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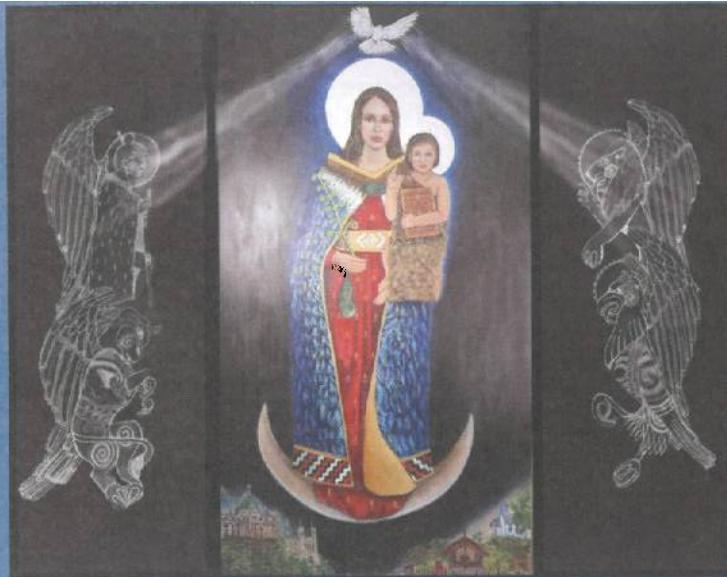
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Ko Hāia Mari, te Matau Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

12 October 2025, 28th 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.

Support Life Sunday

Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life. Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, *Te Kahu o te Ora*: “We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions.” **Support Life Sunday 2025** provides an opportunity, within this year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

Rest in Peace

The Society of Mary mourns the loss of respected Marist and priest Father Grahame Connolly sm. Father Grahame died at the Little Sister of the Poor rest home in Auckland on Saturday 4 October.

Father Grahame held many significant roles for the Marists over many years. He was the director of the Futuna Retreat House in Karori during the 1980's and was later elected the Provincial of the Society. He was the first Rector of Mt St Mary's Seminary in Auckland in 1991 after the seminary have moved from Greenmeadows in Hawkes Bay. He completed his active ministry in the Parish of St Anne's Parish, Manurewa in the early 2000's.

We give thanks for Father Grahame and his long service as a Marist priest to the Church. May he rest in peace.

Holy Hour for Peace

Taking up the call from our Holy Father Pope Leo, Archbishop Paul invites us to pray in October for peace.

Parishes throughout our Archdiocese will also be praying for peace on Sunday, 12 October, at the Cathedral from 3pm-4pm.

We hope you will join us in praying that we may live in harmony with one another here in our shared home on earth. All welcome.

Children's First Sacraments Programme

The sacramental programme for our young people who have been baptized is now underway. The first of two parent sessions was held last Tuesday evening and the second will be held on Thursday this week. The children sessions begin on Sunday 19 October. The first sacrament to be conferred will be the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 23 October at the Cathedral. Archbishop Paul will be the celebrant.

Please keep the children who are preparing for these sacraments and their families in your prayers.

Fr Barry Scannell sm—Acting Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17
Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19
It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm: 120

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3,750
Automatic Payments:	\$7,857
Total:	\$11,607

“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>

Responsorial Psalm 97

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**



No-tum fe-cit Dómi-nus sa-lu-tá- re su- um:

The Lord hath made known his salvation.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College Enrolments

Enrolments for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester One 2026 will run from **22 September – 21 November 2025**. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. You can find the post for this on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Grahame Connolly sm

Anniversaries: Bill Maher, Michael O'Loughlin, Ann Ross

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.

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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.

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. For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 04 496 1715.

Nostra Aetate

Celebrating 60 Years of the Church's call to dialogue with people of all faiths. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations welcomes all who wish to join us as we acknowledge Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document promulgated on 28 October 1965, and outline contemporary approaches to religious dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand Today. To be held on: **Tuesday, 28 October 2025 from 7.00 – 8.00pm**. Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>

Come & See Vocations Morning – 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: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz to let us know you're coming!

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.

Carparks for Rent

We have some secure carparks to rent on weekdays beside the Church on O'Reily Avenue. If you are interested in knowing more please contact Father Barry at the Parish Office on 04 473 8074.

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

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!

Catholic Kiwi Podcast

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of Season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

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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 21 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

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).

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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