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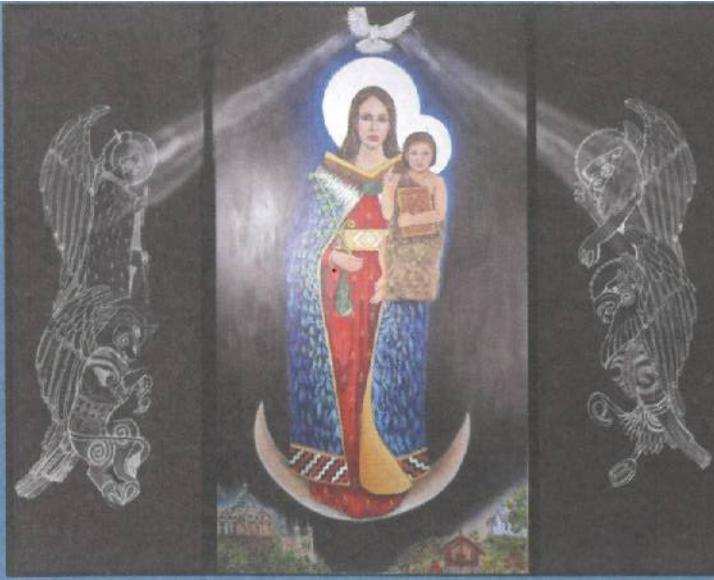
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21 September 2025, 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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.

Children's Sacramental Programme

The sacramental programme for children who are in Year 4 and above will begin in October with preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Next year the preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will take place.

The preparation programme for Confirmation will begin with a parent night on Tuesday 7 October. If you wish to know more about the First Sacraments programme please contact the Parish Office at: office.manager@smoa.org.nz or you can contact us by telephone 04 473 8074.

Children must have already received the sacrament of Baptism to participate.

Rest In Peace

Last week I learned of the death of Peter Menzies. Peter lived in Auckland and his Mass of Requiem was celebrated at St Vincent de Paul Church in Milford last Monday.

Peter was a very generous benefactor to the seismic strengthening work of St Mary of the Angels Church. He came to see me in 2015 when work on the Church was well underway. He told me how important St Mary of the Angels was to him. After his education at St Patrick's College, Silverstream, he came to the Church to light a candle and pray through the intercession of Our Lady to be granted a scholarship so he could study engineering. He gained the scholarship and went on to have a very successful business career. He never forgot St Mary of the Angels Church.

We pray eternal life for Peter and offer his family our sincere sympathy. May he receive the fullness of eternal life for his generous and faith filled life.

Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa

We have been advised of the death in Rome of Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, the former Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and Oceania. He suffered a severe stroke in Wellington in 2023 and some months later, in 2024, he was able to travel to Rome where he had since been in care. May he rest in peace.

Society Mary General Chapter

We keep in our prayers the Society of Mary General Chapter which is being held at the present time in Nemi about 40 kms from Rome. A General Chapter is held every 8 years and it is always an important gathering for Marists as it sets the agenda for the Society of Mary throughout the world for the next 8 years. Please keep this in your prayers over the next 4 weeks.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Acting Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money?

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Let prayers be offered to God for everyone, he wants all people to be saved.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13
You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm: 145

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$4,540
Automatic Payments:	\$3,476
Total:	\$8,016

St Joseph's Tuesday Mass

There will be no Mass on Tuesdays at St Joseph's until 28 October because of priest unavailability. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 8.30am each Tuesday.

Holy Hour

Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest. 7.30 - 8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Tuesday 23 September and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Peter Menzies

Anniversaries: Anthea Walters, Breda Smith

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, 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.

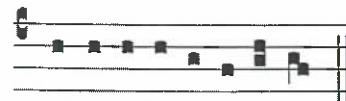
Responsorial Psalm 112

R. . Praise, the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Praise , O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! R.

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? R.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. R.



Angelus Prayer for Peace

The Angelus Prayer is said each day at the Midday Mass. A special prayer for peace in Gaza.

Called & Equipped Formation Programme -

Applications for 2026 now open.

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would you like to know more about what it means to be catholic? Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough? JOIN US on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service.

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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.

