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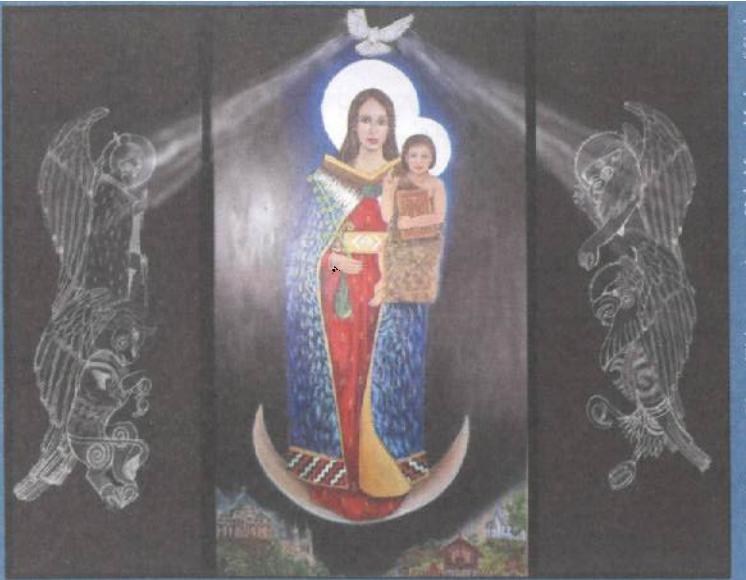
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The National Shrine of New Zealand
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
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St Joseph's Church
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Ko Haila Maria, te Mana, Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

26 October 2025, 30th 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.

No doubt about it, the Pharisee in our gospel parable today carries quite the swagger! If religion has a bespoke, he flaunts the finest cut. Among his peers he is more than a paragon of righteous living because, not satisfied with keeping the letter of the Law, the largesse he displays in his Temple offerings are there for all to see, proffered with the kind of false humility he has long since accustomed himself to employ to enhance his hauteur, that haughty sense of entitlement which now emboldens him to parade his worthiness before his God. But the Pharisee has overreached himself. A tax collector standing some distance away becomes the foil that will expose the hypocrisy God sees behind the veneer, the external guise of the Pharisee's dutiful piety.

When does righteousness become self-righteousness? When the self becomes the object of worship: "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of humankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here..." In belittling the tax collector, the Pharisee has made himself both judge and jury of another by externals: by the tax collector's occupation and self-effacing demeanour. In making himself judge and jury, the Pharisee exposed that perennial and irresistible flaw of human nature: the desire to play God. The Pharisee has put himself in place of God. He is guilty of self-adulation. You see, humility is the true assessment of oneself before God. The irony is that, of the two, of the Pharisee and the tax collector, it is the tax collector who went away at rights with God. He alone of the two exhibited true humility.

There are Pharisees in every religion, and they are difficult to smoke out because they are well versed in masquerading as paragons of virtue. After all, since we humans can never plumb the deepest recesses of the heart, we can be easily duped by appearances. Perhaps, all we can do is to avoid those who are quick to condemn others, those who are condescending in their treatment of people they deem less deserving of respect, those moral vigilantes and crusading inquisitors hungry to display their rectitude when, ironically, their judgemental intolerance reveals their meanness of spirit. But, as mentioned, Pharisees are difficult to smoke out. It takes time, the kind of time behind Jesus' instruction: "You will know them by their fruits" (cf. Matthew 7:16).

Fr Michael Young
Assistant Priest

COMINGS AND GOINGS

It is good to be back at St Mary of the Angels after my recent trip to Rome for an international meeting of members of the Society of Mary. I was one of about forty elected delegates who assembled in Nemi, in the hills just outside Rome, for the General Chapter of the Marist Fathers and Brothers. A general chapter is held every eight years and, essentially, is convened to review the previous eight years of ministry, set policy goals for the next eight years and to elect a general administration to implement those policy goals.

The election of the new general administration, consisting of the superior-general and four assistants-general, unfolded as everyone expected. There were no great surprises. However, once they were elected, the 'falling dominoes' effect came into play. One of the newly elected assistants-general was the superior of our international seminary house in Rome. Consequently, a replacement for him had to be found very quickly. The new superior-general has asked the current parish priest of the Christchurch South parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Fr. Pat Breeze sm, to be the new superior in Rome. He will leave New Zealand to take up this appointment about the middle of November. This, in turn, means that a replacement is needed for Fr. Pat as parish priest in Christchurch.

My superior has appointed me as Fr. Pat's replacement. And so, I will be leaving St Mary of the Angels towards the end of November and transferring to Christchurch. At the same time Fr. Barry has been appointed as parish priest here at St. Mary of the Angels. He will begin this new role when I leave to go to Christchurch.

Fr. Michael will be continuing at St Mary of the Angels. Another Marist priest, Fr. Ben D'Souza, should be arriving this week – weather permitting! – to begin his ministry here. Both Fr Michael and Fr. Ben will be the assistant priests for Fr. Barry.

This is all very sudden and not expected. However, sometimes life does not unfold as we were hoping it would. In the time I have left here at St Mary of the Angels I hope to be able to thank as many of you as possible for the wonderful and encouraging support and dedication that I have experienced for the last six years.

Fr. Kevin Mowbray sm,

Parish Priest.

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:	\$3,854
Automatic Payments:	\$5,192
Total:	\$9,046

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: lhensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 04 496 1715.

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Rt Hon Jim Bolger

Anniversaries: Keegan Lawrence, Margo McAuley

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 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 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 hīkoi 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.

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>

Labour Day

As Monday 27 October is a public holiday there will only be one Mass held at St Mary of the Angels at 12.05pm.

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.

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, 28 October and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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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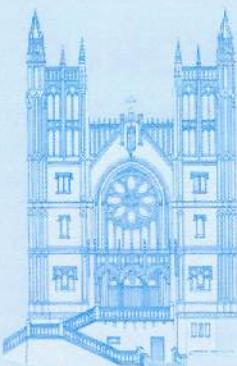
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Catholicism Series Bible Study

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).

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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