

# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish  
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Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven  
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## St Mary of the Angels Church

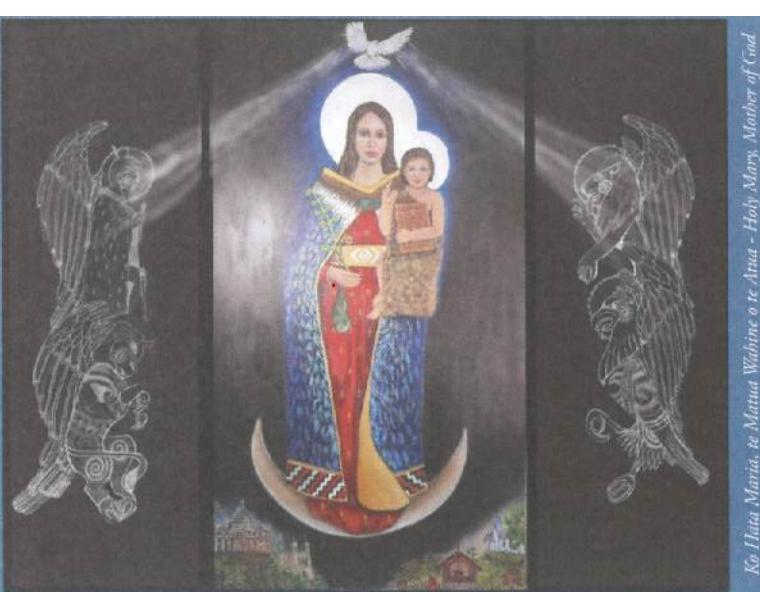
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### St Mary of the Angels Church

#### 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.  
Please arrange through Parish Office

## 9 November 2025, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Every year on November 9, the Church throughout the world celebrates the **Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran**. It might seem curious that Catholics in New Zealand mark the feast of a church on the opposite side of the world, but there are deep historical, theological, and spiritual reasons for doing so.

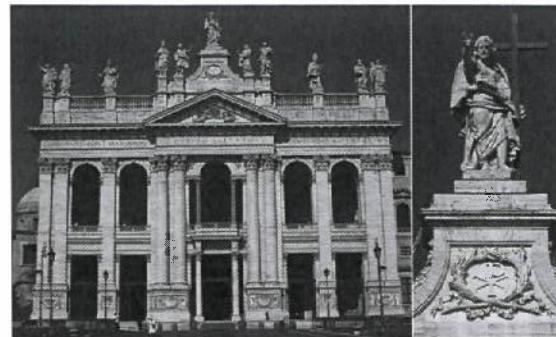
The **Basilica of St John Lateran** in Rome is the **oldest Christian Basilica**. It was commissioned by the **Emperor Constantine** around the year **324 AD**, shortly after Christianity was legalised. Constantine himself donated the land on which the basilica still stands today.

Its full title is quite a mouthful: "*The Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist at the Lateran.*" This name reminds us that the basilica is first and foremost dedicated to **Christ the Saviour**, with **John the Baptist** and **John the Evangelist** honoured as secondary patrons, both of whom point us toward Jesus in their lives and witness.

The Lateran is known as the "*mother and head of all churches in the world.*" It holds this title because it is the **cathedral church of the Pope**, the Bishop of Rome. His *cathedra*, the official teaching chair, is there, making it the true seat of the papacy, even more so than St Peter's Basilica.

We have all heard of Vatican II, the Ecumenical council that took place in the 1960s. Across the centuries, **five ecumenical councils** were held at the Lateran, shaping the faith and discipline of the Church. For a thousand years, the adjoining Lateran Palace served as the papal residence before the Popes moved to the Vatican.

So when we celebrate this feast, we are honouring one of the most ancient buildings in Rome that is still used daily for prayer. We also celebrate the **unity of the whole Church**, gathered around the successor of Peter, and we are reminded of how our church has developed through Ecumenical Councils, that have helped to guide and unite the Church in Christ.



*This is the Façade of St John Lateran with Christ in the middle, and the two Johns on his left and right and other saints. Christ the saviour, with his Cross, pointing the way for His Church.*

Fr Ben D'souza sm  
Assistant Priest

## This Week's Readings

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

*I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.*

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

*You are the temple of God.*

**Gospel:** John 2:13-22

*He spoke about the temple of his own body.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Mal 3:19-20

**Psalm:** 97

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,373

Automatic Payments: \$5,642

**Total: \$10,015**

## Harbour City Christmas Remembrance Service

As the Christmas season approaches we are mindful that the loss of a loved one during the year can make it a challenging time. We invite all to gather strength from each other at our annual 'Christmas Remembrance Service' being held at Old St Paul's on Friday December 12th at 6:30pm.

