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St Mary of the Angels Parish
The National Shrine of New Zealand
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St Mary of the Angels Church

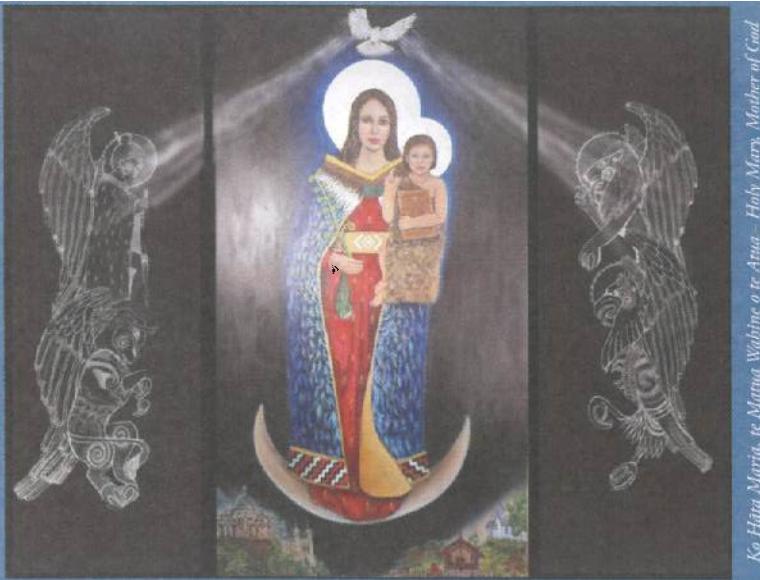
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St Mary of the Angels Church

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.

02 November 2025, All Souls' Day

On the 24th of November I will be leaving St Mary of the Angels to take up a new and permanent appointment in Christchurch.

This new appointment did not come as a surprise to me as I knew I would be shifting in the New Year of 2026. However, what did catch me by surprise was the speed with which it needs to be implemented! I thought I would have more time to make my goodbyes and say 'thank you' to the many people of the parish who have made my time as parish priest here at St Mary of the Angels so memorable and so enjoyable.

Much has changed in the parish in those six years. I began as parish priest at the beginning of 2020. Just a few months later the Covid virus hit and caused such disruption, pain and heartache to our community and all others in New Zealand.

Then, in response to the Covid virus, the Bishops of New Zealand chose St Mary of the Angels church as the National Shrine, a special place to pray for Mary's protection for all who live in Aotearoa New Zealand. The image, 'Ko Hata Maria', commemorating this choice, is now at the back of the church.

There were other changes too. As a parish we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the building of the church. Our cherished, beautiful, iconic St Mary of the Angels church was built by Fr. Stan Mahony sm after the First World and was opened in 1922. Our celebrations for this occasion were rather muted because Covid was still present amongst us in 2022.

We also undertook to complete the renovation of the parish offices and hall – a real financial challenge in difficult times. But we succeeded! Approximately \$1.2 million was raised for this project and now we and many others are enjoying the benefits.

Above all the community at St. Joseph's joined us and so we became one parish together. Together, our two communities cover the inner city from Hataitai to the University and provide facilities and opportunities for worship and service that are welcomed by a wide range of people searching for God.

I mention these changes, each important in their own way, as evidence of how vibrant the parish is and how committed the parishioners. And this is why I want to thank each one of you for what you bring to our community and the support you have offered me over the past six years. It has been a joy and a privilege to walk with you in faith as we have experienced together the highs and the lows of life in Wellington and in our parish. Inadequate as these few words are I want you to know that I will carry so many wonderful memories with me. St Mary of the Angels will always have a special place in my heart,

Thank you!

Fr. Kevin Mowbray sm

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1, 4-6, 12-14
Dry bones, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17
Young man, I say to you

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm: 45

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,949
Automatic Payments: \$5,037
Total: \$8,986

Called & Equipped Formation Programme

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. Applications close on 30th November 2025. For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 04 496 1715.

Tuesday 4 November Midday Mass

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Tuesday 4 November at 12.05pm due to a clergy meeting.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Gurleyen, Mr Gioan Baotixitango.

Anniversaries: Stephen Reidy, Paul Churchward, Leslie Thomas Jones

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, 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 45

R. Lord this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas: on the waters he made it firm. R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

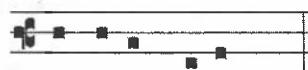
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.



