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Ko Hina Maria, te Māua Wāhine o te Aina - Holy Mary, Mother of God

15 March 2026, 4th 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

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new set of Planned Giving Envelopes for the next financial year are available in our two Churches today. Please collect them from the tables in the respective Churches.

If you wish to be part of our planned giving system and contribute to the Parish using direct credit or planned giving envelopes please contact Abby in the Parish Office. The Parish is totally reliant on the generosity of parishioners and we are very grateful to all those who contribute through the planned giving programme. A receipt is issued at the end of each financial year which may be used for a tax refund.

If you wish to make a 'one off' donation to the Parish before 31 March a receipt will be issued for this financial year. Be assured that all our benefactors are remembered in the prayers of the Marist community.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass for North Island Parishes will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday 1 April at 7.30pm. This is an important Mass when the priests gather with Archbishop Paul and renew their priestly commitment of service to the parishioners of the Diocese.

There will be no Masses on this day at St Mary of the Angels. The sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated from 11.30am until 12.30pm.

Feast Day Mass

We warmly welcome the pupils and teachers from St Patrick's College (town) as they celebrate their Feast Day Mass in our Church on Tuesday. This is a long tradition within the school and we are delighted to welcome St Pat's again this year. We pray and thank God for all those who dedicate their lives to education.

Easter Timetable

The Easter timetable is available at Mass today. Please take one to ensure that you are aware of the times of the liturgies and Masses in our Churches over Easter. Thank you to all who are helping to prepare these liturgies. There is a huge amount of work involved.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

2 APRIL

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

RECONCILIATION

11am-1pm

4pm - 5pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7.30pm

*Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper
you are welcome to stay in the Church and
pray at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.*

GOOD FRIDAY

3 APRIL

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10am

RECONCILIATION

11am-12pm

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

3pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10am

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

4 APRIL

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

RECONCILIATION

10am-11am

EASTER VIGIL

MASS

7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

5 APRIL

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

MASSES

7am, 9am, 11am (Choral) & 5pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MASS

