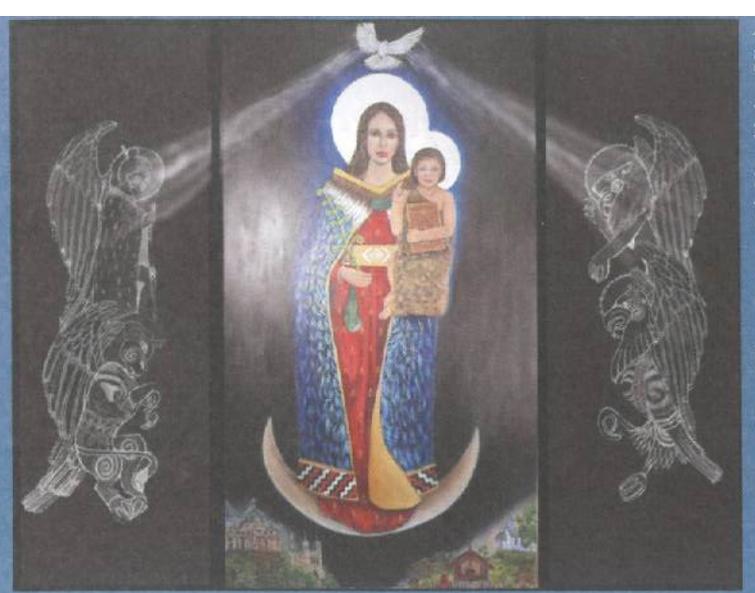


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

8 March 2026, 3rd 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.

## Rest in peace

We were very saddened to learn this week of the death in Houston (Texas) of Mehreen Kelly, wife of Justin and mother of Sarah and Xavier. The family visited family in New Zealand at Christmas and on their return to the United States in early January Mehreen became seriously ill with stage 4 cancer. There was no indication of any health issues while she was here in New Zealand so her sudden illness and death is a great shock to the family. Mehreen was only 41 years old.

The wider Kelly family and friends gathered at the 12.05pm Mass last Friday to pray for Mehreen. I have assured Justin and the children that we will continue to remember and pray for them in the days ahead.

## Congratulations

We warmly congratulate Marte Pandzou and Celvic Moumpela on the baptism of their daughter Maryse at St Joseph's Church during the 9.30am Mass this morning. We assure them as a family of our prayerful support as we welcome Maryse into our faith community.

Fr Barry Scannell sm  
Parish Priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Exodus 17: 3-7  
*Give us water to drink.*

**Second Reading** Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8  
*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

**Gospel Reading** John 4:5-42  
*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

**Psalm** 22

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel Reading** John 9:1-41



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,897

Automatic Payments: \$7,267

**Total: \$11,164**

## 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.

## Theology on Tap

The first Theology on Tap for Young Adults this year 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!

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Mehreen Kelly

**Anniversaries:** Pham Quang Viet, Phil Busby, Lorna Crewdson, Trevor Randall, Merle Barnett, Frederick Brennan, Anne Brosnahan, Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwin, Nelson Nunns

**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.*

## Responsorial Psalm 94

**R. If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**



No-lí- te obdu- rá-re corda ve-stra

*Harden not your hearts.*

## 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](http://www.nzcf.org.nz)

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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.

### **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](mailto:caritas@caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22.

### **Chrism Mass**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral, on Wednesday 1 April at 7.30pm.

### **Parish Lenten Reflection Programme**

The Parish Caritas Lenten Reflection programme is held at St Joseph's Church each Monday at 7pm. 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.

### **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 is 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.

### **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](mailto:office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

### **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](mailto:pamariabookings@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

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## 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 11th of March, Fr Ben will talk about *Lectio Divina*.

## 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 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](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)

## 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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## 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](http://www.cathnewsnz.com)



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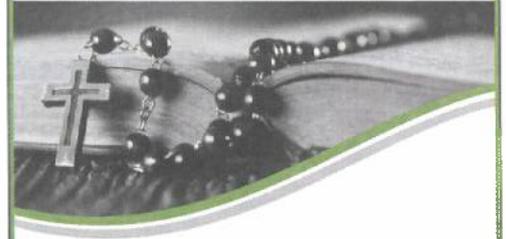
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