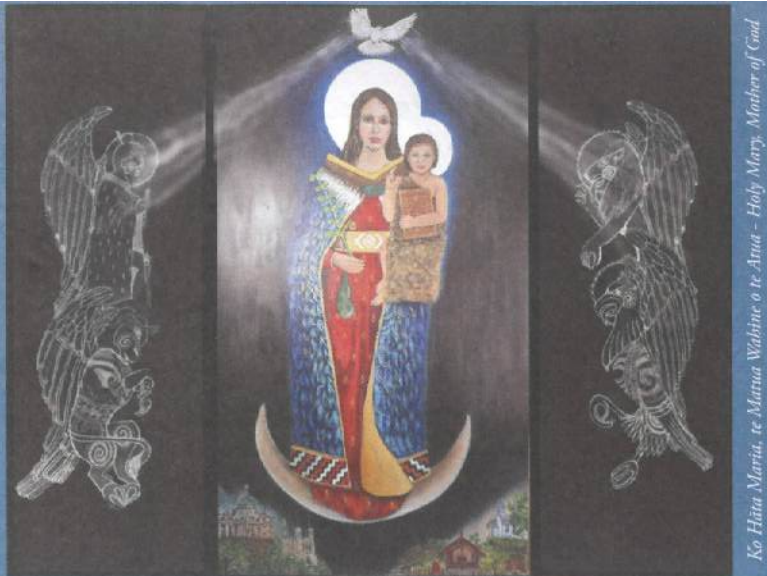


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

10 May 2026, 6th 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

Archdiocesan Vocations Campaign

At all Masses this weekend a letter from Archbishop Paul Martin SM will be read announcing a special vocations campaign to encourage faithful young men in the Archdiocese of Wellington to consider the vocation of priesthood.

Pentecost Sunday

We invite parishioners on the Feast of Pentecost to wear cultural or traditional dress, or bright colours to celebrate this important Feast of the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will also be praying the 'prayers of the faithful' in several languages on this day and invite people to volunteer to translate a prayer of the faithful into their own language.

Pentecost Vespers

This year we are the hosts for the ecumenical SUNG Pentecost Vespers with St John's Presbyterian Church and St Peter's Anglican Church. The Vespers will be held in our Church on Sunday 24 May at 7pm.

Please put this date in your diary. As hosts for this occasion we would be grateful if you can bring a plate to nourish our visitors.

St Vincent de Paul Society

We have a long tradition in this Parish of reaching out to those in need through the St Vincent de Paul Society. This work is often 'hidden and unknown' and helps many families and individuals in the wider community. The Vinnies are always looking for new members to help with this work. A member of the Society will speak at the end of the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's this morning.

Church Guardians

We are blessed in our Parish to have several generous people who act as guardians so that our Church can remain open to visitors during the day. We are very grateful to these people because without their generous commitment the Church would not be able to remain open each day for people to visit and pray. We have three 'spaces' during the week where we need new guardians. It means coming to the Church for an hour.

If you would like to consider being a guardian please contact one of the pastoral team or the Parish Office.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Acts	8:5-8, 14-17
<i>They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.</i>		
Second Reading	1 Peter	3:15-18
<i>In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.</i>		
Gospel Reading	John	14:15-21
<i>I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Acts	1:1-11
Psalm	46	
Second Reading	Ephesians	1:17-23
Gospel Reading	Matthew	28:16-20



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$4,094
Automatic Payments:	\$5,972
Total:	\$10,066

St Mary's College – Open Day 2026

St Mary's College, Wellington warmly invites prospective students and their whānau to attend the 2026 Open Day on **Tuesday 19 May, 9am–11am.**

To register, please visit www.stmw.school.nz or phone **04 473 5554.**

Applications for 2027 enrolments close on **Friday 24 July 2026.** To apply, please visit the Enrolment page on the St Mary's College website.

Responsorial Psalm 65

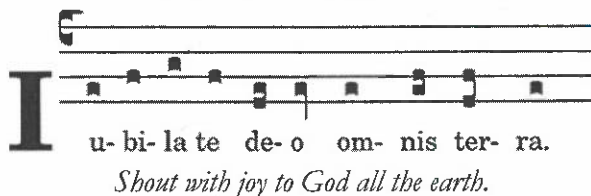
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R**



Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on **Thursday 21st May 2026** from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Speaker: Ben D'souza SM and Assistant Priest at St Mary of the Angels on "**Strive to be one with Jesus – no matter what**"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477 280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Marie Shute, Mary Lucy

Anniversaries: Anasetasia Churchward, Pua Magasiva, Neni Beres

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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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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence again on the 3rd of September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs from September to April and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in joining this programme please make contact with Fr Michael on mlyoung@gmail.com for a meeting before the programme starts. Registration closes on 27 August 2026.

Working Bee – Saturday 16 May, 9:00–10:30am

We need your help to keep St Mary of the Angels Church looking its best! Please join us next Saturday, 16 May, for a working bee from 9:00 to 10:30am. Even a short amount of your time will make a real difference as we tidy and clean our beautiful church in preparation for the feast of Pentecost. If you're able, please bring along a duster or cleaning cloth.

Pentecost Sunday – Invitation for Cultural Contributions

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, 24 May 2026, the Liturgy Committee warmly invites parishioners from different cultural backgrounds to contribute a short prayer of the faithful in their own language, along with an English translation.

If you would like to take part, please email your contribution to the parish office by **Thursday, 21 May**.

Passionist Family Group - Members at Work

Last Saturday, members from SMOA Passionist Family Groups attended to the gardens at the Chelsea Club Lyall Bay. The Chelsea Club offers respite care for the cognitive impaired in the community.

For the PFG's annual outreach, 15 members turned up to do a general tidy up at the property, including a much needed tip run, window cleaning, tree topping and weeding. Our thanks to all who gave up a couple of hours of their Saturday morning to tackle the task! It is always a win win situation, there is nothing like serving those who serve our community!

If you would like to know more about Passionist Family Groups, feel free to contact Mary-Ellen, Parish Coordinator, at maryellenleen@icloud.com

O'Shea Shield 2026

This prestigious competition will be hosted at Sacred Heart College, 65 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt from May 14th - 16th, culminating in a Mass and Prize Giving at the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Knights Rd, at 1.30pm on Saturday, May 16th.

Details of the programme and scoresheet can be found on the Sacred Heart College website (www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz). All events are free (though Religious Drama tickets are limited and must be collected from the School Office on Friday, May 15th). We welcome parishioners to come along and support the many young people taking part, and we wish all the participants the very best for their competition.

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 June, September and November 2026. For queries please email: marriage@wn.catholic.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! Next week Fr Ben will be speaking on "Virtues".

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 19 May from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on Our Lady of Guadalupe. 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.



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.

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How to apply: Applications close on **Sunday, 24 May 2026**. For more information, to view the position description and to apply, please follow the link: mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4436930 or a position description is available on the website at: Mclaren.co.nz or call us on Ph. 499 1069. Attention your CV and a cover letter to Ngan Nguyen.



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