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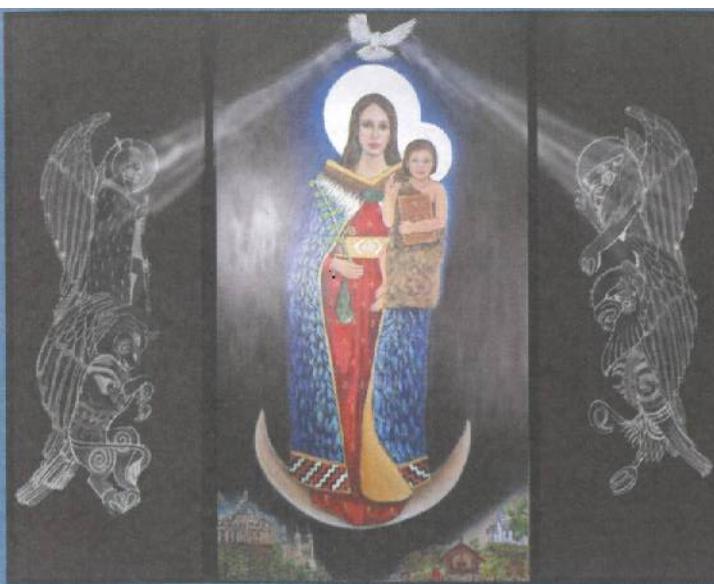
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Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
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St Mary of the Angels Church

17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central (04) 473 8074

St Joseph's Church

154 Brougham St, Mt Victoria, Wellington (04) 385 0915



Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

31 August 2025, 22nd Sunday of 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.

There is no doubt that Jesus would have been an interesting guest to have for dinner. He enjoyed company, he enjoyed good food and wine. Yet, his actions and words often portray him as an uncomfortable guest. He may well have earned the reputation as being one whom you would hesitate to invite for a meal.

Hospitality is a very important ingredient in the Christian life. We are invited in the scriptures to follow Jesus' command and be people of love and compassion and in reaching out to those in need. In the Church we do this in so many ways. Each week I witness the generosity of the Parish community in providing food for the St Vincent de Paul food basket at the back of the Church. The work of the St Vincent de Paul Society is always hidden and unknown. They provide for the needs of the wider community and many of our Catholic schools have groups of Young Vinnies who provide for families in these challenging and difficult economic times.

I read in the New Zealand Catholic Bishop's publication 'CATHNEWS' this week that more than a hundred Vincentians from around the recently gathered in Wellington to embark on a process of 'Refounding' the Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand. The article went on to say that 'as conferences and individuals we have to recapture the inspiration and dynamism of those who founded the society. Our goal is to re-awaken the spirit that inspired Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his companions in their radical service of others'.

I know that our own Parish St Vincent de Paul Society conference is always looking for more members to continue the wonderful outreach which has been part of the Church for nearly 200 years. If you would like to consider joining our Parish SVDP please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office and we will assist in arranging for someone to provide further information.

Like Jesus, the late Pope Francis called the Church to have at its heart 'an outreach to the poor'. He called us like the parable in the Gospel today 'to bring about God's reign' and to be part of the 'great reversal' where those who take the places of honour will be called to vacate those seats and be replaced by those whose humility will call them to be exalted.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Assistant Priest

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Financial information for Parishioners – August 2025

As set out overleaf our financial situation is not good.

Simply put, we can't continue to carry on much longer with our current level of expenditure with our current level of income.

We are currently forecasting to "run out" of cash in August 2026 (that is, we will not have enough cash to pay for our ongoing current level of expenditure).

To maintain the level of parish activities that we currently have, we need to increase our income by **40%**

(needed increase is \$240,000 for 2026/27 as 50% of any increase in income needs to be passed on to the Archdiocese as a levy for the support of the clergy across the Archdiocese; also to support Archdiocesan costs such as support for the Archbishop and seminarian training expenses).

If we are unable to substantially increase our income then, as a Parish, we will need to consider some unpalatable decisions on how to reduce our expenditure.

Our largest costs are:

- Salaries – Office staff and the Music Director
- Rates
- Insurance
- Repairs and maintenance

Over the past couple of years we have looked at other possible sources of income – sadly without much success. In the longer term we may be able to generate better income from the properties at St Joseph; however in the short term this is unlikely with the uncertainties around the possible start of a second tunnel under Mt Victoria.

