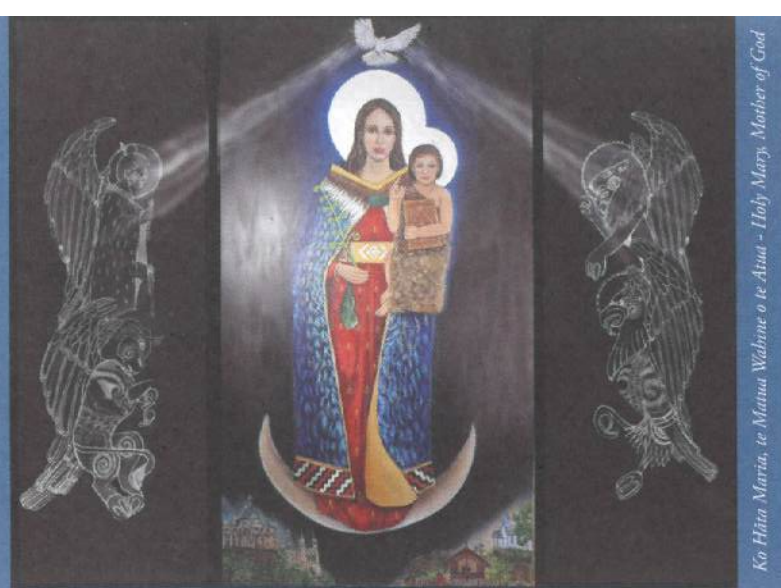


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22 June 2025, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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 blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the Blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the Body of Christ" (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:17). "Communion" is union with Christ's Body and Blood. To be united to him is to be one with his Body broken for others and his Blood poured out for others. This is the meaning of Christian sacrifice: we become what we eat and drink; bodies broken for others and blood poured out for others. How? We become bodies broken for others and blood poured out for others by our love and service.

And lest we forget, this love and service of others is not judged by their quantity but honoured by their quality. Nor is this love and service rated according to what is required. After all, if we love only those who love us, what thanks can we expect? We are to love even if there is no hope of return (cf. Luke 6:32, 35). Our Christian sacrifice, then, is the fruits of our love and service. Adoration of Christ's Body and Blood without the fruits of love and service would make a mockery of what we eat and drink.

So, in the words of the fourth century bishop and saint, Cyril of Jerusalem, "*Coming up to receive, then, do not have your wrists extended or your fingers spread, but make your left hand a throne for the right, for it is about to receive a King, and cupping your palm, receive the Body of Christ, and answer 'Amen'...After partaking of the Body of Christ, approach also the cup of his Blood...*" This is the "King" we receive, with whom we commune.

By this Holy Communion, we hold firm to what we have received: "For this is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my Body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me'. In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my Blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me'" (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:23-25).

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 9: 11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Psalm: 15

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,704

Automatic Payments: \$5,016

Total: \$8,720

Parish Office

Abby the Parish Manager is going on maternity leave from July and returning in a limited capacity from 18 August until the return to full time early next year. Mary Crewdson will be checking the Parish emails and the Parish Office will be open by appointment only, or when Sister Frances is in the office. If you need to visit the Parish Office during this time, please call or email the office to make arrangements.

Thought for the Week

The wise know they are fools.

Fools think they are wise

Responsorial Psalm 109

**R. You are a priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:

I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **R.**

The Lord will send from Zion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

A prince from the day of your birth

on the holy mountains;

from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **R.**



Tu es sacerdos in aeternum secundum ordinem Melchizedek.

Thou art a priest for ever according to the Order of Melchizedek.

Alpha for Youth

Calling all youth aged 13-19 years old!! Join us at Alpha for Youth from 27 July-14 Sept 2025 at St Tersea's church every Sunday from 11.30 to 1 pm.

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Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Tuesday 24 June, 7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome!

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Wysocki sm

Anniversaries: Barbara Kriebel, Bill Prior, r Bob Lee SM, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Veronica Nolan, Agnes Mora, James Healy, Mary-Rose Keller

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 Joe Savesi sm, Irene Reeve

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,
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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.

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Jim Meachen Bequest

A special thank you to Jim Meachen RIP who made a generous bequest to the St Mary of the Angel's Charitable Trust. We are always grateful for such gifts as they enable the community to safeguard the Church and its surrounds for future generations.

Carparking

A friendly reminder that the Presbytery carpark is not available to Parishioners. This carpark is for staff, tradespeople and visitors who have been invited to park here. Often if people park here without permission staff are needing to find parks elsewhere or are blocked in. If you have not been invited to use this carpark then please refrain from parking here.

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.

St Joseph's Church Tuesday Mass Cancelled

There is no Mass at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 24 June.

Fr Brian Wysocki SM RIP

Fr Brian Wysocki's funeral will be held at St Mary of the Angels Church on Tuesday 24 June at 10.30am. The Rosary will be held on Monday 23 June at 7pm also at St Mary of the Angels Church. Though retired for some years, Brian remained very active until recently. He kept in touch with Marists and other friends through phone calls and visits. It was willingly, though with some sadness, that he moved from St Mary of the Angel's and central Wellington to Marian Court at the beginning of 2024.

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Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain (Part Time 0.6FTE)

Anyone who is interested and has enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology should view this vacancy on Seek
To be considered, please submit a CV and cover letter the following via the Seek link below: Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa
Hutt Hospital, Health New Zealand -Te Whatu Ora, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley Closes: 4pm, 1 July 2025 <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/84857286?ref=cm-ui>

Preference Forms

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

SMOA Church App

If you haven't already downloaded our 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.

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