

### 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 7 October 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](mailto:dlukose001@gmail.com)

### Sacred Music Workshop with Dr Robert Loretz

Calling all interested in liturgical music - Saturday October 11 from 10am - 4pm at the St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall in Boulcott Street, Wellington. \$20pp all inclusive. To register email [smoayasinging@gmail.com](mailto:smoayasinging@gmail.com) and you will receive a link to our registration form. For more information phone Monica on 021 2991138

### 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.

### 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](mailto:kathyperreau1@gmail.com)) and William (Director of Music - [wmcelweemusic@gmail.com](mailto:wmcelweemusic@gmail.com)).

### 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.

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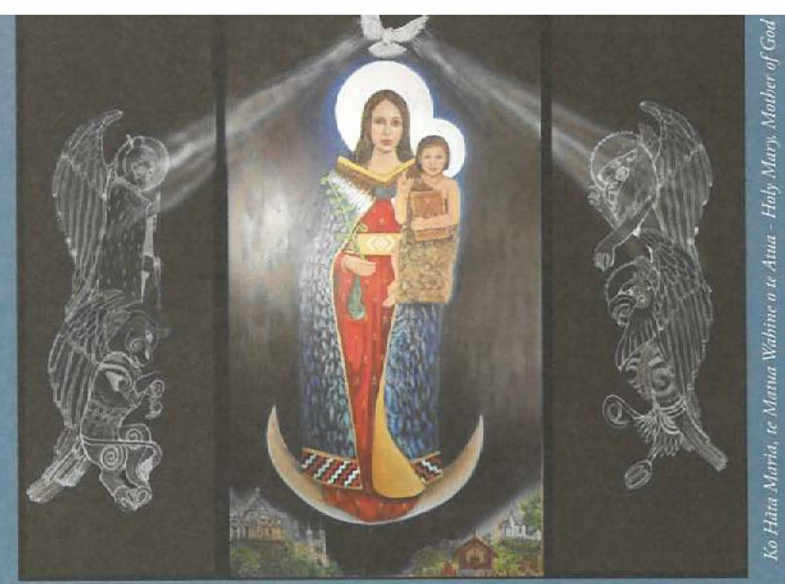
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# The Angelus

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Ko Hāna Maria, te Marua Whānui o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

28 September 2025, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Indifference

The rich man Lazarus; a parable which is well known. A rich man was not a wicked man, and Lazarus, (Lazarus which means 'Help from God') was simply there, asking nothing. Between these two was an unbridgeable gap. A chasm of ignorance, egoism, self-sufficiency has opened around the one who enjoyed himself; his slumbering conscience untouched by poverty's reproach. The one who lives so well must take care, death has its consequences. Judgement lies in wait for him who is unable to accept the call to change his ways.

In today's Gospel parable the rich man ended up in hellfire, not because he did something evil to Lazarus, who was lying at his door. He did not object to this poor man's presence outside his door; he did not call the police to have the poor man removed from his house; he did not kick and push the man off his property. He did nothing to the poor man. That is the precise reason he ended up in hellfire. *He did nothing*. He was indifferent. He was simply a spectator. He did not notice the poor man outside his door. He was utterly indifferent. And when the rich man did see the poor man, it was too late. 'From his place of torment,' he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.'

What today's Gospel condemns is the sin of INDIFFERENCE- the sin of 'doing nothing' in the face of human suffering, the sin of looking the other way and refusing to get involved. This is the sin of the priest and the levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) and the sin of those condemned to eternal punishment in the parable of the Last Judgement (Mt.25: 31-46) "What you did not do to one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did not do for me."

We need to model our lives on Jesus' selfless example of love and service, particularly in caring for those in need. The parable is a stark warning; those with possessions and privilege have a duty to share them generously with those less fortunate. The readings are a profound reminder that our actions, or lack thereof have eternal consequences. Our choices regarding the poor and suffering are a direct reflection of our commitment to God's will.

Sr Frances Gibbs- Pastoral Worker

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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.



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Amos 6:1, 4-7  
*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 6: 11-16  
*Obeys the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31  
*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4  
**Psalm:** 94  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14  
**Gospel:** Luke 17: 5-9



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,401  
Automatic Payments: \$5,104  
**Total: \$8,505**

### 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.

### Rite of Welcome

At the 9am Mass this Sunday (28 September), the Rite of Welcome will be celebrated to formally receive into the Catechumenate the participants of our 2025-2026 Parish RCIA Programme.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Brother Gerard Hogg sm,

**Anniversaries:** Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty, Norma Burns, O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyons, Miriam Wilkins, Paul Barber

**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, 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 145

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



Lauda á-nima me- a Dó-mi-num.

*Praise the Lord, O my soul.*

### Diaconate Ordination

We pray Seminarian Emilio Capin who was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Michael Gielen last Friday evening at Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby.

Deacon Emilio is being ordained for the Archdiocese of Wellington. We pray for him as he continues his journey towards Ordination as a priest next year.

We pray for all our Seminarists both in the Diocesan and Marist formation and we ask God to continue to bless us with more vocation to Priesthood and religious life.

### 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.

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

During September Christians have been reflecting 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 - [jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz)

### Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Invites everyone for the webinar on "Raising a Catholic family in the Third Millennium" with Cameron & Cheryl Surrey on **Wednesday, 8 October**, 5.00-6.00pm on Zoom. To register, go to <https://form.jotform.com/250418045698059>. You can find the post for this webinar also on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### Come & See Vocations Morning

On Saturday 18 October from 9.30am till 12.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie. Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Text 021 164 5800 or email [lhensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:lhensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) to let us know you're coming!

### The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation - Love is a Decision

Register online now on the Archdiocesan website for the next Course, on **Sundays 2 & 9 November** 10.00am-4.00pm 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](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### 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](mailto: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.

### "A Journey of Hope: Combating Pornography on the Internet -A Catholic Approach to Healing and Freedom"

A book by Fr Robert Steele, Parish Priest, Pukekohe in the Auckland diocese. Pornography leaves many trapped in cycles of shame and despair. A Journey of Hope offers a path to freedom through faith, healing, and practical strategies. With honesty and compassion, Fr. Robert Steele shows that God's mercy is greater than any struggle, and that real hope is possible. Available at Link: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FR6FD8VJ>

### E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off Day

On Saturday, 11 October 2025 from 10.00am – 2.00pm at 12 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington. All proceeds will go towards the Sacred Heart Cathedral's Restoration Project. See the poster on the parish noticeboard, or attached, for items that will be accepted and costs.



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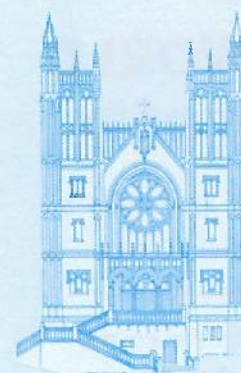
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