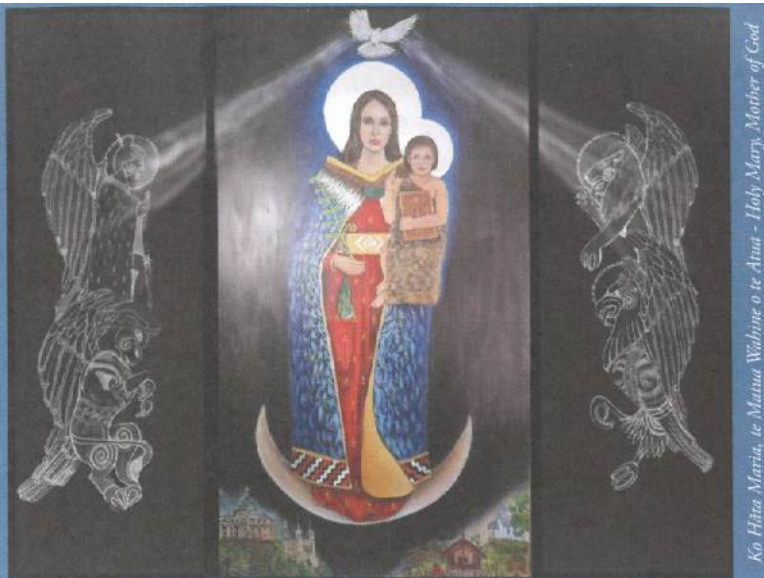


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Ko Hira Maria, te Mātua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

25 May 2025, 6th Sunday of Easter

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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

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

## Young Families Under Pressure

The annual budget of the Government. The closing of two Catholic primary schools in the Archdiocese of Wellington. Quite different realities!

Both made the news this past week. The first, the Government budget, drew much interest and much commentary; the second, the closing of two Catholic primary schools, drew far less attention and comment. Yet both, in different ways, can place pressure on the dreams and aspirations of young Catholic families just starting out on their life together.

Some may be surprised that I mention 'young families in this parish'. For so long many of us have looked around the church on a Sunday morning or early evening and wondered where all the young have gone, where are the young families. Well, I invite you to look again when you settle down in the pew for Sunday mass! With a fresh glance you will perhaps notice that there are many more young people and young families now attending Sunday masses.

Young people studying or working in Wellington are sitting in the pews wanting to connect or reconnect with a community that speaks of hope that their world cannot give. And young families, who cherish a deep connection to the Church, also wish their babies, their toddlers and their youngsters to grow up with that same hope.

Pressure can mount very quickly on young families. Careful and prudent planning for a bright future can easily be upset. Unwelcome cuts in Government budgets can unexpectedly oblige parents to trim important, even essential, expenses here and there. Valued opportunities for nourishing the Faith disappear when Catholic schools close. And so, in small, incremental ways pressure mounts. Dreams begin to fade. Family life can become a burden, not a joy.

Such pressure can bring stress and tension. Stress and tension can eventually overwhelm, create a sense of loneliness and isolation. Being able to come together with others, share a coffee and chat about what is happening in their families may be all that is needed to work wonders and restore some inner balance and calm.

Is there a need for such a calming space in the lives of young families, particularly young mothers? Could St Mary of the Angels provide that space? Would you like to take part in such a space? Could you help?

I would be very interested to hear from you.

Fr. Kevin Mowbray sm,  
Parish Priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29  
*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

**Second Reading:** Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23  
*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

**Gospel:** John 14: 23-29  
*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 1: 1-11  
**Psalm:** 46  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23  
**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,103  
 Automatic Payments: \$6,186  
**Total: \$9,289**

## Priest Email Scam Warning

There have been a few reports of Fr Kevin Mowbray and other Priests name being used and emailing Parishioners to ask for gift cards. This is a scam and please do not engage with the scammer.

Fr Kevin, our Assistant Priests and staff will never ask you for gift cards or to purchase anything for them. If ever in doubt if communications are from, please feel free to contact the office on 04 473 8074 and Abby can help you distinguish if it is genuine or not.

## Thought for the Week

We live ourselves forward  
 and understand ourselves backward

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Neni Beres, Pope Francis, Bishop Owen Dolan, John Dalgety, Lady Joan Gillies

**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 Ellis, John Price, Sarah Schicker

*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.*

## Responsorial Psalm 66

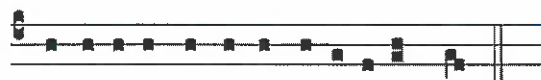
**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
 and let your face shed its light upon us.  
 So will your ways be known upon earth  
 and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
 for you rule the world with justice.  
 With fairness you rule the peoples,  
 you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
 let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing  
 till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**



Confi-te-antur ti-bi nom-li omnes.

*Let all the people praise thee.*

## Finding Your Call

Trying to find your purpose and where God may be leading you? Click the QR code to find support, free downloads, and practical ideas to help you listen to God's call in your life.



## Compassion Soup Kitchen Fundraiser

You're invited to a fundraiser screening of Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning. Held on Tuesday 27 May, 6pm (arrive from 5.30pm) at the Lighthouse Cuba Street. To book tickets please contact Yvonne Fisher on 027 479 9467 or Amanda on 04 385 9299

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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.

### **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](mailto:thomasmoresoc@gmail.com) or call Monica Devine on 021 299 1138

### **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](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) by June 6. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

### 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 Vincent de Paul Food Bank**

Thanks from our St Vincent de Paul Conference to everyone who has generously donated to the collection basket for our Food Bank. To help us meet the growing need for emergency food parcels we invite you to donate long-life, bottled, or canned foods and things that help cooks on a very tight budget to make interesting dishes, such as cooking oil, stock, lemon juice, dried herbs and spices. We are not able to store fresh or refrigerated foods. Personal care items such as shampoo, toilet paper, nappies, deodorant, and laundry products are also welcome.

### **Holy Hour**

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 May at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

### **Parish Hibernian Society AGM**

A reminder that this meeting will be in the presbytery Mahony room on Wednesday at 5.45pm.  
Enquiries to Philip O'Brien on 0274 220 242.



### **ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL**

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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](mailto:dlukose001@gmail.com)

### St Patrick's College Open Day Tours

For those interested in enrolling their son at St Pat's for 2026, Open Days will be held on: Tuesday 27 May between 10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, and Thursday 29 May between 10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

These tours are informative, inclusive and enlightening and give families a live snapshot of a day in the life of our College.

Online bookings are now available by signing up via a google sign-up form on the college website - [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz)

Online Enrolments are now open, so go to the Enrolment Tab if you would like to enrol for 2026 now. Alternatively you can download the Enrolment Form and complete the appropriate forms and return them via hand or post to the College or send through email to [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz)

Alternatively, please get in touch with the College directly at 939 3070 for further enrolment information.

### 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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