9.30am

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

MASS

7am, 9am, 11am & 5pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MASS

9.30am

MONDAY 30 MARCH

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

MASS

7.30am, 12.05pm & 5.15pm

RECONCILIATION

11.30am-12pm, 12.30pm - 1pm &

4.30pm - 5pm

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

MASS

7.30am, 12.05pm & 5.15pm

RECONCILIATION

11.30am-12pm, 12.30pm - 1pm &

4.30pm - 5pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MASS

8.30am

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

RECONCILIATION

11.30am-12.30pm

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

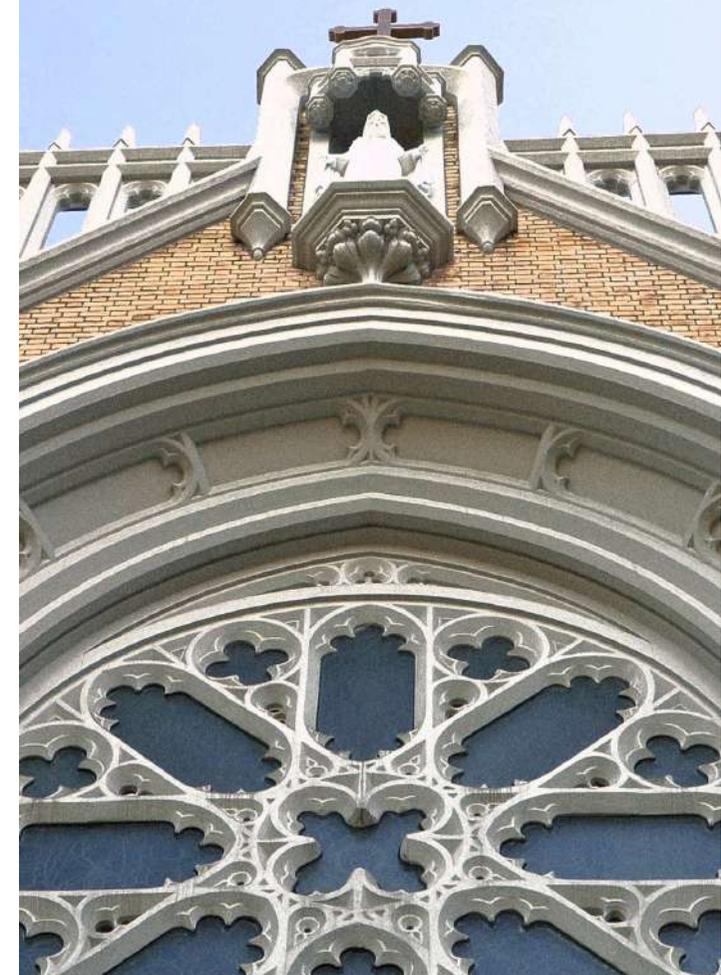
CHRISM MASS

7.30pm



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

2026 EASTER TIMETABLE



This Week's Readings

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 129
Second Reading Romans 8:8-11
Gospel Reading John 11:1-45



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,808
 Automatic Payments: \$3,902
Total: \$7,710

Holy Week Reflection -

Take time and space to enter the spirit of Holy Week with a guided day of prayer and reflection on **Saturday, 28 March** from 9am until 3.15pm at Pā Maria, 78 Hobson St, Thorndon. Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM and Judith Moroney rsm are presenting.

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Entry by koha. Maximum of 20 people so please RSVP by Tuesday 24 March to: pamariabookings@gmail.com

Responsorial Psalm 22

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.
 Fresh and green are the pastures
 where he gives me repose.
 Near restful waters he leads me,
 to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
 he is true to his name.
 If I should walk in the valley of darkness
 no evil would I fear.
 You are there with your crook and your staff;
 with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
 in the sight of my foes.
 My head you have anointed with oil;
 my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
 all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
 for ever and ever. **R**



The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Ann-Marie Sowry, Patricia Slattery, Baldo Sutich, Margaret McNeill, Wanda Wheeler, Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney

Prayers for the Sick: 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.

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St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on Tuesday March 17, at 6pm. Our mission is to help those in need through personal contact. We put our faith into action. If this sounds like you, please join us. New members are very welcome.

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.

Community Gathering to Celebrate The Feast of St Joseph

As St Joseph's Feast Day falls on a Thursday this year, we will have a community celebration after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 22 March. We will gather in the garden for prayer and then enjoy a BBQ brunch. Please bring a plate to share - a salad or something for dessert. Thanks to the Passionist Family Groups who are providing the sausage sizzle.

St Joseph's Working Bee 9am Saturday 21 March

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Easter. Many hands make light work! Please bring garden tools - hedge trimmers would be especially welcome, as are vehicles to help take refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to.

St Francis de Sales 120th Jubilee

The Catholic Parish of Wellington South is inviting former and current parishioners to a celebration of several historical milestones on Saturday 18 April and Sunday, April 19, 2026. The area's first Catholic church, St Francis de Sales in Island Bay, was built in 1906, 120 years ago, and the current church was blessed and opened on 17 April 1966, 60 years ago. For more info: email: office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

Gregorian Chant: From Notation to Performance

Our Music Director William McElwee will be conducting a workshop through the New Zealand Choral Federation on Gregorian Chant on Saturday 21 March at 2pm in the St Mary of the Angel's Hall. Learn more about this beautiful music. \$30 registration, register at www.nzcf.org.nz

Holy Hour

Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7.30-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Tuesday 24th March and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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 28 March in the SMOA Hall. Please email Fr Ben a.priest@smoa.org.nz for more information, or to register.

Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 19 March from 7pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall 10 Guildford Terrace (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). Monsignor Gerard Burns will be speaking on "The relevance of faith in 2026" If you want to know more, contact David Monastra 027-4477 280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington

St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.

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 18th of March, Fr Ben will talk about *The Mass*.

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 with the next session on Tuesday 24 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

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

WelCom Newsletter

The **WelCom** newsletter is being prepared and will be delivered to parishes for distribution on Palm Sunday, 29 March. It will be a larger 12 page leaflet for the first issue of 2026, and will then return to the usual

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Love is a Decision

Register online on the Archdiocesan website for the next course, consecutive **Sundays, 7 & 14 June 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



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