



## ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON

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### CLERGY APPOINTMENTS 2026

#### **Our Lady of Kapiti Parish**

Parish Priest – Fr Pene Patelesio,  
Assistant Priest – Fr Doug Shepherd

#### **Wellington South Parish**

Parish Priest – Fr Biju Xavier,  
Assistant Priest – Fr Tikoua Kautu

#### **Holy Family Parish, Nelson**

Assistant Priest - Fr Raymond Soriano

*Those taking up appointments should be in their new parish by 30 January and be celebrating the parish Masses on the weekend of 31 Jan -1 February 2026, unless by prior arrangement.*

### Notes

**Deacon Emilio Capin** – will complete his seminary studies mid-year and take up an appointment in July

**Seminarian Gerson Badayos** – will be returning to Holy Cross Seminary Auckland for his sixth year of studies.

**Fr Ron Bennett** – returning to the Archdiocese after his time at the Seminary in Auckland. He will be in retirement.

**Fr Cirilo Barlis** – going to the Philippines to be incardinated in a diocese there.

**Holy Family Parish** and **Our Lady of the Bays** parish in Tasman will be amalgamating in April of 2026 and the priests working in the two parishes will be appointed to the new parish.