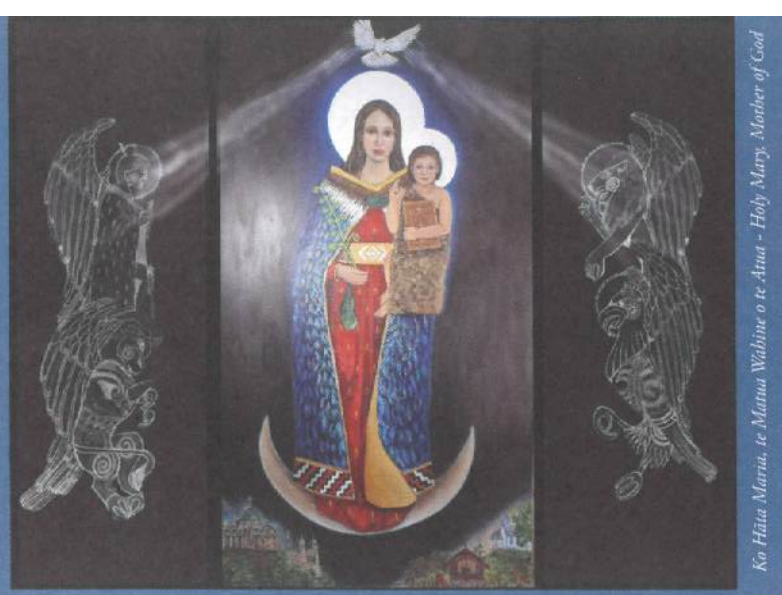


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Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

29 March 2026, Palm Sunday

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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

Palm Sunday

At St Mary of the Angels today (except for the 7am Mass) we will gather outside on the lawn at the beginning of Mass for blessing of the palms. We then process into the Church, holding our blessed palms recalling Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. This of course always relies on the weather but hopefully the sun will shine and we will be able to continue this long tradition.

First Sacraments Programme

The children in the First Sacraments Programme will today celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. This is another wonderful moment in their preparation into full communion with the Church. They have already celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last year and their initiation will continue with the preparation for First Holy Communion next term.

We assure them and their families of our prayerful support as they continue their faith journey. We thank those who are helping with the sacramental programme.

Easter Timetable

Please ensure that you take an Easter timetable which are available from the tables in the foyers of our Churches. It is important that you are aware of the times for liturgies and Masses during Holy Week and Easter.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass for North Island Parishes will be celebrated in the Cathedral this 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.

Mass of Anointing

The next Mass of anointing will be on Saturday 18 April at 11am. Please note that we are unable to have the anointing on the 4th Sunday in April because that is ANZAC Day and we have a special celebration of Mass for this day.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 50: 4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading Philippians 2: 6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Reading Matthew 26: 14-27: 66
The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm 117

Second Reading Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel Reading John 20: 1-9



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,114

Automatic Payments: \$4,097

Total: \$8,211

Stop the Move-on Orders:

Invitation to Join an Overnight Vigil, 29 March

An overnight vigil of solidarity with people experiencing homelessness will be held on 29 March at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, to express our opposition to the government's proposed Move-On Orders for people sleeping rough and to dream and pray for alternative solutions to homelessness.

RSVP essential for ensuring we can plan for everyone's safety and wellbeing: updates and announcements will be made to a whatsapp group of registered attendees. Register at bit.ly/moveonvigil

This event is organised by Common. Contact for the Catholic Ecology Justice and Peace Commission is Deirdre Meskill email: d.meskill@cadw.nz

Responsorial Psalm 21

**R. My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**



: **Deus, Dé-us mé-us, quáre me dereli-quis-ti ?**

O God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Projector Operators Needed

We are in need of volunteers to operate the laptop at the 9am Sunday Mass at St Mary of the Angels. Full training will be provided. If you are available please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or office.manager@smoa.org.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Stephen George

Anniversaries: Kathleen Dwyer, John Morgan, John Lundon, Fr Michael Tomasi, Paul Gini, Laurie Butler, Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport, Anita Rae

Prayers for the Sick: Cecilia Cha, Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, 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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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!

World Youth Day 2027

Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please fill out the expression of interest form: <https://forms.gle/cz2MF9QGfjxRSTSB> and email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@cadw.nz for any questions.

Vacancy—Chief Finance Officer

The Diocese of Christchurch is seeking an experienced and forward-thinking Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute meaningfully to the strategic direction of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

We invite applications from leaders who share the Diocese's sense of purpose, who value meaningful work, and who are energised by contributing to a mission-driven organisation.

For more information, or to apply, email applications@cdoc.nz

Applications close at 9.00pm on **April 12**.

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 in a quiet space to enjoy, reflect and interact in this space in the 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, and 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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St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.

Young Adults

There will be no EYA meeting held on Wednesday 1 April. All are welcome to attend the Christ Mass at the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 7 April from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on Understanding Fatima - Explaining the Faith. Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

Joshua 40-Year Celebration

All Men are invited to the 40 Year Celebration on Friday 14 August to Sunday 16 August. At Keswick Christian Camp, Rotorua.

Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad" will be the keynote speaker. \$247pp including accommodation and meals.

To register, scan the QR Code or contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747.



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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