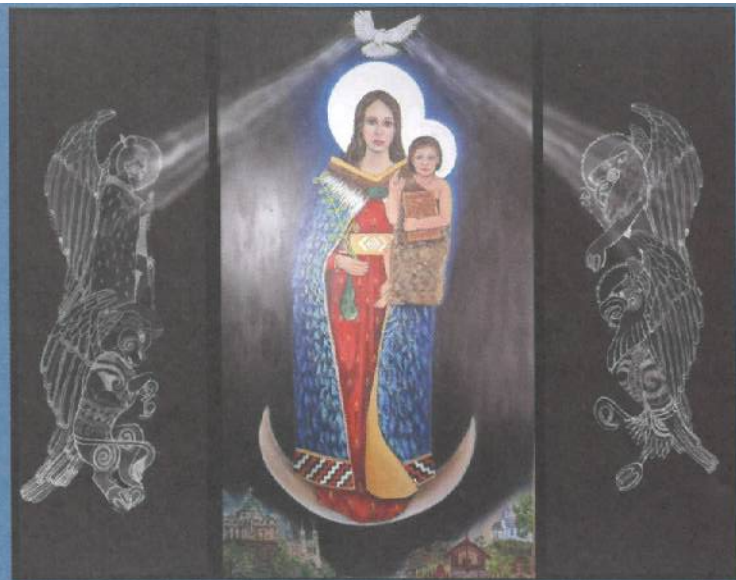


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Ko Hāia Māria, te Matua Wāhine o te Aina - Holy Mary, Mother of God

8 June 2025, Pentecost Sunday

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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.

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send will teach you everything.

Fifty days after Easter comes Pentecost, or Whit Sunday as it was commonly known. It is often called the Birthday of the Church, as it commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples assembled in Jerusalem, recounted in Acts chapter 2. As a result of Peter's preaching to the crowds about 3000 people became followers of Christ that day. For the Jews in Israel in those days it was the early harvest, a foretaste of what would hopefully come in greater abundance later in the year. In the same way, the first day of Pentecost for the disciples was a foretaste of what would come as the Gospel spread through the world, and even more people experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit.

As Christians today we are called to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit ourselves, not for our own sakes, but that we may play our part in the mission of Christ in our world. We are called to seek the Spirit's inspiration and guidance in our worship and devotional life so that God may empower us to serve His Kingdom.

We are called to discern the gifts of the Holy Spirit has placed in our personalities, so that we may work to develop those gifts and use them for the blessing and life enrichment of others. There may be other gifts, which come directly from the Holy Spirit, which God would like us to seek and ask for in prayer. Paul the Apostle outlines these mainly in his letter to the Romans and the Corinthians.

What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom. Understanding. Council. Fortitude Knowledge. Piety. Fear of God.

The fruits of the Spirit are: Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Goodness. Faithfulness. Gentleness. Self-control.

Holy Spirit, the giver of gifts, the One who guides our service for the Kingdom of God. Show us the right path and grant us the desire to be filled by You with all the power and resources that we need to bring praise to our God.

We pray: O God, you instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit: grant that in that light of that same Holy Spirit we may have a right understanding in all things, and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

Thoughts for Pentecost:

"If anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation. The old is gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5;17

"I consider everything loss, compared with the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

Philippians 3;8

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5;25

"Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another."

Hebrews 10;25

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Galatians 6;14

"Put on the full armor of Christ, so you can stand your ground. Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Take up your shield of faith, your helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all the saints."

Ephesians 6;13 -18

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Galatians 5;22, 23

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors"

2 Corinthians 5;2

This Week's Readings

First Reading: **Genesis** **11:1-9**
It was names Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.

Second Reading: **Romans** **8:22-27**
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel: **John** **7:37-39**
From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Proverbs 8:22-31**
Psalm: **8**
Second Reading: **Romans** **5: 1-5**
Gospel: **John** **16:12-15**



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,583
 Automatic Payments: \$3,502
Total: \$7,085

Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men at Joshua's next meeting on Thursday 19 June from 7pm for 7:30pm start. Venue is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral. Two activities – Steve Ready reflecting on “Christ’s Truth and Forgiveness” followed by Ken’s quiz on Genesis chapters 1 to 14. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

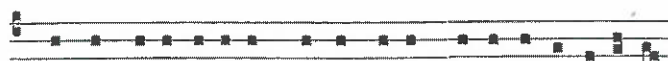
Thought for the Week

Life is a book you write, not a movie you watch.

Responsorial Psalm 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
 Lord God, how great you are,
 How many are your works, O Lord!
 The earth is full of your riches. **R.**
 You take back your spirit, they die,
 returning to the dust from which they came.
 You send forth your spirit, they are created;
 and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**
 May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
 May the Lord rejoice in his works!
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
 I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**



Quam admi-ra-bi-le est nomen tu-um in u-ni-versa terra.
How admirable is thy name in all the earth.

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Toye, John Ellis, Neni Beres

Anniversaries: Romulo Viernes, Peter Gilbert, Hilary Proctor, Michael Dunn, Joanna Heemskerk, Nola Griffin, Sharon Cowan, Marie Robinson, Joan Olson, Arie Roskam, Krystine Tomaszuk, Da Van Luyn, Gino Di Leva, Des Lyons

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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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 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.

Corpus Christi Vigil

You are invited to join us for 12-hour Adoration at St Mary of the Angels, from 7pm on Saturday 21 June to 7am on Sunday 22 June, concluding with mass at 7am. To volunteer for holy hour, sign up using the provided QR code or the logbook at the back of the SMOA Church. For further enquires, contact smayacs@gmail.com



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

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 17 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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