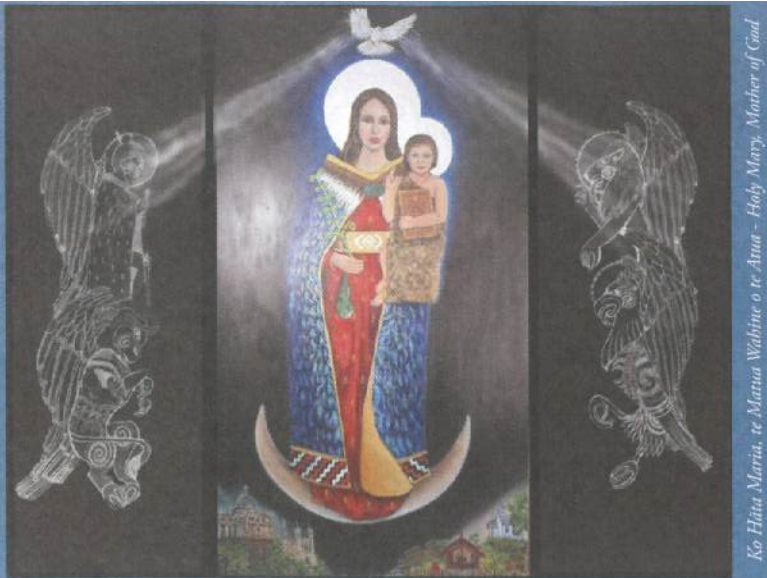


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

8 February 2026, 5th 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

## Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

This morning at the 9am Mass those participating in the RCIA programme will celebrate the Rite of Election. These catechumens and candidates have been learning about what the Church believes and teaches for the past few months. They will be of received into full communion with the Church at Easter.

We continue to pray for them as they continue their faith journey. We thank the RCIA team who are walking with them.

## Thank You

A sincere 'thank you' to all those who helped with the Archdiocesan Mass for Waitangi Day last Friday. It was wonderful liturgy led by Monsignor Gerard Burns, the Vicar for Maori and the community of Te Pariha o te Ngakau Tapu. We also thank the choir from St Mary of the Angels who led the Gregorian Chant. The singing of the Lord's Prayer in both Maori and Latin is one of the highlights of this Mass.

Thank you also to those who provided food and helped with the catering to nourish our visitors following the Mass.

## Ash Wednesday Masses

On Ash Wednesday (18 February) there will be our usual three Masses in the Parish at: 7.30am, 12.05pm and 5.15pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. The Presbyterian community of St John's in the City will join us as they do each year at the 5.15pm Mass to receive the ashes.

## 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** Isaiah 58:7-10  
*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5  
*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:13-16  
*You are the light of the world.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Sirach 15:15-20  
**Psalm** 118  
**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:17-37



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,637  
 Automatic Payments: \$6,267  
**Total: \$9,904**

## 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.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Kenny Mika

**Anniversaries:** Olive Drane, Richard Wright, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Grady, Dorothea Walker, Fr Noel Delaney sm, Keith Clapham, Dennis Maccagna, Peter Tawhiki

**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 111

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is light in the darkness for the upright:  
 he is generous, merciful and just.  
 The good man takes pity and lends,  
 he conducts his affairs with honour. **R**

The just man will never waver:  
 he will be remembered for ever.  
 He has no fear of evil news;  
 with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
 open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
 his justice stands firm for ever.  
 His head will be raised in glory. **R**





## 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..

## 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.

## LENT 2026 with Food for Faith

Visit [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://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.

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

## Carparks for Rent

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

## Parish Lenten Reflection Programme

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

## 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.

## Days Bay Opera

Days Bay Opera present Handel's brilliant Oratorio "Il Trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno" at St Mary's Wednesday February 18th at 7pm with international stars Madison Nonoa, Zachary McCulloch and conductor Howard Moody, and orchestra led by Anne Loeser. Box office contact—0210694969

## An Afternoon in Rome

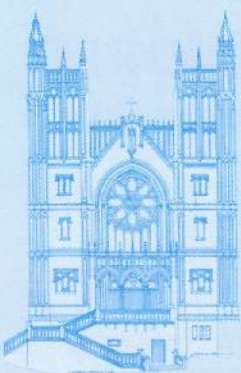
On Saturday 21 February 2026 from 2pm – 4pm Anna Maksymova and Julian Knap will be hosting 'An Afternoon in Rome' in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The afternoon will begin with a piano concert of Italian composers followed by the unveiling of Julian's epic cityscape painting of Rome.

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.exhibitions-gallery.co.nz](http://www.exhibitions-gallery.co.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 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](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)

### 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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