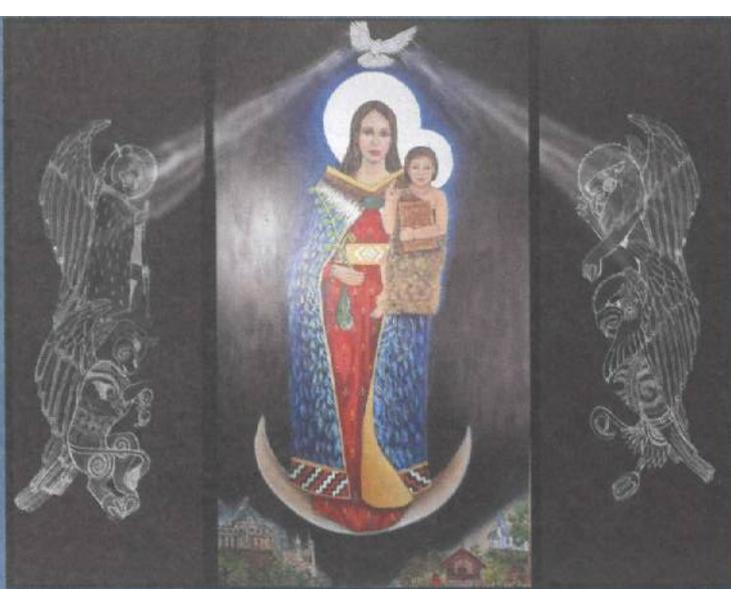


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Ko Hāua Mārua, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

22 March 2026, 5th 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

Rest in Peace

We remember in prayer Stephen George, a faithful parishioner for many years who has died. Stephen always attended the 5pm Mass on Sunday evening.

While he did not enjoy robust health Stephen died suddenly three weeks ago. We are unaware of any family connections and this has delayed a funeral for him. Many of our parishioners have been very supportive of Stephen over the years.

A Requiem Mass will be held next Saturday 28 March at 11am. This gives parishioners the opportunity to thank God for Stephen's life and to pray for him.

Mass of Anointing

There will be no anointing Mass next Saturday because of the funeral Mass. The next Mass of anointing will be on Saturday 18th April. Please note that this is the third Sunday of the month because ANZAC Day falls on the following Saturday.

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.

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

This Week's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 21

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading Matthew 26:14-27:66



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$5,295

Automatic Payments: \$5,607

Total: \$10,902

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 129

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

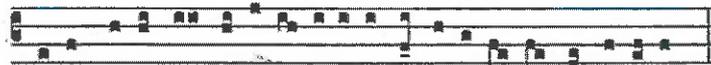
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R**

My soul is waiting for the Lord I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord). **R**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R**



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.

Women Alive Retreat

You are warmly invited to the **Women Alive Retreat**, a day of prayer, inspiring teaching, powerful testimonies, and joyful fellowship for Catholic women.

This retreat's theme, "*The Joy of the Lord is my strength*", invites women to encounter the strength and joy that comes from living in God's presence.

The retreat will be led by Anastasia Rebello, a commissioned Minister of the Word from the Archdiocese of Mumbai who has spent over 20 years preaching internationally to lay and religious. She will be joined by Rupa Fernandes, also a commissioned Minister of the Word and a core member of the Women Alive team.

Monday, 27 April 2026, 10:30am–4:30pm at St Theresa's Catholic Parish, 210 Saint Andrews Road, Plimmerton. Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. This is a free event.

To register email Sarah Pinto Nazareth at pintosarahann@gmail.com or call 022 394 9899 by 23 April (calls only between 6:00pm-8:00pm).

Come along for a beautiful day of prayer, inspiration, and community. All women are welcome!

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.

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

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

Easter Art Installation

Sunday 29 March - Sunday 5 April, 10am - 3pm at Wellington Central Baptist Church

Organised by a spiritual director and artists, this is a feast of the senses. We invite you to come to enjoy, reflect and interact in this space during Holy Week. There are artworks, prayer stations, and spaces to be: a different way for us to engage with the Easter story. We welcome everyone, especially for those who have not been in church before to experience Easter in a new way.

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.

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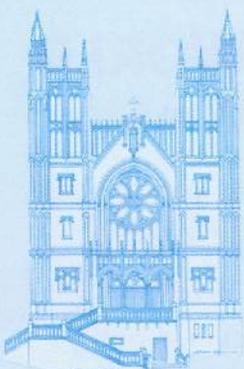
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Young Adults

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 25th 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

Seasons for Growth Adult Programme, April 2026

Catholic Social Services is offering the Seasons for Growth Adult Programme this April. This four-week small-group course helps adults understand and respond to experiences of change, loss and grief. Sessions will run on **Wednesdays on 8, 15, 22 and 29 April** from 10.00am to 12.30pm at Level 2, 204 Thorndon Quay. Morning tea is provided. For more information or to register, please contact Jess at Catholic Social Services on 04 385 8642 or email: seasons@cadw.nz.

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 format and be published monthly.

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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