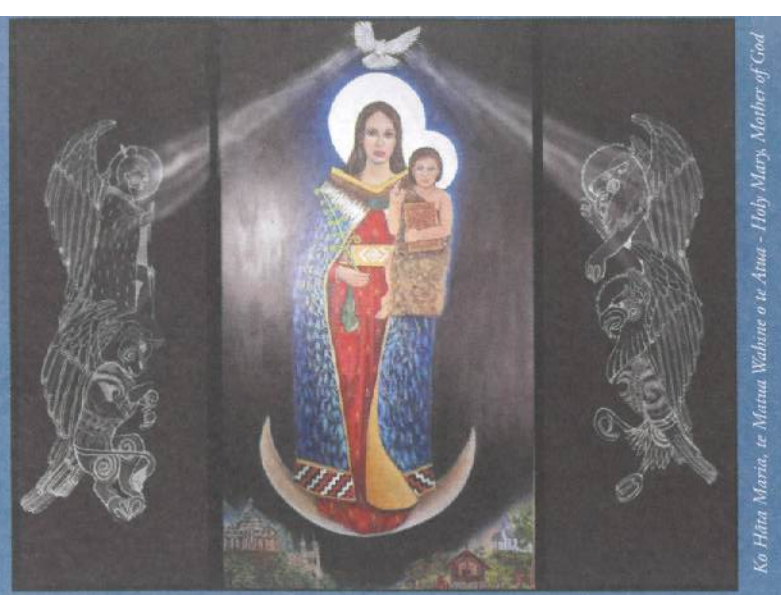


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Ko Hīta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

1 February 2026, 4th 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

Waitangi Day Mass

The Waitangi Day Mass will be celebrated this Friday 6 February at 9am. The celebrant will be Monsignor Gerard Burns, the Vicar General for Maori. The Mass will include prayers and hymns in Maori, English, Latin and other languages.

A feature of St Mary of the Angels is the special artwork presenting Mary, dressed as a woman of Aotearoa with places connected with the history of the Church here, including Te Tu marae in Waitangi.

This will be the only Mass in the Church on Waitangi Day.

Morning Tea

Following the Mass we will be hosting our visitors for Morning Tea in the Parish Hall. If you are able to help serve morning tea please contact the Parish Office. We would appreciate it if parishioners can bring a plate of food to nourish our visitors.

An Afternoon in Rome

On Saturday 21 February 2026 from 2pm - 4pm Anna Maksymova and Julian Knap will be hosting 'An Afternoon in Rome' in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The afternoon will begin with a piano concert of Italian composers followed by the unveiling of Julian's epic cityscape painting of Rome.

Anna is from the Ukraine and is an accomplished pianist based in Christchurch. Julian is an old boy of St Patrick's College in Wellington and an artist whose city landscapes have received wide acclaim. His cityscape painting of Rome has taken the last seven years of his artistic endeavour.

Everyone is welcome to this very special afternoon. Entry is by donation. For more information visit www.exhibitionsgallery.co.nz

Sacramental Programme

The children's sacramental programme continues next month with preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The first Parent session is on Tuesday 10 February at 7pm followed by the second Parent session on Thursday 19 February in Connolly Hall at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Parents must attend these sessions.

The children's sessions begin on Sunday 22 February.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
IN your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Happy are the poor in spirit.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm: 111
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,422
 Automatic Payments: \$3,630
Total: \$8,052

Mission Fair

The Annual mission Fair of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be held Saturday 21st February 2026 from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Convent grounds :1 Mersey Street, Island Bay. Goods for the Fair & donations are greatly appreciated. (Rapid Raffle and stalls, such as: toys, fancy, plants jewellery, cakes, jams, etc.) We kindly ask for saleable goods only. Proceeds go to purchase 5 plastic water tanks in Kibuye-Bondo Kenya and construction of toilets for Nseng-Long parish and village in Cameroon. More Information contact Sisters: (04) 3838401.

World Youth Day 2027

Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@cadw.nz for any questions.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Georgina Young, Stella Brown, Joan Shanahan, Sophie Robison, Matthew Barnett, Catherine Symes, Adolf Eibl, Graham Townsely, Patricia Lockhart QSM

Prayers for the Sick: Mehreen Kelly, 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



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.

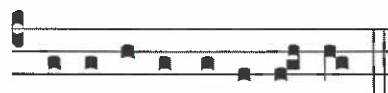
Responsorial Psalm 145

**R. Happy the poor in spirit;
 the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger
 and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.

