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St Mary of the Angels Church

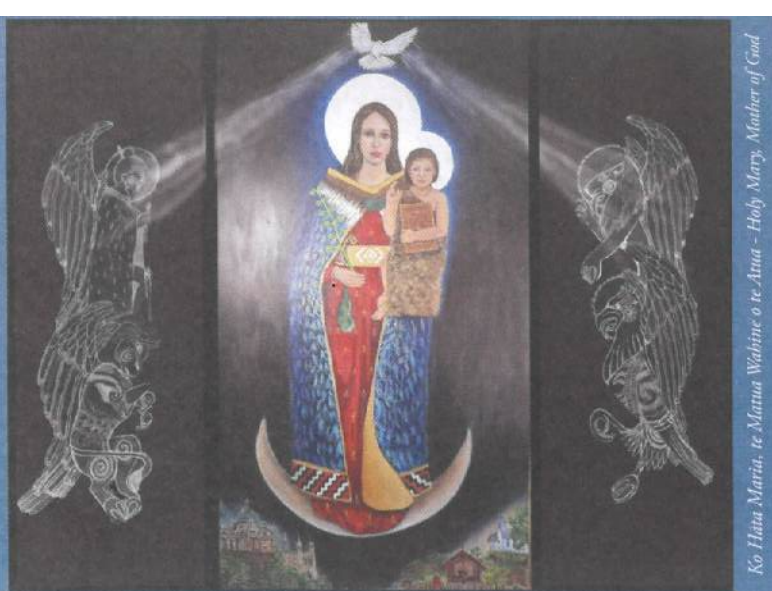
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16 November 2025, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Farewell for Father Kevin Mowbray sm

As you are aware Father Kevin has been appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Christchurch. His last day here at St Mary of the Angels will be next Sunday 23 November.

The Parish will host a farewell function for Father Kevin after the 11am Mass next Sunday in the Parish Hall. If you wish to attend the function please indicate your attendance by email or phone the Parish Office.

If you wish to contribute towards a gift for Father Kevin please give it to one of the priests or bring it to the Office. If you wish to contribute by direct debit the Parish bank accounts details are:

SMOA Parish Account

BNZ 02-0536-0003242-24

Priestly Ordination of Deacon Hemi Ropata sm

It is with great delight that the Society of Mary yesterday celebrated the ordination of Deacon Hemi Ropara SM at St Benedict's Church in Newton in Auckland. Deacon Hemi was ordained by Bishop Stephen Lowe DD.

It is a wonderful celebration for the Marists in New Zealand. Father Hemi has been appointed to Napier after his ordination.

Sung Advent Vespers

Each year we celebrate the beginning of Advent by joining with our neighbouring Christian churches of St John's Presbyterian and St Peter's Anglican in celebrating sung Advent Vespers. This year St Mary of the Angels are hosting this wonderful liturgy.

Please mark the date in your calendars:

Sunday 30 November at 7pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. Supper will follow.

Carols with the Angels

The annual Carols with the Angels will be held on Wednesday 17 December at 7pm in St Mary of the Angels Church. This is always a 'highlight' of our preparation for Christmas so please put this date in your diary and invite your family and friends.

Pastoral Letter

At all Masses today a short letter from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops will be read on this World Day of the Poor. We are invited to respond to those in the greatest need.

Father Barry Scannell sm

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20
The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

Second Reading: 2. Thessalonians 3:7-12
Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
Your endurance will win you your life.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,593

Automatic Payments: \$4,482

Total: \$9,075

St Joseph's Working Bee 9am Saturday 29 November

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Christmas. Many hands make light work! Please bring garden tools/brooms and vehicles to help take refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to.

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.

Responsorial Psalm 97

R. . The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R. .**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R. .**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **R. .**



Ve-nit Dóminus judi-cá-bit et pópu-los in aequi-tá-te.

The Lord will come to judge the people with fairness.

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!

2026 Bible Diaries

The Bible Diary can be your most treasured companion as you go through next year. Each day features the scripture readings and an inspirational reflection that can set the tone for your own personal conversations with God. Fundraising for the Mission in India the diaries are available to purchase from the Parish Office for \$20.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Catherine O'Regan, Brendan Kirwan

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, 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.

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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 Day of the Poor 2025

On Sunday, 16 November, we'll celebrate the 9th annual World Day of the Poor, a chance for all of us to reflect on how we can stand in solidarity with those in need. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is committed to empowering communities and tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. We work with partners around the world to create real change and help vulnerable communities live with human dignity. As World Day of the Poor 2025 approaches, we encourage everyone to consider what they can do, big or small, to make a difference. Whether through prayer, support, or action, together we can build a more just and compassionate world. Find out more about how you can help eliminate poverty on the Caritas website.

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.

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

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul City group will be held on Tuesday, November 18, in the Mahony Room of the SMOA Presbytery at 6pm. New members are very welcome. Together we can put our faith into action.

Also, a huge thank-you to those who donate to our food bank especially St. Pats Town College who recently made a wonderful contribution after a drive for non perishables. In these days of unprecedented demand we are very grateful.

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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SMOA - Parish Account

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BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington

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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

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.

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 close on **21 November 2025**. Go to 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.catholicssocialservices.org.nz/donate

Prefer to donate via bank transfer? You can use CSS' bank account details to donate directly through your internet banking service.

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