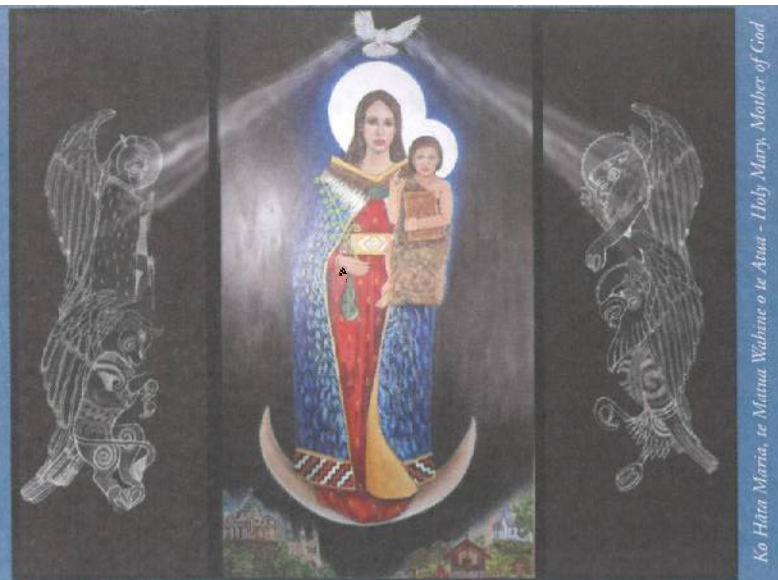


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Ko Hīta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

19 October 2025, 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Perseverance in Prayer

Our Gospel theme today is 'Persistence in Prayer': pray without ceasing, pray without losing heart. Jesus tells his disciples: pray always without becoming weary. Today he tells us a parable, of the corrupt judge.

He said: "there was a judge in a certain town who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' for a long time he refused, at last he said to himself 'maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her rights, or she will persist on coming and worry me to death'.

Jesus taught his disciples how to pray as he teaches us in the 'Our Father'. Much of our prayer is based on petition, a good form of prayer. We are coming to the Lord with our needs, as a child comes to its parent. Perseverance is not about changing God's mind, but changing ourselves and our relationship with God.

What Jesus does in this parable gives us an idea of God's justice by telling us that even the grumbling judge gets round to helping a poor widow, if only because he is ground down by the constant requests. The ingredient that is missing between the judge and the relentless woman is infinite love.

The 'delay' Jesus speaks of is not necessarily a delay in the infinite eyes of God. The key to living in the presence of God is to trust in his love, beyond our capacity. Praying continually does not mean that we understand more than anyone else. Sometimes, all we can do is 'trust when we do not trust,' giving ourselves to him and praying to be enlightened. We live in the hope of our eyes being enlightened as well as our hearts. We can be sure they will not open in the way we imagine, and God won't affect this change in a prescribed way. He will surprise us.

We are encouraged to approach God with confidence because he is just and loving, unlike the unjust judge in the parable.

We ask for the grace through the Holy Spirit to come to the Lord each moment, to offer the most extraordinary and most mundane parts of our lives. To be open to his ways and to his call. In the end God decides what to give. Praying always helps us to remain faithful and persevering.

Sister 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:** Exodus 17:8-13  
*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2  
*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

**Gospel:** Luke 18:1-8  
*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19  
**Psalm:** 33  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
**Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,737  
Automatic Payments: \$4,429  
**Total: \$8,166**

### "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>

### 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.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John Loft sm

**Anniversaries:** John O'Rourke, Colin Hooper, Bryan Outtrim, Peter Bradley, Maria Doriguzzi, Hannah Guigan, Kathleen Cosgrove, Desmond Ashe

**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, Noeline van Es



*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 120

**R. Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!

Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever. **R.**



Auxi-li- um me- um a Domi-no, qui fe-citcaelum et terram.

*My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

### 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](http://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.

### **World Mission Sunday**

This Sunday is a special day in the Catholic Church and throughout our Archdiocese - World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a day Catholics celebrate to support the Church's missionary work through prayer and financial contributions. We have a special offertory collection on this day, with the money going towards missionary work. We hope you can support 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](mailto: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>

### **Carparks for Rent**

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

### **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.

### **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](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### **Jackets Required for Refugee family**

St Vincent de Paul City Conference is assisting the settlement of a family of 13 who recently arrived from Somalia. There are 11 children aged from 4 to 19 (4 girls and 7 boys). The children lack warm jackets. Could you please check your wardrobes for jackets in good condition that your family no longer uses or needs: - sizes 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 for the boys and size 12/14 for the girls. Please contact John Kennedy-Good if you can help (027 246 0885).



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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](mailto: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](mailto:kathyperreau1@gmail.com))

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

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