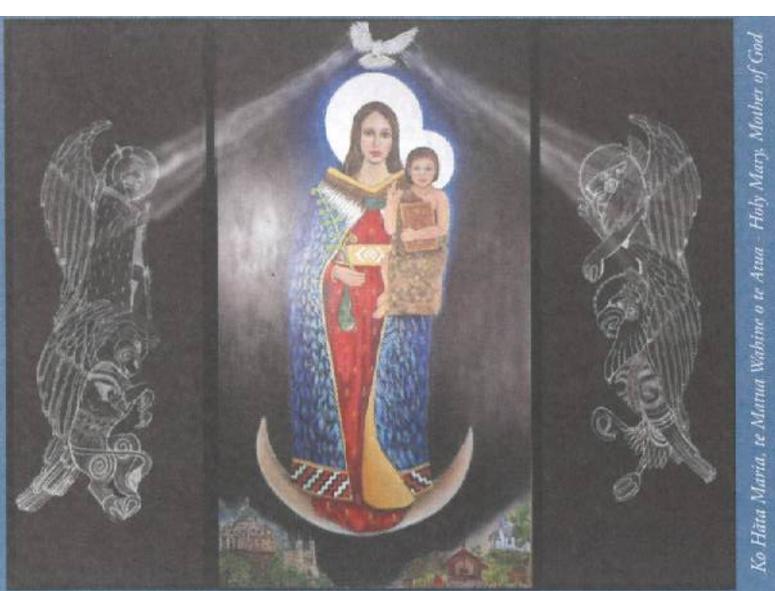


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Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

1 March 2026, 2nd Sunday of Lent

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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

Congratulations

We warmly congratulate Raeanne Macalincag and Christopher Chen who were married in St Mary of the Angels Church yesterday. They came from Adelaide with their Parish Priest, Father Franco Lacanaria, to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony. We offer them our prayers and best wishes as they begin their journey of married life.

Rome Painting

A wonderful celebration was held last Saturday afternoon at Sacred Heart Cathedral when Julian Knap unveiled his latest work; a landscape painting of Rome. The painting was preceded by a concert by pianist Anna Maksymova.

The painting is available to be viewed at the Exhibitions Gallery, 32 Brandon Street, Wellington in the coming week. Julian will talk more about what inspired him, his techniques and his career on Saturday 28 February from 1pm to 2pm.

The Scrutinies in Lent

A rite of scrutiny will be celebrated after the homily at the 9.00 am Mass on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. The purpose of the scrutinies is twofold: 1. To purify the minds, hearts and intentions of the elect (those preparing for full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil) and 2. To strengthen the elect against temptation, thereby strengthening their resolve to unite themselves more firmly to Christ. Since the scrutinies are meant to turn the minds, hearts and intentions of the elect to make their own the values of the Gospel and to strengthen their resolve to be faithful followers of Christ, in this Season of Lent all of us gathered with the elect can join with them and make the purpose of the scrutinies our own.

End of the Financial Year

The current financial year ends on 31 March 2026. All donations made to the Parish up to and including this date are eligible for a tax rebate in this financial year. A receipt is provided to all donors.

If you wish to make a donation before 31 March and receive the benefit of the tax rebate you are welcome to do so. The Parish Finance Committee is always very grateful for your generosity. Be assured that all our benefactors are remembered in the prayers of the Marist community.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Genesis	12:1-4
<i>The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.</i>		
Second Reading	2 Timothy	1:8-10
<i>God has saved us, and called us to be holy.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	17:1-9
<i>His face shone like the sun.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Exodus	17:3-7
Psalm	94	
Second Reading	Romans	5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel Reading	John	4:5-42



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$4,267
Automatic Payments:	\$3,560
Total:	\$7,827

Legion of Mary

Anyone interested in re-establishing a Legion group in our parish, please contact me. We meet once a week..
Enquiries: Neil Coup, Ph:021896924, nbcoup@xtra.co.nz

Monthly Retreat Day for Young Adults

If you sense you need more silence or more prayer in your life, a day retreat may be what you need.
Our next retreat will be on Saturday the 7th of March here at SMOA.

Please email Fr Ben a.priest@smoa.org.nz for more information, or to register.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Stephen George, Athena Gavriel, Nancy de Vera Gareza

Anniversaries: Mary O'Brien, Jack Wills, Aileen Gallagher, Jan Tuinman, Richard Mansor, Fr Chris Penders AA

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, Greg Hayward, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, Gillian Dudfield, Kathryn McIver

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.



