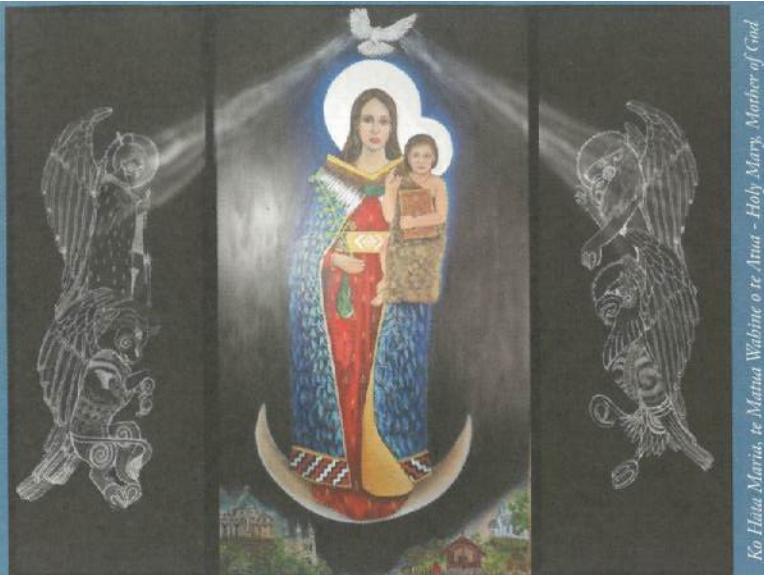


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Ko Haka Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

1 June 2025, The Ascension 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 Sat 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, 2nd and 4th Sundays each month

St Joseph's Church

Today we celebrate the return of Jesus the Word of God to the Father having achieved all that he was sent to do fulfilling the words of Scripture, "As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do" (Isaiah 55:10-11). By his life, death and resurrection, the Lord has returned to the Father having watered the earth with the well-spring of eternal life and providing the seed for the rich harvest of the children of God. He has taken with him his glorified human nature into the sanctuary of heaven itself, "so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf" (cf. Hebrews 9:24) until God's kingdom is fully revealed and we shall see him face to face once more.

But the Lord has not left us orphans. He told his disciples to return to Jerusalem and wait for the power that he and his Father will send, the power of the Holy Spirit who alone is able to unite the diverse harvest of God's children, blowing wherever the Spirit wills and touching many all at once down the ages, transforming the consciousness or souls of God's children to know and experience the truth of God, the truth of what it means to be human and the truth about the right relation between the divine and the human. It is no wonder, then, that the Holy Spirit is called the "Soul" of the Church (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, #813) for the Spirit is the living consciousness and source of power for believers in their witness of the Gospel.

In baptism, we have received the gift of God's Holy Spirit with the commission to witness to what God has done and continues to do until the Lord's return. Our witness is our mission. Our mission does not leave us "standing here looking into the sky". Rather, our mission requires us to get on with it and, in his name, to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins until his return in the same way by which he has ascended to the Father.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
He made Jesus sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53
Christ has entered heaven.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm: 103

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 7:37-39



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,596

Automatic Payments: \$4,756

Total: \$8,352

Marist St Pats RFC

The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June 2025 at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be celebrated by a morning tea. All welcome".

Kings Birthday—Monday 2 June

Kings Birthday is held on Monday 2 June. Being a public holiday there will only be one Mass held at 12.15pm.

Thought for the Week

Success is not final. Failure is not fatal.
It is the courage to continue that counts.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: John Ellis, Neni Beres

Anniversaries: Evelyn Collera, Colleen Pocock, Arthur Freeman, Robert Bell, Brian Bennett, Margaret Doe, Patricia Johnson, Anton Parris, Keith Shirley, Nadja Argus

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Pat Mahony, Saturino Vilorio, Dr Bill Glass, Stephen George, Greg Hayward, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, John Price, Sarah Schicker, Ron and Patricia Evans, Fr Brian Wysocki sm, Fr Joe Savesi sm
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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Responsorial Psalm 46

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**



Ascendit De-us in ju-bi-lo, et Domi-nus in vo-ce tubae.

*God is ascended with Jubilee: and the Lord
with the sound of the trumpet*

Pentecost Ecumenical Service

Join us for our annual Ecumenical Pentecost service with St John's and St Peter's. Held at St Peter's Anglican Church on Willis St, on Sunday June 8th, 7pm.

Preference Forms

If you are requiring a preference form for Catholic schooling you must contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

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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.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother,
and the flame of love enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your kingdom.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the
treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

St Thomas More Society, Wellington - Mass and dinner, Friday 13 June, 2025

The St Thomas More Society's annual Mass and dinner is an opportunity for members of the Wellington legal community (including non-lawyers) and law students to gather and celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of lawyers. This year, Mass will take place at 6:00pm in the Cathedral Chapel. Drinks and dinner will follow at the Wellington Club for those who wish to attend. Our guest speaker this year is Bishop John Adams, Bishop of Palmerston North Diocese. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please email thomasmoresoc@gmail.com or call Monica Devine on 021 299 1138

Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for more volunteers for Readers for 5pm Mass and Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses. If you are interested or want to know more please contact Fr Kevin Mowbray by emailing parish.priest@smoa.org.nz or Sister Frances on sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com. There will be a formation programme for those who have volunteered.

Were You Confirmed at an Easter Vigil Mass?

Come and receive a special blessing from Archbishop Paul Martin SM who will celebrate a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, at 7:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St, Wellington. If you were Confirmed at an Easter Vigil Mass this year do come to the Cathedral on 8th June and receive this special blessing. The names of those to be blessed is required so RSVP to ea.abp@wn.catholic.org.nz

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence again on the 4th of September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs from September to April and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in joining this programme please make contact with Fr Michael on mlyoung@gmail.com for a meeting before the programme starts. Registration closes on 28 August 2025.

Matariki Celebration - Thursday 19 June 2025

Matariki is a time of companionship, thanksgiving and remembrance and will be celebrated with a social gathering at St Joseph's on Thursday 19 June. Please join us at 6pm for "bring your own" kai and enjoy them in the fellowship of others. We will conclude with a beautiful candlelight liturgy.

Pentecost Sunday, 8 June

Next Sunday, 8 June, is Pentecost Sunday. You are invited to wear to Mass an item of clothing in a colour that represents fire — red, orange, yellow — symbolising the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire.



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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, Angels & 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 next session on Tuesday 3 June 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

Vacancy—Director, Catholic Enquiry Centre

For over 60 years, the Catholic Enquiry Centre has helped thousands of people explore the Catholic faith and, in many cases, become Catholic. An agency of the Bishops Conference, the Centre is the first point of contact for enquirers seeking information about the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and supports Church communities in their mission of evangelisation. The Centre is seeking a new Director to lead a small team in continuing this important work. A personal commitment to the Catholic Church along with a proven history of sharing the faith and of leading a team will be necessary. Please send expressions of interest to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by June 6. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

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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