St Mary of the Angels Parish

	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Forecast	2026/27 Forecast	
Bank account	90,934	20,128	(99,301)	Currently we are forecasting to "run out" of cash in August 2026
Income and expenditure				
Planned giving and cash contributions	454,267	451,869	465,425	Forecast figures based on latest trend in planned giving and cash contributions.
Rental income (St Joseph properties)	38,478	36,240	37,327	
Votive candles	38,989	33,658	34,668	Forecast figures based on latest trend.
Parking revenue	27,150	15,390	11,020	Significant reduction in demand.
Donations	21,234	18,092	18,635	Forecast figures based on latest trend.
Other revenue	45,554	45,554	46,921	
Archdiocesan levy	625,673	600,804	613,996	
	(214,850)	(231,806)	(238,760)	Largely to support clergy across the Archdiocese; also to support Archdiocesan costs such as support for the Archbishop and seminarian training expenses.
Net income	410,823	368,998	375,236	
Salaries	(133,204)	(116,583)	(141,628)	Office Manager on maternity leave for part of 2025/26
Rates	(79,958)	(73,915)	(101,480)	2025/26 forecast includes a large (backdated) remission of rates related to earthquake strengthening of Boulcott Street church.
Insurance	(110,692)	(87,752)	(85,151)	70% of this cost relates to natural disaster insurance; largely for the Parish Centre and demolition costs for the two churches. For 2025 onwards we have a cost sharing arrangement for natural disaster insurance with the Cathedral Parish and the Archdiocese.
Repairs and maintenance	(61,343)	(60,000)	(61,800)	
Votive candle expenses	(17,067)	(7,899)	(8,136)	
Other	(91,059)	(95,213)	(98,069)	
Expenditure	(493,324)	(441,362)	(496,265)	
Net deficit before depreciation	(82,501)	(72,364)	(121,029)	This is effectively the amount of cash shortfall we have each year.
Depreciation - buildings and organ	(210,103)	(222,480)	(222,480)	
Write-down of buildings (St Joseph)	(420,000)			
Net deficit after depreciation	(712,604)	(294,844)	(343,509)	

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18

Psalm: 89

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,966
Automatic Payments: \$4,739
Total: \$8,705

St Joseph's Tuesday Mass Cancellation

The Tuesday Mass will be cancelled from Tuesday 2 September for 6 weeks due to Priest availability. There will be a lay led Liturgy of the Word held in its place at 8.30am on Tuesday's at St Joseph's Church.

Thought for the Week

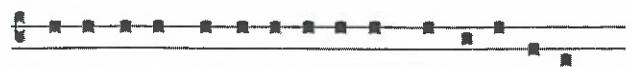
Thought for the Week

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 67

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. R. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. R. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. R.



Pa- ras- ti in dul-œ-di-ne tu- a paupe- ri De- us-.
In thy sweetness O Lord, thou hast provided for the poor.

Common Grace—Maori Ward Referendum

In the upcoming local body elections we will be invited to vote in the Māori ward referendum, which will determine whether we keep the Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward in Wellington City. The Ecumenical group Common Grace Aotearoa, with the support of the Ecumenism Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese, has produced material to explore this complex and often misunderstood issue.

On Wednesday 3 September, 6-8pm, in St Joseph's Church, 154 Brougham Street, we will be sharing this material in an interactive discussion to help us make informed decisions on this important issue.

Please email js5445143@gmail.com if you are planning on coming, to give an idea of numbers

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Joseph Scanlon

Anniversaries: Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory, Louis Hannan, Brian Stempa, Patricia Smith, Judith Mary Blair, Carmel Pledger

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, Gillian Dudfield, 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.

Children's Sacramental Programme

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.

St Vincent de Paul

We at Wellington City St Vincent de Paul want to thank everyone who supports us with prayers, volunteering on foodbank collection days, gifting food, and making donations through our QR code. This helps to reflect Christ in our world. Here's a short summary of our past year's work.

Our core activity is visiting and spending time with people who are lonely, hospitalised, or housebound in our area. In the last twelve months we made 311 visits. In addition, we delivered 234 food parcels to people in need; furnished and provided moving assistance for 31 households, mostly for refugee families; provided financial support for schools to assist students in need with the cost of uniforms, school supplies, and school activity fees (an increased need with job-losses in our area); collected 90 boxes of food donated by customers at the Newtown New World supermarket; hosted 25 morning teas for residents of social housing; provided clothing, household goods, and bedding for many people in need.

Your support helps to make a difference in our city, especially in these cold days of winter.

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

Angelus Prayer for Peace

The Angelus Prayer will be said each day at the Midday Mass. for Peace in Gaza.

Exposition

Exposition is held every Friday from 11am until 11.50am at St Mary of the Angels Church , followed with Benediction. We encourage you to come.

Passionist Family Group Working Bee

The Passionist Family Groups Community Outreach Event this year is to be held at St Patrick's Primary School on Saturday the 6th September 9am till noon.

The event will take the form of a WORKING BEE as we help get the school grounds ready for the schools 100th celebrations on Sunday 14th September.

We would love what help we can get as there is a list of work to tackle!

If you can help - please come along to the school at 5 Childers Tce Kilbirnie at 9am, bring gardening gloves, garden forks (big and small) window cleaning equipment and a small plate to share for morning tea.

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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 2 September 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

Mass for Young People

Come celebrate Mass with young people across Wellington at the September Late Night Mass for Young People! Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8pm on September 5th to celebrate the Eucharist together with Fr Kinh. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer. You are all warmly invited!

Come & See Vocations

Saturday 30 August from 9.00am till 12noon at St Teresa's Church, Karori. Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Starts with Mass at 9.00am at St Teresa's Church, Karori. Text 021 164 5800 or email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz to let us know you're coming!

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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