

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
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 Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

07 December 2025, Second Sunday of Advent

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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

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who were involved with the ecumenical Advent Vespers last Sunday evening. It was a very special liturgy bringing together our friends from the congregations of St John's Presbyterian and St Peter's Anglican and ourselves. A special thank you to the three Choir's and also to those who brought food for the supper and to those who served it. A wonderful way to begin the Season of Advent.

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. There are many different Choir groups including St Mary of the Angels Choir, the Salvation Army Brass Band, Wellington Young Voices, organists David Trott and James Young leading us in our favourite carols. Please bring your family and friends to this favourite Christmas event.

Christmas/New Year/Holiday Timetable

Please take a copy of the Christmas/New Year/Holiday Timetable which are on the tables at each door of the Church. It is important that all parishioners are aware of the Mass and Reconciliation times during and the holiday period. You can also find the timetable on the Parish website (smoa.org.nz) and the Church App (under links).

Distribution of Holy Communion

For some time now the distribution of Holy Communion has taken place from the side aisles of the Church with parishioners returning down the centre aisle. This may have been introduced during the COVID-19 period.

Next week we will return to the more traditional way of distributing Holy Communion from the centre aisle of the Church. This means that those sitting on the side aisles of the Church facing the altars of Mary and St Joseph should remain seated until those in the main body of the Church have received Holy Communion. We will have people to guide you as this change takes place.

Church Maintenance

This week we have been investigating a major leak in the gutter of the Church. Thanks to the skill of our contractors this leak has now been identified. A temporary solution is in place while a new part is manufactured. You will also notice that the wood on the inside of the main doors has been re-stained and are looking very much better. They needed some long overdue care.

Father Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
He judges the poor with justice.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm: 145

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,293

Automatic Payments: \$4,907

Total: \$9,200

Advent: a hikoī 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.

Responsorial Psalm 71

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
 and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
 to a king's son your justice,
 that he may judge your people in justice
 and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

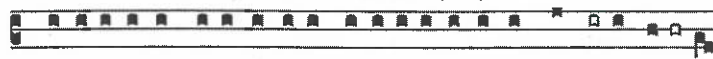
In his days justice shall flourish
 and peace till the moon fails.
 He shall rule from sea to sea,
 from the Great River to earths bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
 and the needy who are helpless.
 He will have pity on the weak
 and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
 and endure like the sun.
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
 all nations bless his name. **R.**



O-ri- é-tur in di- é-bus e-jus justí-ti- a



O-ri- é-tur in di- é-bus e-jus justí-ti- a et a-bun-dán-ti- a pa- cis

*In his days shall justice spring up,
 and abundance of peace.*

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are available to purchase from the Parish Office during the week and at Sunday Masses for \$13

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Vernon Phillips

Anniversaries: Frances Haughey, James Coyle, Daniel McKone, Maurice O'Brien, Janina Knopp

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, , 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.

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

St Mary of the Angels
Christmas Cards are now
available for purchase either
after Mass on Sunday or from
the Parish Office.

A6 \$15 for a pack of 12

DLE \$15 for a pack of 12



Food For Faith for Advent 2025

Daily reflections for those seeking greater maturity of
Christian Faith in preparation for Christmas. Sign up to
receive daily emails during Advent at
www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

St Vincent de Paul Food Bank

Thanks from our St Vincent de Paul Conference to
everyone who has generously donated to the collection
basket for our Food Bank. To help us meet the growing
need for emergency food parcels we invite you to donate
long-life, bottled, or canned foods and things that help
cooks on a very tight budget to make interesting dishes,
such as cooking oil, stock, lemon juice, dried herbs and
spices. We are not able to store fresh or refrigerated
foods. Personal care items such as shampoo, toilet paper,
nappies, deodorant, and laundry products are also
welcome.

Called & Equipped Formation Programme

Places still available! Email:

l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz for an application today.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped at the working
bees for both St Joseph's and St Mary of the Angels
to prepare the Churches for Christmas.

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.

The Jesse Tree

During Advent we reflect on how God was revealed to
people in Old Testament times before the coming of
Jesus. Matthew's Gospel (1:1-17) links the Old and
New Testaments. He sets out the genealogy or
whakapapa of Jesus' earthly family through which
history, knowledge, philosophies and spiritualities were
handed down until the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse tree is a visual reminder of this. The name
comes from Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 11:1) that the
Messiah or Saviour would come from among Jesse's
descendants.

The symbols on the tree are based on centuries of
Christian and Old Testament tradition. They are
explained further under "Links" in the Parish App. We
will add 4 symbols each week.

Carparks for Rent

We have a Church carpark for rent from Monday-
Friday for \$75 +GST. If you are interested, please
contact the Parish Office.

Faith Rosaries

We sell rosaries in the Parish Office designed and hand
made by Ngaire Greger from Faith Rosaries. If you are
looking for a rosary as a gift or for yourself, please
contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in.



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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 16 December 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.

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 on the Archdiocesan website for the next course, consecutive **Sundays, 1 and 8 March 2026**. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. Courses are offered four times a year - they will run in March, June, September and November 2026. For queries please email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Preparing Hearts for Advent

Looking for a prayer practice to draw closer to Christ this Christmas? Livingtheword.org.nz provides the Sunday readings and some reflection questions to help individuals and prayer groups. Be encouraged to download, pray, reflect and grow with the Sunday Readings. At www.livingtheword.org.nz/pray



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.



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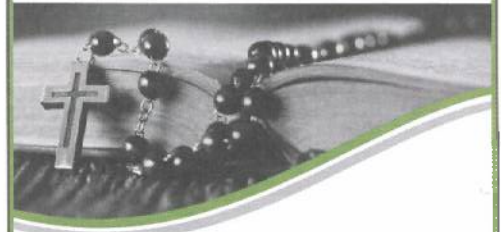
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