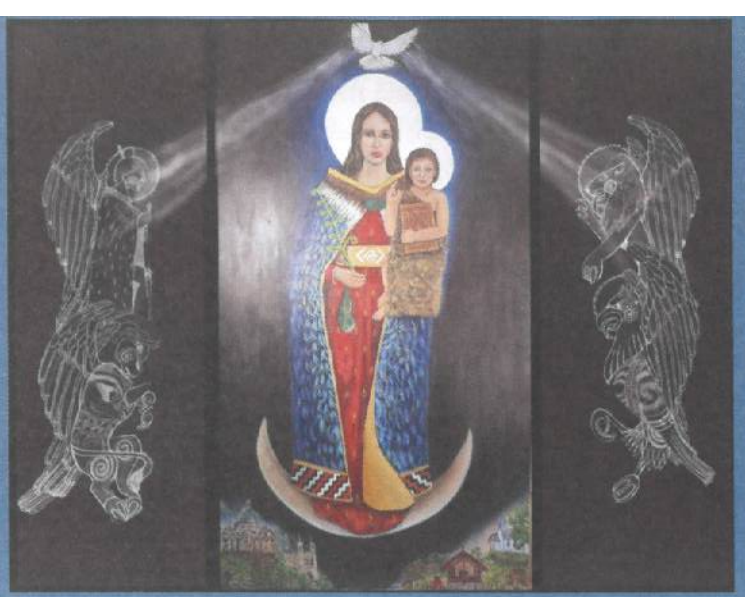


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Māua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

26 April 2026, 4th 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

ANZAC Day Mass

Thank you for all who helped with the ANZAC Day Mass yesterday. We were delighted that Archbishop Paul Martin sm was able to preside at this very important annual Mass.

It was a great joy to welcome the Polish community who always join us together with the Polish Ambassador to New Zealand: His Excellency Mr Patryk Blaszczak. A wreath was laid by the Ambassador at the Katyn plaque in the Church commemorating the massacre of Polish soldiers during World War II.

We continue to remember those who fought for freedom in the many wars over the years and we pray for peace throughout the world at this time.

Vocations Sunday

This Sunday the Church celebrates 'Vocations Sunday'. While we remember and pray for those considering all vocations, we especially pray on this Sunday for vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

There are prayer cards in the Church which we invite you to use each day. If anyone is considering a vocation to priesthood or Marist religious life you can find more information on the following website: maristvocations.nz

Planned Giving Receipts

The planned giving and donation receipts for the last financial year are available this weekend. If the Parish has your email address in our database the receipts should have been 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. 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.

Public Holiday

The public holiday for ANZAC Day will be held tomorrow Monday 27 April. Please note that there will only be one Mass in the Parish at 12.05pm.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 32

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Reading John 14:1-12



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$5,312

Automatic Payments: \$5,572

Total: \$10,884

WelCom

The April edition of WelCom, the monthly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Wellington, is available today.

WelCom is a publication featuring stories of faith, community, social justice, and news from around our parishes and schools.

Print copies are free and available at the back of the Churches.

You can read the latest edition, explore past issues, or learn more about WelCom here:

wn.catholic.org.nz/welcom

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 my 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.

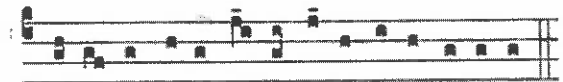
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

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**



Dómi-nus páscit me, et ni-hil mi-hi dé-e-rit

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

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/cz2MF9QGfjxRSTSBa> and email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@cadw.nz for any questions.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Laurie Rayner (Margaret Clarke's brother)

Anniversaries: Joseph Churchward, Ches Tomaszuk, Jean Auld, Lnton Eskrigge, Sir Vincent O'Sullivan, John Keating, Jung Jieun, Ian Jones, Stewart Dickson, Mark Fitzgerald, David Butler

Prayers for the Sick: Cecilia Cha, Terry Pohlen, Kirwan b 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, 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.

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 7 May at 7pm in Connolly Hall at the Cathedral.

Retreat Day at Pā Maria

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

On Saturday 2 May from 9am-3.15pm, 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

Leo Brett Kelly Unveiling

The unveiling of Leo's plaque will take place on Saturday 2 May at 2pm in the Catholic section of Mākara Cemetery, followed by afternoon tea at 145 Daniell St, Newtown.

Please RSVP for catering to Gabriel Ann Brett Kelly, 027 529 5809.

An African Experience of Parish Life in New Zealand

Calling all our African parishioners. There will be a fellowship and formation day on **Saturday, 23 May 2026 from 2.00 – 3.30pm** at the Connolly Hall of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington. Fr Patrick Bridgman, ADW Liturgy Advisor, will give a formation session on Proclamation of the Word, followed by reflection and fellowship. Bring the family and bring a plate to share. Email dr.bangure@gmail.com or 021 134 8476. See the poster for details.

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!

Late Night Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington 8.00pm **Friday, 1st May 2026**. We have our May Late Night Mass for Young People next week! It is a special Mass as the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Gábor Pintér, will be celebrating Mass for us. We cannot wait to see you all there, so spread the word and bring your friends and family as well as a plate to share.



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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 Ben will be speaking on the topic "Prudence and Friendships".

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 5 May from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on Theology of the Body, Mark of Gods Love. 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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