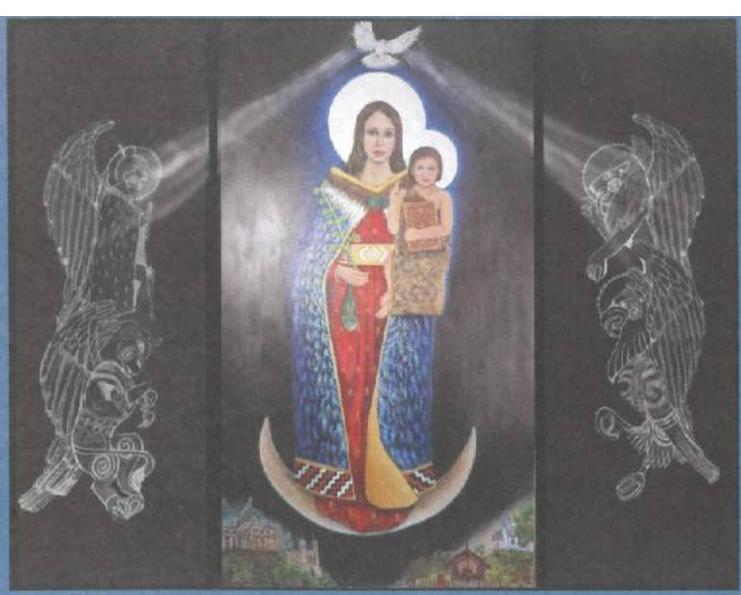


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22 February 2026, 1st Sunday of Lent

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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

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who helped with our Ash Wednesday Masses. There were large attendances at all Masses. The parishioners of St John's Presbyterian Church together with their minister the Rev Allister Lane joined us for the 5.15pm Mass to receive ashes. They have been joining us for the past several years and it continues our close relationship with them.

I especially wish to thank those who helped with ministries on Ash Wednesday. Sincere thanks to our 11am Choir members who together with the St John's choir led the singing at the 5.15pm Mass.

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.

Meetings of Parish Committees

The various Parish Committees have or are beginning to meet for the year. Our two Liturgy Committees have already met preparing for the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter. Last Saturday the Pastoral Parish Council held a reflection day. This coming week the Finance Committee meets. Many other groups continue to meet on a regular basis. Please keep these committees and groups in your prayers.

First Sacraments Programme

The preparation for First Reconciliation for the children begins this weekend. This follows the two evenings for the parents over the past couple of weeks. The sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 29 March at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Genesis	2:7-9, 3:1-7
<i>Creation of our first parents, and sin.</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	5:12-19
<i>Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	4:1-11
<i>Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Genesis	12:1-4
Psalm	32	
Second Reading	2 Timothy	1:8-10
Gospel Reading	Matthew	17:1-9

	Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:	\$3,329
	Automatic Payments:	\$3,345
	Total: \$6,674	

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

Children's Day - 1 March

To celebrate Children's Day on Sunday 1 March, the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's will have a focus on children. We hope to see many children there.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Francisca Sparnaay, Richard Bruynel, Marivac Del Rosario, Joan Abbott, Cecilia Dickson, Leslie Kriebel, Pauline Ritchie, Donald McIvor, Janis Horan, Fr Michael O'Meeghan sm, Edward Hunt, John Morris, Julie Gerrard

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 50

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R**



Mise-ré-re Dómine, qui-a peccá-vimus.

Have mercy O Lord, for we have sinned.

Artist Talk with Julian Knapp

Following the unveiling of his painting 'Rome' at Sacred Heart Cathedral yesterday, Julian will be presenting an artist's talk at Exhibitions Gallery, 32 Brandon St, on Saturday 28 February from 1 - 2pm. He will talk more on the painting, what inspired him, his techniques and his art career. It will be an opportunity to view the painting again and meet the artist.



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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.

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 5pm to 7.30pm at St Josephs, Mt Victoria. Kai at 5.30pm with the meeting starting at 6pm. 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 identify strategies and a vision for 2026.

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 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!

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.

CathNews New Zealand

CathNews New Zealand shares the big news from the Catholic Church and stories of relevance to Catholics every Tuesday and Friday. Sign up for the free digital newsletter and read the latest stories. Website: www.cathnewsnz.com

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.



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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 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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