Referendum on Māori Wards During the Local Elections

Many city councils and some regional councils will be holding referendums during the coming local body elections, Sept-Oct 2025. Common Grace Aotearoa ecumenical movement has produced **Belonging in this Land** to enable learning about the Māori wards system. It is designed to create space for curious, gracious and informed conversations in group or parish settings, grounded in the Christian faith tradition and guided by tangata whenua. Speakers include Church leaders Sir David Moxon, Dr Alistair Reese, Jay Ruka and Te Aroha Rountree. Contact: Mons. Gerard Burns of the ADW EJP Commission or: commongrace.nz/maoriwards

Care for Creation and Catholic Social Teaching - Save the date!

During September Christians reflect on the need to care for the earth, our common home. In our Archdiocese the Commission for Ecology, Justice, and Peace is asked to reflect on church and society in light of this tradition. The Commission extends an invitation to everyone interested in reflecting on ecology, justice and peace to gather on **Saturday 4 October**, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, from 9.30am to 12.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. We will celebrate Mass and take time to share and reflect on issues of concern. We hope this will be a time of sharing and of making connections. A plate of food to share would be appreciated. Enquiries to Jim McAloon - jmcaloone@xtra.co.nz

Missionary Sisters of Peter Claver

Shared Spring Dinner Fundraiser held on Saturday 11th October at 6pm in St Anne's Catholic Church Hall, 22 Emmett Street Newtown. Please bring a plate of food to share. Tickets available from the hall entrance from 6pm. Adults-\$15, \$10 6-12 year olds, free for 5 and under.

Inside the Conclave with Cardinal John Dew

Invite your friends, family and co-workers to a very special morning event on **Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 6.30am** at The Wellington Club (88 The Terrace, Wellington) to find out what happens inside the Conclave, from the only living New Zealander who's been inside. Cardinal John Dew will talk about his time at the Vatican during the funeral of Pope Francis and then taking part in the Conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV. Tickets are \$40 per person. There will be light breakfast nibbles, tea and coffee available from 6.30am, with the presentation commencing at 7.00am. Tickets can be booked at: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YVJ>

Sacred Music Workshop with Dr Robert Loretz

Calling all interested in liturgical music-Saturday 11 October from 10am to 4pm at the St Mary's of the Angel's Parish Hall in Boulcott Street. \$20 per person. To register email smoayasing@gmail.com and you will receive a link to our registration form. For more information phone Monica on 021 299 1138.

Living Wage (LW) update

SMA is now a member organisation. The parish supports the Living Wage (LW) Movement. The official NZ minimum wage is \$23.50 per hour. The LW set at \$27.95 is promoted to better help workers to receive sufficient to support their families. The values of the movement align with Catholic Social Teachings and Rerum Novarum, reflecting the moral obligation of respect for the dignity of work and that all workers should receive a just and fair wage. Currently the LW movement has initiatives in place encouraging the University of Wellington and Resene paints to move towards ensuring all staff are paid a minimum of the Living Wage (Parish Social Justice Group)



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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 23 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

5pm Music Liturgy- Interested in being involved?

We are looking for more people (singers and musicians) to be part of the music liturgy at the Sunday 5pm Mass.

Music is an important component of the Mass and our aim is to support the congregation to pray and sing. There are no big rehearsal commitments or auditions.

If you are interested and would like to contribute, please get in touch. Find us before or after Mass, or email:

Kathy (5pm music- kathyperreau1@gmail.com)

and William (Director of Music - wmcelweemusic@gmail.com).

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation – Love is a Decision

Register online now on the Archdiocesan website for the next Course, consecutive **Sundays 2 & 9 November** 10.00am-4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. The November course will be the last course for 2025. The first course in 2026 will be in March. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Exposition

Exposition is held each morning Monday-Friday at 6.30am—7.20am and every Friday from 11am until 11.50am. The Friday Exposition is followed with Benediction. We invite you to come.

Jubilee of Justice Webinar—September 19

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is hosting a 30-minute webinar to celebrate the Jubilee of Justice. This will include an update on the progress of the global "Turn Debt Into Hope" campaign focusing on debt justice, and expert advice on how to advocate for justice in your local community. The webinar will feature guests from NZ and Australia with specialist expertise. Mark your diaries for 12.30pm on Friday, September 19. Find out more and learn how you can get involved at www.caritas.org.nz/season-of-creation-2025



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