Thank You

Thanks again from St. Vincent de Paul to those who have donated food or given money using the QR code. This has been of enormous help in our efforts to cater for the needy. These days the demand is great and we really appreciate your continued support.

Guardians Needed

Each day our church is cared for by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office on office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.

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Passionist Family Group Annual Planning

Annual planning for the Passionist Family Groups for 2026 will be held in the lounge at St Mary of the Angels this Sunday 1st of February at 2pm. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. We are looking forward to hearing about some great ideas for our monthly gatherings.

Any parishioner who is interested in joining a group is most welcome to attend or who would like to know more, please feel free to contact Mary-Ellen Leen 0273336440

St Valentine's Day Mass 2026

Saturday, 14 February 2026, Mass at 5.30pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill Street - a special celebration for married couples.

2026 Bible Diaries

Bible Diaries are still available. 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 Seven Last Words/Phrases of Jesus Lenten Programme

The Otari Parish Faith Formation Team presents The seven last words/phrases of Jesus. Join us on a Lenten journey every Thursday from 19 February until 26 March from 6.30pm until 7.30pm at St Teresa's Church. Registrations are not required. All are welcome. Please join us for a cup of tea at 6.15pm before the session. Please email office@otariparish.co.nz if you have any questions.

Game On!

A free 8 week parenting course just for Dads. We support Dads to be the best dad they can be for their kids. We explore what we want for our kids and what we have to do to make a positive difference. Starting Thursday 5 February, 6.30pm—8.30pm at Catholic Social Services, Level 1, 132 Tory Street, Te Aro. For more info contact reception@wn.catholic.org.nz, ring Ian on 021 374 593, To register visit <https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/game-on/>

Late Night Mass for Young People

Friday, 13 February at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street - Come join us for the first Late Night Mass of the year with other young people! We hope to see you all there, and don't forget to bring a plate.

Carparks for Rent

We have a secure Church carpark for rent from Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Family Pilgrim Walk Walk for a Cause, and Valentine's Day Vigil Mass with the Archbishop

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis with other Pilgrims of Hope by visiting the Church named after the Portiuncula, the small chapel that St. Francis of Assisi restored and made the cradle of the Franciscan Order, dedicated to Our Lady of the Angels. Come together to pray, Walk for a Cause, and witness to the gift of marriage and the family in the spirit of St. Francis, who had a special devotion to the Holy Family and the infant Jesus. Join the Family Pilgrim Walk *Walk for a Cause* to culminate in the Valentine's Day Vigil Mass with the Archbishop at the Cathedral. For more details and to register, visit www.familypilgrimwalk.co.nz. Contact: info@marriageandfamily.org.nz.

2026 Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass

You are invited to attend the Archdiocese of Wellington's 2026 Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass. This Mass will be celebrated Tuesday 17 February at 5.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Sacred Heart. We will celebrate the Eucharist and whanaungatanga, and all who serve within our school and college communities will be commissioned and blessed in their ministries. Refreshments will follow. For enquiries please contact: cses@cadw.nz. We look forward to celebrating the commencement of the 2026 school year and enjoying this time of fellowship with our school and college communities.



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Catholicism Series Bible Study

In this year join us every second Tuesday as we explore new topics like Theology of the Body, Apparitions of our Lady, Eucharist, Holy Mass and more, as we seek to deepen our understanding of the riches of our faith. Held once a fortnight beginning with the first session on Tuesday 10 February from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. Koha appreciated; light supper provided.

If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association

Providing community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on **20 and 21 March**. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com

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

40 Days for Life

This Lent, become a 40 Days for Life Prayer Partner and spiritually unite with the global 40 Days for Life movement to pray for an end to abortion and to bear witness to the dignity of every human person from conception - right where God has placed you. From Ash Wednesday (14 February) to Palm Sunday (24 March).

Use the QR code to find the sign-up page:



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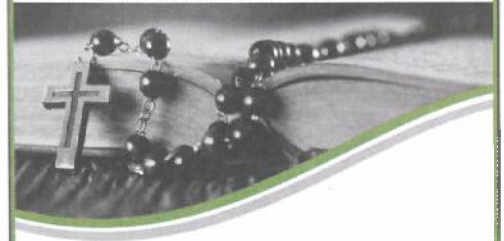
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