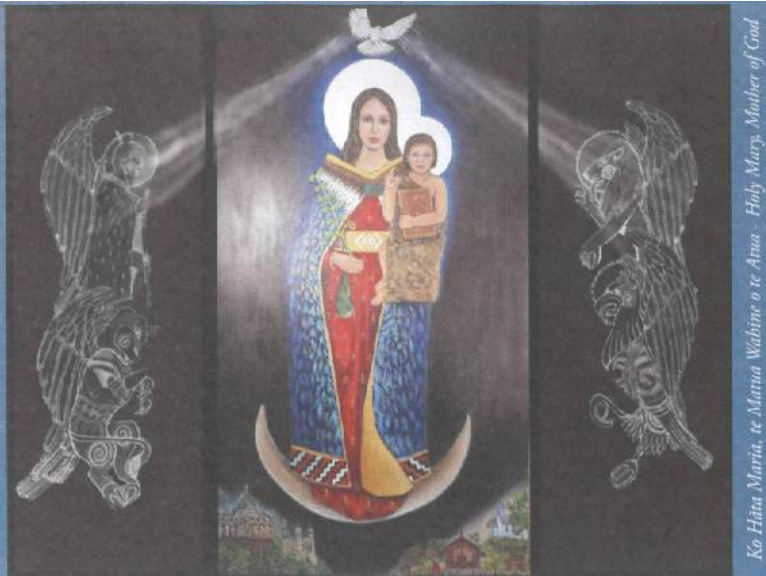


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Ko Hina Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Ariā - Holy Mary, Mother of God

3 May 2026, 5th 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

First Sacraments Programme

The first sacraments programme continues today with the preparation for First Holy Communion. The children's session will be held in the Bill Pearce Room at St Joseph's Church at 8.40am followed by Mass at 9.30am.

The second parent session will be held this Thursday 7 May at 7pm in Connolly Hall.

Please keep all the children and young people who are preparing for this wonderful sacrament in your prayers. The sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 7 June at St Joseph's Church. We sincerely thank the team who are preparing the children for this important milestone.

St Vincent de Paul Society

We have a long tradition in the Parish of reaching out to those in need through the St Vincent de Paul Society. This work is 'hidden and unknown' and helps many families and individuals in the wider community. The St Vincent de Paul Society is always looking for new members to help with this work.

At the end of the 9.30am and 11am Masses today a member of the Society will briefly speak about their work. They will be available after Mass if you would like to ask further questions regarding this very important ministry.

Congratulations

We warmly congratulate Laela Ford and Christian Lloyd who were married yesterday in St Mary of the Angels Church. We thank God for the wonderful sacrament of matrimony and we assure Laela and Christian of our support and prayers as they set out on their journey of married life.

Visit by Schools and Groups to St Mary of the Angels

Parishioners may be interested to learn that a good number of groups and schools visit the Church of St Mary of the Angels. These groups and schools are not always Catholic but they come as part of their study about different faith traditions and their interest in the heritage value of the building.

We always welcome such groups and often someone is available to explain the architectural beauty of the Church. Suzanne O'Rourke has put together a wonderful 'handout' which we give to these groups. It provides an understanding of the history of the Church and guides visitors through the parables and stories of the stained glass.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Acts	6:1-7
<i>They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.</i>		
Second Reading	1 Peter	2:4-9
<i>You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.</i>		
Gospel Reading	John	14:1-12
<i>I am the way, the truth, and the life.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Acts	8:5-8. 14-17
Psalm	65	
Second Reading	1 Peter	3:15-18
Gospel Reading	John	14:15-21



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$5,424
Automatic Payments:	\$5,463
Total:	\$10,887

WelCom

The April edition of WelCom, the monthly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Wellington, is available. 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 tables in our Churches.

You can read the latest edition, explore past issues, or learn more about WelCom here:
wn.catholic.org.nz/welcom

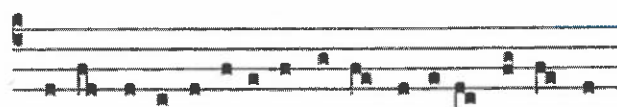
Responsorial Psalm 32

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**



Fi-at mi-se-ri-córdi-a tu-a, Dómine, su-per nos.

Let your mercy be upon us, O Lord.

Planned Giving Receipts

The planned giving and donation receipts for the last financial year are available on the side table in the Church. If the Parish has your email address in our database the receipts should have been forwarded to you by email. 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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Gavin Dillon, Mulipola Fa'atiga Tolova'a, Noelene van Es

Anniversaries: Timothy Shanahan, George Bright, Terry Chamberlain, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm,
Joseph Hermon, Mariette Hopman, Sr Stephanie Kitching RSM, Reynaldo Sapitan

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, 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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Archbishop: Get Involved and Support the Church's Mission

Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM has asked Catholics to reflect on how they can contribute to the life of their parishes and how they can help develop vocations.

In an editorial in *WelCom*, the Archdiocese's monthly newsletter, Archbishop Martin wrote: "As we move to larger parish groupings, it is important that there are smaller groups within the parish that people can belong to for faith support and companionship.

"However, these only happen when we are willing to give up our time to belong to them. Expecting someone else to do the work will not sustain us as faith communities.

"Each of us needs to ask: what am I contributing to the life of my parish? What am I involved in? Do I just turn up and disappear again week after week?

"If we all do something, our parishes will be vibrant and outward-focused for mission."

Archbishop Martin also wrote about support for vocations.

"A sign of a vibrant Church is one where vocations to priesthood and religious life are flourishing," the archbishop stated.

"We are all called to play our part. Vocations begin in the home, with the formation in faith of the children. They are nurtured in a parish where people belong and are noticed and cared for.

"The community also encourages their young people to see if God is calling them and helps them to discern if this is what God asks. And the community also supports the financial costs relating to forming priests for the future.

"I would ask that you consider what you are doing to help to develop vocations in your parish and community."

Full Story - [WelCom April 2026](#) (Archdiocese of Wellington)

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.

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.

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

Parish Census

The Parish Pastoral Council is planning to undertake a Parish census in the coming weeks. We are aware that that over the past few years we have experienced a significant increase in the number of people attending Mass in our Parish. Many of these people are new to Wellington and even to New Zealand.

We also realise that with the coming together of St Joseph's and St Mary of the Angels as one Parish, many new parishioners (and perhaps some who have been here longer) have never had the opportunity of being registered on the Parish Roll.

We intend preparing a 'census form' which everyone is invited to complete so your family details are correct. It will also give parishioners the opportunity of 'updating' their details such as telephone numbers, email addresses etc.

There will also be the opportunity of registering to participate in various ministries within the Parish and to be part of the Planned Giving programme. The census WILL hopefully provide the Parish with updated information for all of our parishioners.



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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! Next week there will be a potluck and a social gathering.

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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