Domi-nus il-humi-na-ti- o me- a.



et sa-lus me- a.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College Enrolments

Enrolments for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester One 2026 will run until 21 November 2025. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. You can find the post for this on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



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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.

Advent: a hikoi for Pilgrims of Hope

In this new book, Bringing the Word to Life, Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Connecting Biblical truth with modern-day examples, they provide valuable spiritual nourishment for Catholics as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close – and a new year begins. As Archbishop Paul says, "I highly recommend it, and I know that you will find the reflections by fellow Catholics relevant and reflecting our faith experience within the context of this beautiful country we live in." If you are interesting on purchasing for \$8.00, please contact the Parish Office to make an order.

Mass of Remembrance

The Mass of Remembrance to celebrate all who have died this year and our relatives and friends who have passed on will be held on Saturday 8 November at 11am. All are welcome.

World Youth Day 2027

Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please fill out the expression of interest form below and email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz for any questions.

E-Waste Recycling

E-Waste Recycling Drop-Off Day is now on Saturday, 22 November 2025 from 9.30am – 1.30pm 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.

Many Thanks for Jackets for Refugee Family

St Vincent de Paul City Conference received a great response from parishioners from St Mary of the Angels and St Joes to its request for warm quality jackets for a newly arrived refugee family of 13 from Somalia. We were able to meet their need for warm clothing.

Many thanks to those of you who were able to help this family. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

50th Anniversary Mass

St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley - Sunday, 9 November 2025 at 10.00am. Join us for a special Parish Mass celebrating 50 years since the opening of St. Francis Xavier Church. This will be the only Mass in the Parish that Sunday (usual Saturday vigil mass remains) - let's come together to mark this milestone with joy and gratitude. All are welcome - let's make it a celebration to remember!

Bach Choir Concert

The Bach Choir of Wellington invites you to their final concert of 2025 in collaboration with Nota Bene and the Chisea Ensemble – Bach Christmas Oratorio BWV 248 (Parts 1,11,111, and V1) We are joined by soloists Georgia Jamieson-Emms, Maaike Christie-Beekman, Iain Tetley and Robert Tucker.

Tickets available on Eventfinda. The concert is on Saturday 15th November, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Concert

The Cathedral Saturday Vigil Music Group of Sacred Heart Cathedral has been putting together a concert for Sunday 2nd of November at 2.00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. It is primarily to honour our leader, Sr Marie Gore, and it is also a fundraiser for the Cathedral. The programme is of classical, operatic, and contemporary music, all performed by the Vigil Mass Group and other Wellington musicians. The entry fee is \$20.00 Adult, \$15.00 Concession, \$40.00 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children). Tickets at the door.

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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 4 November 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

Vineyard Recollection Weekend

MFC Singles Wellington cordially invites All Singles 20-35 years old for a Vineyard Recollection Weekend:

On 8 November from 9am – 5:30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

\$25 per person (includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea)

I am the Vine, You are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing. John 15:5

Learn more about us: <https://www.facebook.com/mfcnz>
<https://missionaryfamiliesofchrist.org>

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.

November is Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal Month

We live in challenging times – times that are causing many people to lose hope. The poor and vulnerable among us are especially affected. This is why we need your help. Your ongoing support helps us bring hope to those who need it. Supporting this valuable mahi is easy, and there are many ways to do so, including the link: www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

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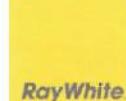
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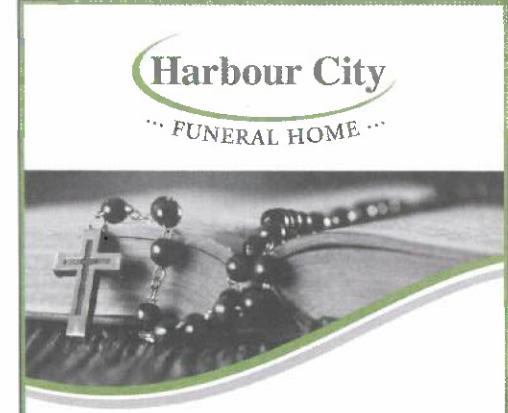
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