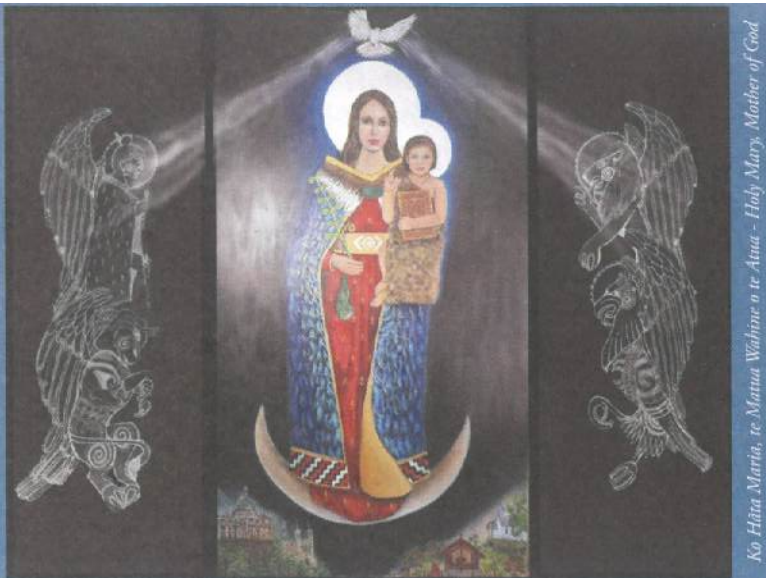


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17 May 2026, The Ascension of the Lord

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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

Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood

Archbishop Paul Martin SM is inviting young men in the Archdiocese to be open to God's call in their lives and to consider the vocation of diocesan priesthood. He is asking young people to consider all options as they discern what they are called to be including the vocations of priesthood and religious life.

The Ascension of the Lord

Strictly speaking, The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter. That is to say, last Thursday. However, the Bishops of New Zealand have transferred the feast to the nearest Sunday so that as many people as possible can celebrate it together.

In the Ascension Jesus shows us how humanity participates in the glory of the divine life. St Athanasius wrote: "God became man so that man might become God, not by nature but by participation in God's life". When he rises to heaven, Jesus does not discard his humanity – and neither do we. Our humanity is not disposable or temporary, but it is the exact thing that allows us to participate in the glory of heavenly life.

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.

Fr Barry Scannell SM
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel Reading John 20:19-23

		Last Sunday's Collection
Sunday Collection:	\$4,294	
Automatic Payments:	\$3,988	
		Total: \$8,282

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 46

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
 cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
 great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God, sing praise,
 sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
 Sing praise with all your skill.
 God is king over the nations;
 God reigns on his holy throne. **R**



A-scen-dit de-us in iu-bi-lo et do-mi-nus in vo-ce tu-bae

God ascends in jubilation and the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

St Vincent de Paul

Why not put your Faith into Action and become a member of the City branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society? We help the needy through personal contact. This may occur by means of a friendly visit, helping with furniture and clothing, or supplying a food parcel. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 19, at 6pm in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery. Everyone very welcome.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Stella Wadsworth

Anniversaries: John Smith, Brian Flynn, Michael Cenek, Margaret Fogarty, Mary Davidson, Maxwell Fernie, Paul Guerin

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



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Living Wage- Developing a City Wide Charter

Supporters of the Living Wage movement having recently met around the city using a "table talk format" to collect information to put together a city wide charter. The goal is for Wellington to work towards becoming a living wage city. All are invited to a meeting at the Loaves and Fishes venue Thursday 28 May to finalise the charter. Meeting begins with refreshments at 6pm.

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.

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 participate, please email your contribution to the parish office by **Thursday, 21 May**.

Joshua Wellington

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

Ben D'souza SM, Assistant Priest at St Mary of the Angels will be speaking on "Strive to be one with Jesus – no matter what".

If you want to know more, contact David Monastra 027-4477 280 email: joshua.wgtn@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

Pentecostal Reflection and Charismatic Healing Mass

The Divine Retreat Centre NZ Wellington Unit cordially invites you to participate in a Pentecostal Reflection and Charismatic Healing Mass - Vigil Mass, led by the distinguished Fr. Kevin Connors. This day of spiritual rejuvenation is scheduled for **Saturday, 23 May 2026**, at Our Lady of The Rosary Church, 59 Waiwhetu Road, Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt, running from 2.30pm to 6.00pm. We warmly welcome all those in search of spiritual renewal to join us for this blessed occasion, where the Holy Spirit's transformative presence will be felt through worship, teachings, healing prayers, and the celebration of the Holy Mass. For further details, please reach out to us at: drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com

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

Young Adult Retreat – Saturday 23 May

Young adults are invited to a retreat day on Saturday 23 May, beginning at 9am. The theme for this retreat is Silence and Prayer. an opportunity to pause and reflect.

For more information, please contact Fr Ben on a.priest@smoa.org.nz

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 a couple of "spaces" during the week where we need new guardians. It means coming to the Church for an hour.

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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 "the virtue of temperance".

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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