Upcoming

Feast of St Benedict

Saturday 11 July

Sea Sunday

Day of prayer for Seafarers

Sunday 12 July

Grandparents Day

+ St Anne's Feast Day

Sunday 26 July

Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass

6pm St Francis de Sales

Sunday Mass:

9am 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 Mass St Anne's followed by Adoration till 11am

Wed: 9am St Francis de Sales

Thurs: 10am Mass St Anne's

Fri: 9.15am Mass St Francis de Sales

Sat: 10am Mass St Anne's

Gospel Reflection

Jesus redefines greatness: gentle and humble of heart

Our first reading today is from Zechariah, one of the Old Testament's minor prophets, who wrote of new beginnings for a nation which had lost its way and fallen on hard times. Peace will come, not from a vengeful warrior but from a humble leader who renounces military power and banishes 'the bow of war'. There will be no chariots or war-horses; instead, he will ride a donkey, a beast of burden, and proclaim peace for all nations. There is an echo here of Pope Leo's Pentecost prayer last month, 'peace will not come from a superpower.'

In our second reading Paul writes to Christians in Rome, telling them that they belong to Christ whose Spirit they now possess. But they face a struggle to leave their 'unspiritual lives' behind, choosing instead to live by the power of the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. It is a choice between the emptiness of living for ourselves alone or spending our time and talents to enrich other lives.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus thanks his Father for hiding the truth from the learned and clever and revealing it instead to 'mere children'. We are reminded here that faith is God's gift, which we can only receive if we learn, like Jesus himself, to be gentle and humble in heart. There is an unspoken warning here, that true religion is not meant to weigh us down with the heavy burdens on which religious leaders of his day insisted. The yoke which he imposes is easy and his burden is light. 'Come to me, all you who are overburdened and I will give you rest.'

We are blessed to have Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert as an outstanding tupuna and mentor in this parish. As we celebrate a century since her death this year and pray each Sunday for her canonisation, we stand tall in her company. Compassion is a quality that keeps our feet on the ground in the practice of our faith. Hers was especially a witness of how grace works at the edges of society, caring for the little and lowly and making God's love visible in the most unlikely places. May her witness help us to see where the path to true greatness lies!

Dennis Horton

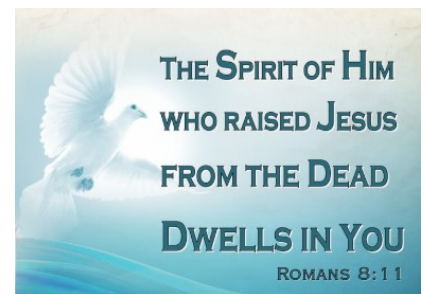
Responsorial Psalm : I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel acclamation: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Remembering the Holy Souls

RIP : Max Young (*Funeral SFdS Monday 6 July*)

Anniversaries :



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With deep spiritual roots, the tikanga of Matariki is much more than astronomy, agriculture and weather predictions. The tikanga of Matariki is a time for whānau. The festival's connection to the stars provides an opportunity for families to remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who have passed away.

Matariki unifies us as one human family. It is both a time for thanksgiving and a time for renewal. Clearly this new year in Māori culture has strong links with the sacramental nature of our faith.

In the spirit of Matariki let's celebrate this week all that unites us here: Build stronger partnerships with your local mana whenua, reconnect with old friends and make new ones and with a deep gratitude and respect for the gifts of creation. Reflect on your place in the world and set new goals. It belongs to all of us.



The Pleiades star cluster - Matariki

Matariki Celebration - Thursday 9 July 2026

Matariki is a time of companionship, thanksgiving and remembrance. It will be celebrated at St Joseph's (Basin Reserve) on Thursday 9th July at 6pm. There will be 'bring your own' kai to enjoy in the fellowship of others, concluding with a beautiful candlelight liturgy.

St Thomas More Church is to close permanently on Sunday, 30th August 2026. The organising Committee would like to invite any ex parishioners or people associated with the Church to join in. Events are on Sat 29th August and the Farewell Mass on Sunday, 30th August.

Readings for this week

Sun 5 July: Zech 9:9-10; Romans 8:9,11-13; Mat 11:25-30

Mon 6 July: Hosea 2:16-18,21-22; Mat 9:18-26

Tue 7 July: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Mat 9:32-38

Wed 8 July: Hosea 10:1-3,8-12; Mat 10:1-7

Thurs 9 July: Hosea 11:1-4,8-9; Mat 10:7-15

Fri 10 July: Hosea 14:2-10; Mat 10:16-23

Sat 11 July: Isaiah 6:1-8; Mat 10:24-33



Residents of **Village at the Park** recently had a collection for the soup kitchen, commemorating its 125 years of feeding Wellington's hungry.

DELARGEY AWARDS 2026: Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults. The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on 31 July. Find out more at: [Delargey 2026](#)

Holy Hour with the St Peter Claver Sisters. Blessed Sacrament exposed every Thursday 6 to 7pm at 1 Mersey St Island Bay. We pray for peace, families and vocations etc. All are welcome. Contact the Sisters on 04 3838401

The Archdiocesan **Marriage Preparation** – Love is a Decision & Commit - online registration available on the Archdiocesan website: Marriage - Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington Next course, consecutive Sundays, 6 & 13 September 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. Any email queries contact: marriage@cadw.nz

Liturgy Workshop opportunity - US liturgist and parish priest, Fr Paul Turner, will lead a liturgy seminar on Saturday, 1 August (10am - 2.30pm), in Connolly Hall. Clergy, liturgy teams, school staff, and all involved in Eucharistic preparation are encouraged to join us for Ars Celebrandi: The Art of Celebrating Mass. Inspired by Pope Francis', Desiderio Desideravi, the day will explore how we can celebrate liturgy with reverence and fidelity. See poster on noticeboard for QR code to register.

Join us for **Divine Mercy** starting 9.10am every Sunday before mass at St Francis de Sales Church - all are very welcome to join us.



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