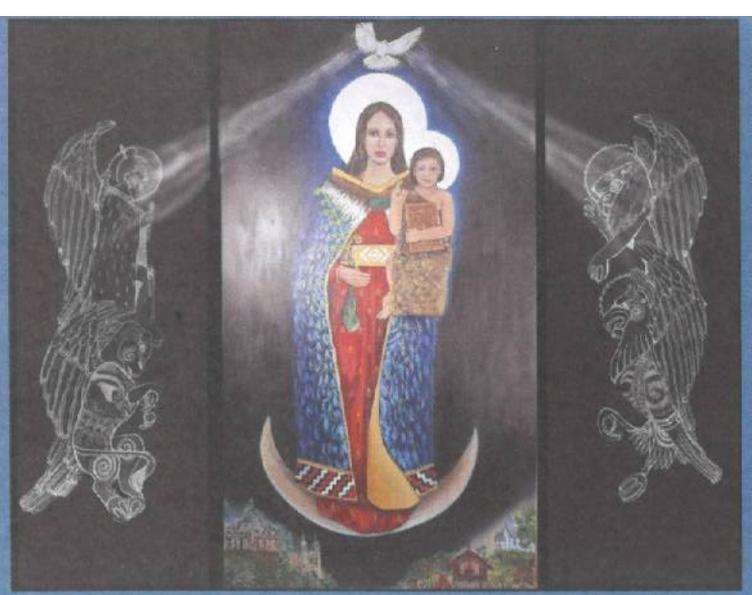


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15 February 2026, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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.

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.

Rest in Peace – Burke Fletcher

We were very sad to learn last Sunday of the sudden death of Burke Fletcher who was a long standing and faithful parishioner of St Mary of the Angels. Burke was admitted to hospital a few days before he died.

Burke was a reader at the 11am Mass for many years and always faithfully attended this Mass every Sunday. He had a very quiet personality but was always a delightful person to encounter each Sunday.

A Mass of Requiem was celebrated yesterday (Saturday 14 February) at the 11am Parish Mass. We thank Burke's former work colleagues for their eulogy and memory of him. May he rest in Peace.

Unveiling of Painting

Next Saturday 21 February at 2pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral artist Julian Knap will unveil his latest work: 'Cityscape painting of Rome'. It will be accompanied by a piano concert by Anna Maksymova.

Further details inside the Parish newsletter today.

Fr Barry Scannell SM
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:17-37
Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm 50
Second Reading Romans 5:12-19
Reading Matthew 4:1-11



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$5,346
Automatic Payments: \$3,723
Total: \$9,069

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to everyone (**not just the men!**) to Mass followed by a light supper on Thursday 19 February at 7:30pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain. If you want to know more contact David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Children's Day - 1 March

To celebrate Children's Day, the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 1 March will be child friendly. We hope to see lots of children there.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Burke Fletcher, Paddy Brennan (in Ireland) brother of Angela Kelly

Anniversaries: Denis O'Neill, Ross Meads, Miriam Menzies, Grace Smith, Nomaza Sidima-Jacob, Fr Ken Scully sm, Rt Hon sir, Ian McKay, Imelda Reeve, Thomas Duignan

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 118

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

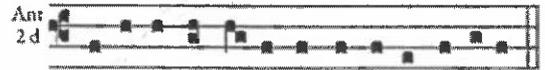
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R**



Be-á-ti qui ámbulant in le-ge Dómini.

Blessed are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

'In the face of these grave challenges, we turn to prayer and awareness. Prayer is the "small flame" that we must guard amidst the storm, as it gives us the strength to resist indifference to injustice. Awareness enables us to identify the hidden mechanisms of exploitation in our neighborhoods and in digital spaces. Ultimately, the violence of human trafficking can be overcome only through a renewed vision that beholds every individual as a beloved child of God.'

Pope Leo XIV, Message on Human Trafficking, 8 February.

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Bishops Lenten Appeal

The first Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of the Bishops' Lenten Appeal. Donations can be made to Caritas directly via direct debit or credit card through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand website <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>. The bank account for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is 03-0518-0211216-003. Please use "Lent" as the Code and your first and last name as particulars.

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.

An Afternoon in Rome

On Saturday 21 February 2026 from 2pm – 4pm Anna Maksymova and Julian Knapp 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

Parish Lenten Reflection Programme

The Parish Caritas Lenten Reflection programme will begin at St Josephs Church Mt Victoria on Monday 16th February at 7pm and then 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 from 25th February. 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!

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Would you like to put your faith into action by helping needy people in the community through personal contact? If so, please join us. The first meeting of the year for the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on Tuesday 17 February at 6pm. New members are very welcome.

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.

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.

Guardians Needed

Each day St Mary of the Angels 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 ministry please contact the parish office on office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.

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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.

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 24
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 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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