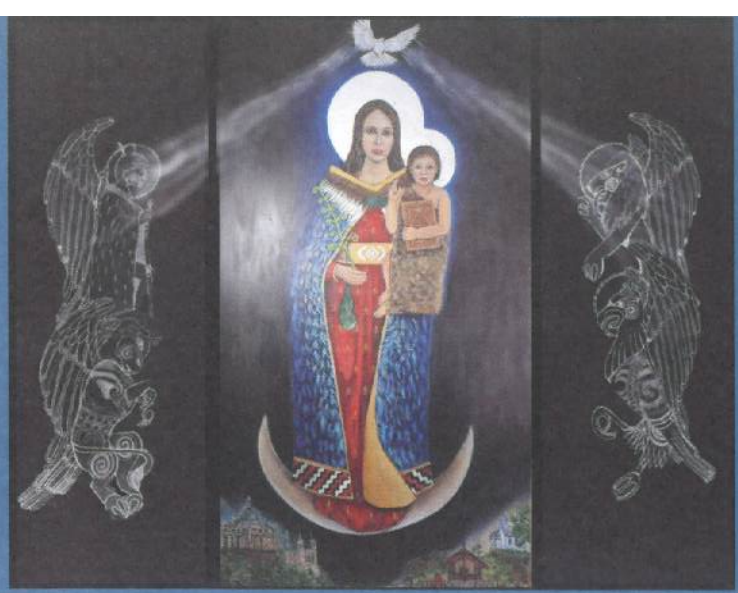


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Ko Hīta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

12 April 2026, 2nd Sunday of Easter

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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 ensure our Easter liturgies was celebrated so wonderfully. I have received many messages saying how much people appreciated the Easter ceremonies in our Churches and how it was such a special experience for them.

Thank you to all who did so much to make Easter a very special time in the Parish.

First Sacraments Programme

The First Sacraments Programme resumes again this month with children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This is the final sacrament which will complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church.

The Parent evenings are on Tuesday 28 April and Thursday 30 April at 7pm in Connolly Hall at the Cathedral.

Welcome

We warmly welcome into our Catholic Community this weekend Elias Focas, baby son of Terri and Jason who was baptized yesterday in St Mary of the Angels Church. We assure Eilas and his family of our prayerful support on this very special occasion.

Planned Giving Receipts

The planned giving and donation receipts for the last financial year will be available next weekend. If the Parish has your email address in our database the receipts will be forwarded to you by email. If we do not have your email address or if you have opted to receive a printed receipt this will be available at Masses next Sunday. If you need to update your contact details please email Abby at the Parish Office.

The Finance Committee are very grateful for your generosity in supporting the Parish.

CathNews

You may be interested in reading this week's edition of CathNews regarding the increase in the number of people being received into the Catholic Church at Easter. The NZ Catholic Bishops are reporting that approximately 900 people were welcome into full communion with the Church this year.

Details of how you can receive a copy of CathNews each week is outlined in this newsletter today.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:42-47
The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9
He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 15
Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$9,237
Automatic Payments: \$6,832
Total: \$16,069

Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 16 April 2026 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Lislie Pietersz, Current of Grace Wellington leader, will be speaking on "Seek and witness Jesus' love". If you want to know more contact David Monastra 027-4477 280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

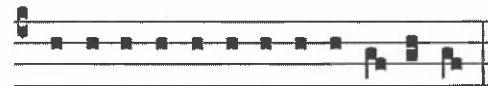
Responsorial Psalm 117

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R**



Alle-lu-ia. Alle-lu-ia. Alle-lu-ia.

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/cz2MF9QGfjxRST5BA> and email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@cadw.nz for any questions.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Dorothy Cook, Katherine Butler, Sandra Southon, Nance Mills, Lady Joan Gillies, John Dalgety

Prayers for the Sick: Cecilia Cha, Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson,



Pat Mahony, Saturino Vioria, Dr Bill Glass, Greg Hayward, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, 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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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!

St Joseph's – Tuesday Mass

Please note that there will be no Tuesday Mass at St Joseph's Church this week due to the unavailability of Priests.

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

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 of ANZAC Day and we have a special celebration of Mass that day.

Retreat Day at Pā Maria

Take some time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection.

Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM, and Judith Moroney rsm will lead participants in a day of prayer to help enter into the spirit of Easter.

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Entry is by koha.

Location: Pā Maria, 78 Hobson St, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

RSVP: By 28 April to pamariabookings@gmail.com

Projector Operators Needed

We are in need of volunteers to operate the laptop at the 9am and 5pm Sunday Masses 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



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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! Fr Tomasz will be speaking on the topic "Why is the Bible so important?".

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 14 April from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on Theology of the Body, What does it mean for my Life. 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.



St Thomas More Society, Wellington - Mass and Dinner, Friday 26 June, 2026

The St Thomas More Society's annual Mass and dinner is an opportunity for members of the Wellington legal community (including non-lawyers) and law students to gather and celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of lawyers. This year, Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm in the Cathedral Chapel. Drinks and dinner will follow at the Wellington Club for those who wish to attend. Our guest speaker this year is Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Archbishop of the Wellington Diocese. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please email thomasmoresoc@gmail.com or call Monica Devine on 021 2991138

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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