## 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 Church.

## Mass has been offered for:

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Marion Hyland, Fr Barry O'Connor sm, Romola Sullivan, Peter O'Meeghan, Denise Sutich, Walter Parris, Terence Christie, Joan Welch

**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, Irene Reeve

*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.*

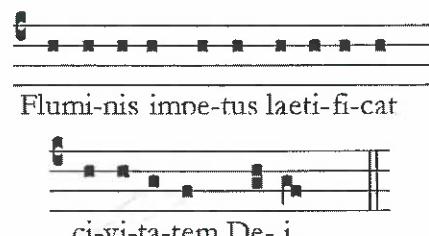
## Responsorial Psalm 45

**R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.. **R.**



*The stream of the river maketh the city of God joyful.*

## 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.



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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.

## Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is back on again at the Sprig & Fern! Come and enjoy a cold drink and good food and learn about Ignatian Spirituality!

Monday, 24 November, 6pm at Sprig & Fern, Thorndon.

P.S We would appreciate no outside food and drink - instead please support Sprig & Fern for hosting us by getting a cheeky bite and bevy from the bar!

## 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 for items that will be accepted and costs.

## Welcome Fr Ben D'souza sm

A warm welcome to Fr. Ben D'souza who has just joined the parish pastoral team and is a new member of the community of Marist Fathers serving St Mary of the Angels. Fr. Ben has just returned from studies in Rome. After he was ordained, and previous to his studies, he worked in the parish of Christchurch South. Originally from Auckland, Wellington is new territory for Fr. Ben but is already getting out and about, meeting parishioners, celebrating liturgies and attending meetings. You will notice that he is already contributing to the Angelus newsletter; he has provided the front page this week. Welcome, Fr. Ben and we pray you will be blessed in your ministry here in your new home.

## A Merry Vinnies Christmas

The Passionist Family groups of the Parish annually help to collect items donated by the PFG's and other Parishioners who wish to donate.

There will be baskets in each of the two Mass Centre's foyers from the 16th of November. Please see the Parish Noticeboard with the list of items St Vincent de Paul are looking for, this is a great way to help those in need over the Christmas Season.

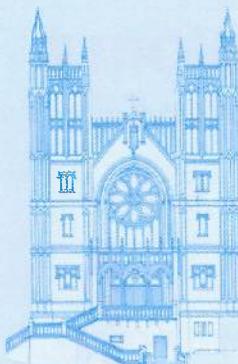
Thanking you in advance for your kind generosity. Blessings

Mary-Ellen Leen

SMOA Passionist Family Groups

## Aroha Afternoon in Te Awa Kairangi

Sunday, 16 November, Hutt Valley Irish Society, 12 Raroa Road, Lower Hutt from 5.00pm. Come and share an evening of conversation, stories, music, fun and kai with people from diverse backgrounds. Everyone is welcome. A contribution of food is appreciated. Strictly no peanuts at the venue. Aroha Afternoons bring people in communities together, building connections across the spaces between us. Catholic Social Services partners in this Kaupapa. Contact: Deirdre Meskill d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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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 18 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](mailto:dlukose001@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz) for any questions.

## Missionary Sister of St Peter Claver Plant Sale

Saturday 22 November from noon to 3pm, 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay. Proceeds will go to installing 50 domestic water plants to provide safe and purified drinking water in the Srikakulam Diocese in India and to give financial support to purchase 5 plastic water tanks for the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph in Kibuye-Bondo Diocese in Kenya.

## 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](#).

## 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](http://www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate)

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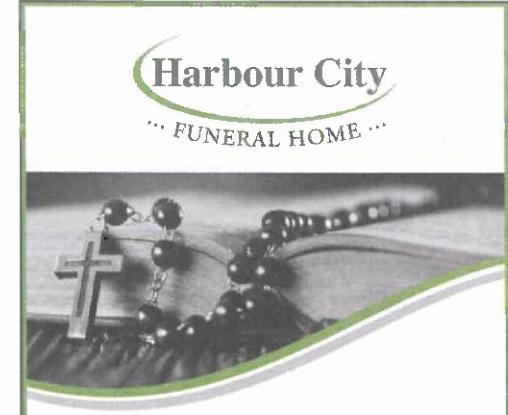


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