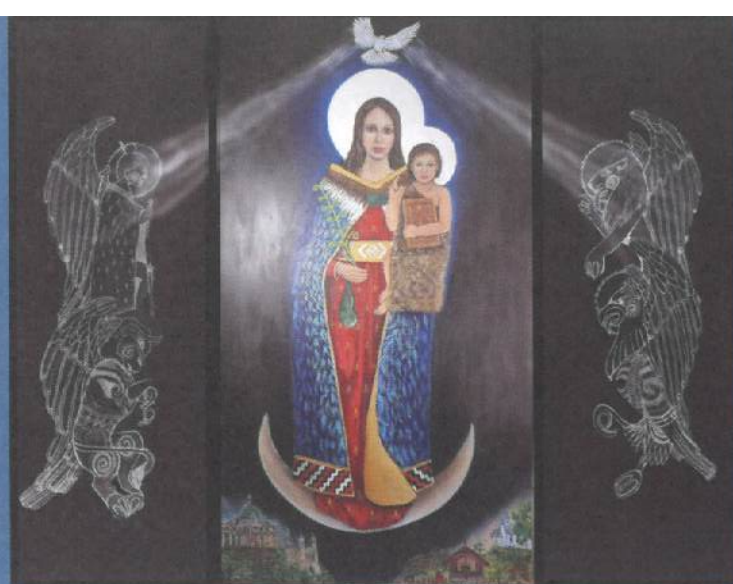


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Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Aina - Holy Mary, Mother of God

2 February 2025, The Presentation of the Lord

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St Mary of the Angels Church

MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Saturday 11am

Mass of Anointing- 4th Saturday of the month

ADORATION

Mon-Fri 6.30am - 7.20am
Friday 11am - Noon

RECONCILIATION

Mon-Thurs 11.30am - Noon
12.30pm - 1pm
4.30pm - 5pm
Friday 11am - 11.50am
12.30pm - 1pm
4.30pm - 5pm
Saturday 10.30am - 10.55am
4pm - 5pm

St Joseph's Church

MASSES

Sunday 9.30am
Tuesday 8.30am

BAPTISMS

St Mary of the Angels Church

Baptisms; 2pm on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month

St Joseph's Church

Baptisms on 3rd Sunday of each month.
Please arrange through Parish Office.

The Year of the Jubilee

2025 is a special year for all Catholics throughout the world. For this year has been proclaimed by Pope Francis as a Year of Jubilee. It began here in the archdiocese on Jan 26th in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

In January, the liturgy committee met to look ahead and see what we need to prepare for in 2025. The meeting began with a reflection on the meaning of 'Jubilee' and, in particular, the theme Pope Francis has chosen for this Year of Jubilee – 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Perhaps you have already noticed the Jubilee banners displayed at the back of the church?

I would like to share some thoughts from that reflection with you as an introduction to the Jubilee year.

"In the Old Testament the Jubilee Year was a time of renewal and celebration. Debts were cancelled, people could rest. It was also a time of freedom: prisoners and slaves were freed; land was given to those who didn't have any. It was known as the year of the Lord's favour.

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year, 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It is an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each of us, whoever we are. The gift of hope is greatly needed in our world, where we are daily faced with challenges of poverty, injustice, violence and the destruction of the environment. Hope is transformative. It widens our vision and fills our hearts, inspires our imagination and creativity, strengthens our resolve and helps us to live differently.

What does it mean to be a pilgrim? The difference between a pilgrim and a traveler is openness to God. A pilgrim seeks God not just as their ultimate destination but in every encounter along the way. Pope Francis says: 'Even if we can't travel far away, the Jubilee Year will still be a journey for all of us, a journey of hope.'

In this Jubilee Year, we are called to our own journey, a journey in which we become tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind. Pope Francis says: 'By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to reawaken in every heart the joy and courage to embrace life to the full.

May we all endeavor to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' in this Year of Jubilee!

Fr Kevin Mowbray sm—Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4
in the Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18
He had to be made like us in all things.

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40
My eyes have seen your saving power.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 111
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-16



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$
Automatic Payments: \$4,610
Total: \$9,064

Game On!

An 8 week parenting course just for Dad. We support Dads to be the best Dad they can be for their kids. We explore what we want for our kids and what we have to do to make a positive difference. Starts on Wednesday 12 February 2025, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Te Mako Community Hub, 27 Hilary Court, Naenae, Lower Hutt. Free! For more info contact us, reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or ring Francis on 021 08874824

Thought for the Week

Lord, grant me the courage to speak the truth, even in adversity.

Responsorial 23

R. Who is this king of glory?

O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! R

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. R

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! R

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. R



Quis est iste Rex gló-ri-ae? Do-mi-nus.

Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord.

Fundraising for missionary work in Pakistan, Tanzania, and Sudan

We invite you to join us at the annual Mission Fair of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on Saturday, 22nd February, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Convent grounds, 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay to raise funds for missionary work in Pakistan, Tanzania, and Sudan.