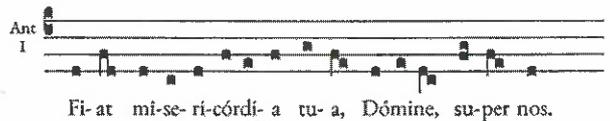
Responsorial Psalm 32

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**



Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

The School 'A' Programme – Online Formation Journey

A structured 14-session faith formation journey inviting participants to grow spiritually, deepen their relationship with God, and build meaningful Christian communities.

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Freepost envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances to the Church. Please take an envelope today if you prefer to give in that way. Donations received by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2025/26 tax year. Any donations received in the Caritas office after April 1st will be sent a receipt for the 2026/27 tax year. Your generous support enables Caritas to help poor and marginalised communities around the world. Thank you. For more information, email: caritas@caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22.

Lent 2026 with Food for Faith

Visit www.foodforfaith.org.nz and sign up to receive daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor. Prepared especially for those seeking greater maturity of faith.

Living Wage Meeting

Living Wage meeting on Thursday 5 March from 6pm to 7.30pm at St Josephs, Mt Victoria. Kai at 6pm with the meeting beginning at 6.30pm. Parishioners are invited from SMOA, Wellington South, Otari and Catholic Services to this meeting. This meeting with Catholic Faith based organizations will update members on current Living Wage campaigns and vision for 2026. The meeting will use Table Talk process to come together as Catholics to help shape a vision of a Living Wage City and a fairer society.

Parish Lenten Reflection Programme

The Parish Caritas Lenten Reflection programme began at St Joseph's Church Mt Victoria on Monday 16th February at 7pm and will continue each Monday during Lent. The theme this year is 'Hear the voice answer the call'. Please come along and join our group. Contact Susan Johnson Ph 027 354 2034 for further information. - Parish Social Justice Group.

Young Adults

Come join us for faith and fellowship every Wednesday evening. We begin with Mass at 5:15pm and then go to the Parish hall for a talk on the faith, a chat and some food! At our next meeting on the 4th of March, Fr Ben will talk about the Pillars of Lent, Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

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 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.

St Joseph's Hibernian Society

We are a Catholic mutual aid club (not a charity) based at St Joseph's church but including members from surrounding churches. Members pay dues (new members \$28.50 per quarter) and are eligible to receive benefits after two years of membership. Most requests are for dental and surgical treatments. We are a registered friendly society since 1949 and over time have accumulated funds of over \$150,000 in secure investments. The investment income pays the benefits of the members

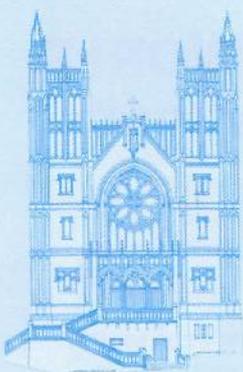
St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's are one parish so all parishioners are invited to apply for membership. For further information contact the secretary Philip O'Brien at philip.obrien@xtra.co.nz 0274 220 242.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is being held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Wednesday 1 April at 7.30pm.

Theology on Tap

The first Theology on Tap for Young Adults for 2026 is on Monday 9 March, 6.00pm at the Sprig & Fern, 342 Tinakori Road, Thorndon with Fr Tomasz! Come along to hear a talk from him and grab a cheeky bevvy and some food. All are welcome!



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**Catholic Womens League
Wellington Archdiocesan Conference**

Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 March at St Thomas More Church, 36 Worcester St
Wilton, 10.00am.

\$50.00 for full registration

Two Highlights on Wednesday will be: Speaker Lynda Rabeni Vatuloka, Captain of St Mary's Rugby Team that won the 2025 inter-schools competition and represented New Zealand in a global 7's tournament. Lynda will talk to us what motivates and drives our young women.

Fr Alfred Tong will talk to us about his journey to priesthood.

On Thursday morning Mass will be celebrated with Cardinal John Dew at 10am. He will then talk on his experiences at the Conclave, followed by a finger food lunch. **The Thursday morning session is open to all Parishioners (\$15 registration).**

Registration forms and more information can be obtained from Susan 021 068 3065 and Helen 027 5289 635.

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 March 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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Join a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 05-18 June 2026. Experience Our Lady's presence on a 'Medjugorje In-Depth' pilgrimage and a fulfilling 10 night stay in the Holy Valley. Booking now.

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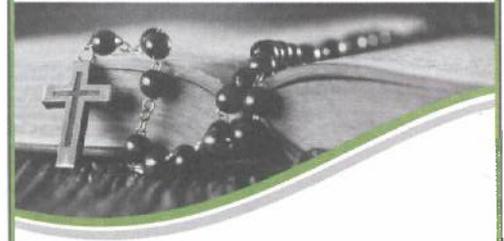


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