

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
The National Shrine of New Zealand
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
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St Mary of the Angels Church
17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central (04) 473 8074

St Joseph's Church
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10 August 2025, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

CUSTODIANS OF THE SHRINE

On the 13th of January 1838 Aotearoa New Zealand was dedicated to Mary as 'Our Lady Assumed into Heaven' by Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier when he celebrated the first mass in this country at Totara Point in the Hokianga, North Auckland.

On the Feast of the Assumption, 15th August 2021 all the country's bishops gathered in Wellington for a mass to renew Bishop Pompallier's 1838 dedication. They did so because many Catholic parishioners, during the nationwide Covid 19 lockdown in 2020, had urged the bishops to dedicate Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary to seek her protection. The bishops believed the idea of a renewal of that first dedication could help revitalize people in their faith during a period of pandemic crisis.

The bishops commissioned an artwork, 'Ko Hata Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God'. The artwork, once finished, went on a hikoi (pilgrimage): 'Te Ara a Maria - Mary's Way'. From St Mary of the Angels the image visited many communities in the six dioceses of Aotearoa New Zealand from August 2021 to August 2022 when it returned to its permanent home in the newly dedicated National Shrine of St Mary of the Angels.

As a Maori depiction of Mary, the artwork is of special significance to tangata whenua (people of the land). It is a taonga (treasure) for all Catholic faithful in Aotearoa New Zealand. As is the pounamu (greenstone) gifted by Ta (Sir) Mark Solomon of Christchurch in recognition of St Mary of the Angels being the National Shrine. Blessed by Archbishop Paul Martin on Waitangi Day 2024, this precious pounamu now rests at the feet of Mary.

I recall this history because we have been appointed by our bishops as custodians of the National Shrine and of the image of 'Ko Hata Maria'. This is not only a privilege. It is a mission. We have been chosen to invite people from near and far to think and reflect on the role of Mary in our world.

Have you yet thought of inviting a friend to come to the National Shrine and spend some time reflecting on 'Te Ara a Maria - Mary's Way'?

Perhaps you could do that this coming week when we gather with our bishops for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven. Keep free the evening of Friday 15th of August! Come and pray with us at 6.00pm. Bring a friend!

Kevin Mowbray SM

This Week's Readings

First Reading: **Wisdom** 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

Second Reading: **Hebrews** 11: 1-2, 8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel: **Luke** 12: 32-48

See that you are prepared.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Jeremiah** 38: 4-6, 8-10

Psalm: 39

Second Reading: **Hebrews** 12: 1-4

Gospel: **Luke** 12: 49-53



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3601.

Automatic Payments: \$5599

Total: \$9200

Thought for the Week

Lord God, may your Word and your Eucharist deepen our Faith in your Son and so may we become more like him-ready to serve and ready to give. May His Spirit strengthen us to share our time, our treasure and our talents, according to our ability to offer them, for the good of our parish and our Archdiocese.

Responsorial Psalm 32

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.



Be- a- ta gens ai- jus est Domi-nus De- us e- jus..

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Sacramental Programme

The children's sacramental programme is starting on 7 October 2025.

Children who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion.

The next programme starts on Tuesday, 7 October 2025. Please contact the Parish Office at

office.manager@smao.org.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information and to enrol your child.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Christopher Clayton, Peter Dady

Anniversaries: Anna Tait-Jamieson, Maria Kasperowicz, Suzanne Judd, Donald Urquhart-Hay, Kraft D'Souza, Vincent Rosario, Zenaida Angeles

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Pat Mahony, Saturino Viloria, Dr Bill Glass, Stephen George, Greg Hayward, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, John Price, Patricia Gurleyen.



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.

Join Us To Celebrate THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY!

On August 15th at 6.00pm all the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather here at St Mary of the Angels to celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven'.

This is the ~~patronal~~ feast of our country and the feast of our church, the National Shrine. Everyone is invited to attend this special occasion. Through the intercession of Mary, we will ask God, our Father, to continue to shelter our country from dissension and discord, from violence and from war, to protect us and watch over us.

After the mass there will be an opportunity to meet our Bishops in the church hall where light refreshments will be provided.

Extra car parking will kindly be made available for us by the Baptist community in their parking building opposite their church in Boulcott St.

Please mark this date and time in your calendars.

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

RCIA Programme

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.

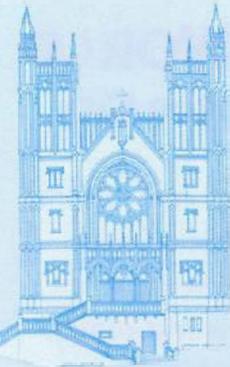
This programme runs from September to April and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith.

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.

MASS Cancelled—Due to the shortage of priests, we regret to announce that the 12.05 pm **Wednesday** Mass until **August 13th** has been cancelled. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Thank you for your understanding



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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Con Anima - The Big Sing Concert

with special guest MC
Nathan Lopa



Thursday 21 August
6:00-7:00pm (doors open 5:15pm)
O'Shea Performing Arts Centre

Tickets - via the QR code
\$15 adults
\$10 children and school students



Fundraising event to support Con Anima travel to The Big Sing Finale 2025 in Dunedin

Tickets are modestly priced at \$15 each and can be purchased via this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YMM>

We are incredibly proud of our talented choir, Con Anima, on reaching The Big Sing Finale.

The boys, together with Director of Music Roger Powdrell, have worked very hard to be one of only 24 choirs nationwide chosen to attend this prestigious event.

The Finale will be held in Dunedin in August. We are reaching out to our wider community to help the boys achieve their fundraising goal.

The boys will be performing a One of concert on

· Date: Thursday, 21 August 2025

· Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

· Venue: The O'Shea Performing Arts Centre, St Patrick's College, 581 Evans Bay Parade, Kilbirnie, Wellington 6022



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