Saleable goods for the fair and donations are greatly appreciated (toys, cakes, jams, costume jewellery, etc. except electronic goods).

Please contact Sister Reena John or Sister Elcy for any queries, (04) 383 8401, Email: peterclaver@xtra.co.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Amy McLaughlin, Pauline Mowbray

Anniversaries: Br Luke Paget sm, Brian McKeown, Stella Brown, Joan Shanahan, Sophie Robison, Matthew Barnett, Catherine Symes, Fr Gordie Kerrins sm, Adolf Eibl, Graham Townsely, Patricia Lockhart QSM

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Saturino Viloria, Dr Bill Glass, Stephen George, Greg Hayward, Neni Beres, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, John Ellis, Mary Lucy, Georgina Young



Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the parish office.

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National Shrine Prayer

E te Atua , Creator of heaven and earth,
Source of all life, giver of all that is good,

We pray for Aotearoa New Zealand

And for all who come to her shores and make it their home.

We recall with gratitude our forebears in the Faith,
Who dedicated this country to the care of Mary,
Mother of God, assumed into heaven.

Pour out your Spirit upon us as we seek to respond to you,
Bringing your peace and harmony to this sacred land.

May we continue to praise you as we carry the Good News
of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Mary, assumed into heaven; pray for us.

New Parishioners

If you are new to the parish, not yet enrolled as a parishioner, or would like to start giving regularly to the parish through our planned giving program, please fill out one of our new parishioner forms available on our website—www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new.

Jubilee of Married Couples and St Valentine's Day Mass

Married and engaged couples are warmly invited to this special celebration of marriage. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Friday 14th February at 6pm**, with refreshments to follow. Come and join us for Mass with plenty of time for a dinner reservation afterwards.

Waitangi Day Mass

Thursday February 6, 9am. Venue: St Mary of the Angels church, Boulcott St, Wellington. The customary Mass to mark Waitangi Day will be held at the national shrine of Mary, Whaea o te Atua (Mother of God) with Archbishop Paul Martin presiding. The Mass includes prayers and hymns in Māori, English, Latin and other languages. A feature of the church is the special artwork presenting Mary, dressed as a woman of Aotearoa. The work includes places connected with the history of the Church here, including Te Tii marae in Waitangi. All welcome, nau mai, haere mai!

Te Ara o te Tūmanako - The Way of Hope

Every 25 years the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope".

Bishop Steve Lowe will be leading a jubilee pilgrimage this year, departing 29th September for 17 nights with Harvest Journeys. The pilgrimage "Our Way of Hope" will begin in Lyon, the mother Church for the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and journey to Rome. On the way pilgrims will meet pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church, and who will inspire hope as the group prepares to pass through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and receive the Jubilee blessing.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders Ordination to the Priesthood

Inviting all to attend the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders when Deacon Matthew White will be Ordained to the Priesthood. Held on Saturday 22 February, 11am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington.

Guardians Needed

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office on office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.

Catholicism Series Bible Study

The Genesis to Jesus team brings you the "Catholicism Series" - a series designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of key Catholic topics like Mariam, Lent, Angles & Saints, Catholic Art & Architecture and more while deepening their understanding of our rich faith. 10 Video sessions in all, held every second Tuesday with the first session on Tuesday 11th February from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

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St Pats International Students

St Pats (Wellington) is reaching out to families who are keen to host international students in 2025. We have a range of stays: students coming for the whole year, for a term or for a few days and we are keen to find them good homes.

Starting in 2025 St. Patrick's College is increasing the homestay fee to \$360 / week, \$75 for 14 nights or fewer.

If you or anyone you know is interested in hosting next year, please contact me. Happy to send you more information or ring to discuss further. Contact Carolina Miranda, International Student Coordinator, 0211684265

Situation Vacant on the Church Mission Team:

We're looking for a *Young Church Ministry Coordinator* to join our Archdiocesan team. The position involves development and nurturing of youth and young adult ministry and the regular support of our college youth ministers (YC Tuakana). The position is part-time (negotiable) and full details can be found on the Seek website (search 'Young Church Ministry').

Catholic BnB

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics . To purchase a book of details of hosts (\$15) , contact Marie Anderson, 027 280 0611 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

SMOA Church App

If you haven't already downloaded our new Parish App onto your smart phone, please do! On the app, you'll be able to view the newsletters, Mass times, upcoming events and more. You will also have the option to receive alert notifications, particularly if you are a part of a Parish group or ministry. To download the app, follow the steps below:

1. Go to your App Store or Google Play Store and search "ChurchAppsNZ"
2. Download the app, and then select St Mary of the Angels as a Parish
3. The app will then prompt you to select which "alert groups" you want to be a part of. Select as many or as few of these groups as you like. You will be able to change this later if you need to.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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