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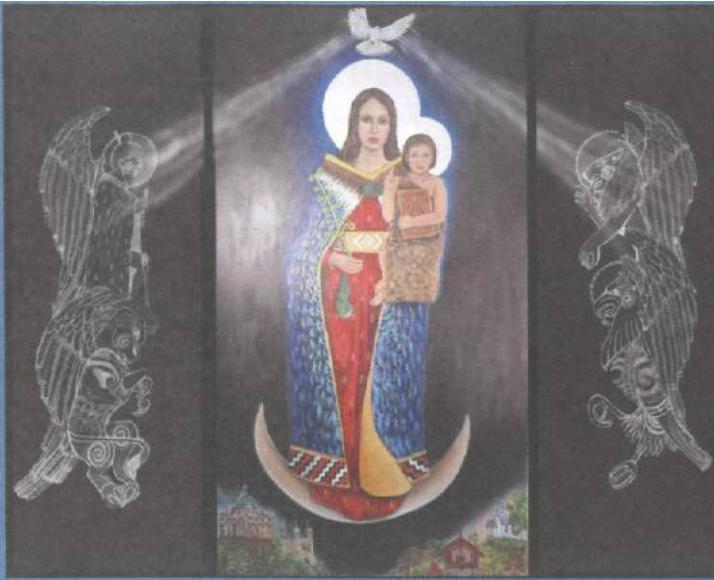
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25 January 2026, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

## The Year Ahead

We return to work after the holiday season and we look forward to the year ahead. We have moved from the Christmas season in the liturgical season of the Church to 'ordinary time' but only for a short time. In less than four weeks we celebrate Ash Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> February) and then we begin the penitential season of Lent. Easter is much earlier this year with the Holy Triduum beginning on Holy Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> April).

The annual Waitangi Day Mass will be celebrated in St Mary of the Angels Church on Friday 6 February at 9am. This is be the only Mass in the Church on Waitangi day.

## Welcome Back

We welcome back Abby who has been away on maternity leave for the past six months. Abby is in the Office each day from 8am until 4pm. It is so good to have her back in the front office and she will gladly look after any of your questions or enquiries.

## 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 the 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](http://www.exhibitionsgallery.co.nz)

## Sacramental Programme

The children's sacramental programme continues next month with the 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:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23  
*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

**Psalm:** 145

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12



## Last Sunday's Collection

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| Sunday Collection:  | \$3,700        |
| Automatic Payments: | \$5,987        |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>\$9,687</b> |

## Mission Fair

The Annual mission Fair of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be held Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:r.fernandes@cadw.nz) for any questions.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Justin Taylor sm, Andrew Rackstraw, Naomi Best, Hamish Price

**Anniversaries:** Helena Kang, Veronica Reynolds, Paddy Darroch, Joan McGrath, Marianna Grinskis, Sandra Moran, Anthony Ford, Brian McKeown, Stella Brown

**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

*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 26

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? R.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! R.

## Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's

During school terms, children's liturgy is offered at St Joseph's during the Liturgy of the Word part of the Mass. Children's liturgy aims to provide an experience of the liturgy of the word and in particular the gospel of the day, that is meaningful and engaging for children. Children of primary school and pre-school age are welcome, although we ask that pre-school children are accompanied by a parent or older sibling as the liturgists are not able to provide the very close supervision that pre-schoolers might need. All children's liturgists must comply with the safeguarding requirements of the Catholic church in New Zealand (that is, they are police vetted and adhere to a code of conduct) and new liturgists are always welcome. If this is a Ministry that interests you, please have a chat with Anna or Trish.



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

## Carparks for Rent

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

## 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 seeion. Please email [office@otariparish.co.nz](mailto:office@otariparish.co.nz) if you have any questions.

## Welcome

Today two babies will be baptized into our Parish Community. We warmly welcome:

- George Grüss, son of Emma and Arnaud.
- Ilaria Brambilla, daughter of Victoria and Marco.

We welcome George and Ilaria to our faith community and assure them and their families of our prayerful support.

## Waitangi Day Mass

Friday, February 6, 9am,

*St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St, Wellington.*

The Waitangi Mass will be celebrated at the national shrine of Mary, Whaea o te Atua (Mother of God) with Mons. Gerard Burns, VG, presiding. The Mass includes prayers and hymns in Māori, English, Latin and other languages. A feature of the Church is the special artwork presenting Mary, dressed as a woman of Aotearoa and places connected with the history of the Church here, including Te Tii marae in Waitangi. Morning tea will be in the Parish Hall after the Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome, nau mai, haere mai!

## 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](http://www.familypilgrimwalk.co.nz). Contact: [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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 10th 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Catholic Bed and Breakfast

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g. a couple would pay \$80 per night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. To purchase a book of details of hosts (\$15), contact Marie Anderson, 027 280 0611 or email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

### 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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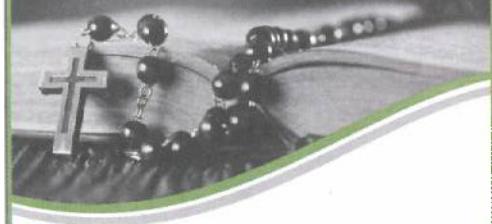
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