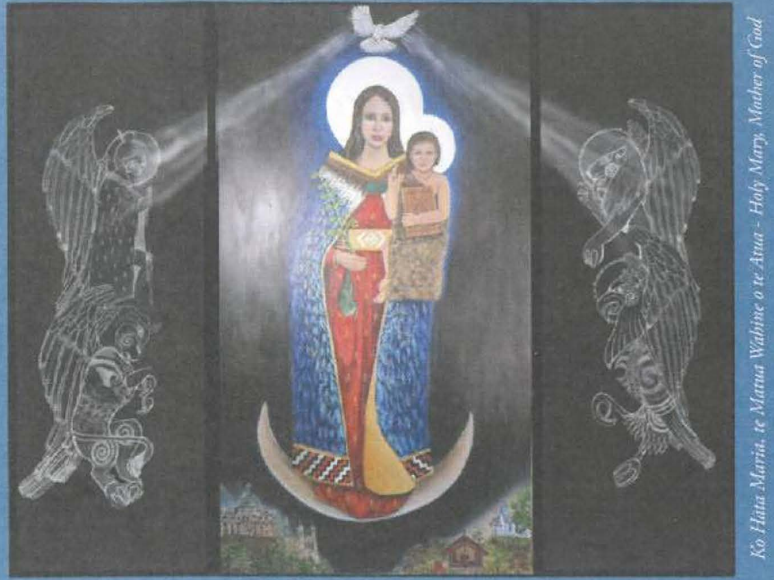


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17 August 2025, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

## Jesus came to light fire on the earth!

"I have come to bring fire," 'there is a baptism I must still receive', to bring....rather division'. These three sayings of Jesus are part of what is called the 'gospel of the sword', because as well as being a seed of unity the Gospel is a sword which cuts and divides.

'Leave me alone! Mind your own business!' is the usual reaction when others interfere with our way of life. We want to be happy in our own little world, with our good and perhaps also bad habits! Children don't like to be corrected by parents or teachers. Grown-ups unduly resent their employer's attempts to enhance their working methods. Parishioners may concede that priests should preach on sin, but they do not want them to go into details in which the congregation may be involved! If outsiders come as agitators they are told to go home, leave us alone!

Can we stand honest correction? The Gospel readings tell us of Jesus, who did not leave people alone. In the name of God, he had to speak. His sermons were corrective and aimed at restoring life as it should be! The fire which Jesus desires to be enkindled seems to be the fire that will purify those who are meant for the kingdom. In declaring: 'I have a baptism to receive', Jesus refers to baptism by immersion,' in other words he says: 'I will be immersed in pain and death.' and he shows that he is human by feeling anguish! Jesus could not conceive of himself of running a popularity contest. The description of family dissension is an emphatic presentation of the divisions he brings. Those who follow him must be willing to make even painful decisions. 'avoiding the occasion of sin!'

Often indeed adult life develops under what seems aggressiveness, it is difficult to make oneself understood, so much effort is required to build together what will last. For all of that, respect for others, for their limitations and hesitations, is not wanting. Jesus did not wish to be exempt from this general law governing human relations, he even strengthened it: with him charity became a fight against all forms of darkness which remain in us and society. Doubtless the Church has never been such an active ferment of provocation, division and conflict in the world as today. This is simply because, having finally ceased to be the Church of compromise with the established power, she is rediscovering the sharp taste of a Gospel which urges all to radical change, to Conversion.

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

Pastoral Worker

### This Week's Readings

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

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

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

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

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

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66: 18-21

**Psalm:** 116

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13: 22-630



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3129

Automatic Payments: \$3134

**Total: \$6263**

### 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 39

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.

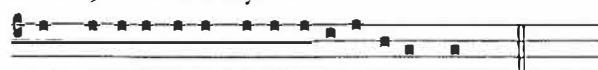
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. **R.**



Compla-ce- at ti-bi, Domi-ne. ut e-m- as me.

*Be pleased, O Lord to deliver me.*

### 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](mailto:mlyoung@gmail.com) for a meeting before the programme starts.

Registration closes on 28 August 2025.

### Mass has been offered for:

#### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Robert Teh, Pauline Hastings, Noel Galvin, Anna Zanotto, Rita Dewey, Kathleen McCready, Deyls Reed, Noeline Ryan, Br Adrian Kennedy Sm, Bernard Lynch, Kevin Fitzgerald, Dean Gifford, Bob Younger

**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, Patricia Gurleyen, 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.

### Pilgrimage of Hope

A Pilgrimage of Hope will take place at Hāto Mere/St Mary's,  
Pukekaraka, Otaki on Sunday, 31st August.

Ngati Kapu invites all parishioners from the Wellington  
Archdiocese to arrive in time for the Powhiri on the Marae at  
1 pm.

Our programme includes sharing aspects of our Māori, Marist and  
Marian history and spirituality through talks, prayer and time to  
experience the spirit of Pukekaraka. You are welcome to come  
with some special hope or prayer on paper, which will be buried  
with a tree to commemorate this Year of Jubilee. Our formal  
gathering will finish about 4 pm.

There will be parking in the school and Church grounds for early  
arrivals or you can park along Te Rauparaha Street, which leads  
into 4 Convent Road, where we are sited. If parishes or individuals  
have an approximate idea of the number of pilgrims who might be  
coming, please email – [pukekaraka1@gmail.com](mailto:pukekaraka1@gmail.com).

### Thank you from St Vincent de Paul

A sincere thank-you to those who have continued donating  
supplies into the St. Vincent de Paul food basket at the rear of  
St. Mary of the Angels church, and a special thanks to the Spring  
of Life Fellowship for a recent substantial contribution. This helps  
us to keep up with the increasing demand from Wellington's needy  
people. If you would like to help the poor through personal  
contact, why not join our Vinnies group. The next meeting is on  
Tuesday, August 19, in the Mahony Room of the SMOA  
Presbytery at 6pm.

Together we can put our faith into action..

### 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

### Catherine's College 75th Jubilee

St. Catherine's College Kilbirnie is celebrating its  
75th Jubilee over Labour Weekend, 24–26  
October 2025. The long weekend will be an  
opportunity for past students and teaching staff to  
connect and share memories of their days at the  
College. Tickets are now on sale at  
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/WYU> for  
three functions during the Jubilee weekend:

Friday 24 October 2025 Cocktail Party 5:30 to  
8:30pm - \$40

Saturday 25 October 2025 Jubilee Festival Noon  
to 3.00pm - \$30

Sunday 26 October 2025 Liturgy & Lunch 11:30  
to 2:00pm - \$20

Please email [sccjubilee2025@gmail.com](mailto:sccjubilee2025@gmail.com) if you  
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joining our celebrations.



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# Con Anima - The Big Sing Concert

with special guest MC

Nathan Lopa



Thursday 21 August  
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O'Shea Performing Arts Centre

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\$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:

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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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