



ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON

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.