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

24 May 2026, Pentecost Sunday

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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

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 tonight at 7pm.

I hope that as many people from the Parish as possible can attend this important ecumenical event with our neighbouring Churches.

As hosts for this occasion we would be grateful if you can bring a plate to nourish our visitors. Please bring your food to the Parish Hall before the service.

Working Bee

A sincere thank you for those who attended the 'working bee' in the Parish last Saturday morning. It was an amazing effort from those who generously gave of their time. So much work was achieved both inside and outside the Church. The brass was polished, the pews cleaned, the altar and reredos dusted and the rubbish around the grounds cleaned up. It was a great effort and the Church and grounds look pristine.

Archdiocesan Mass

Archbishop Paul Martin SM will tonight welcome all those catechumens and candidates who were received into the Catholic Church at Easter. This Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7pm. It is a wonderful occasion for the Archbishop to recognise and welcome all the new members of our Catholic faith. Sponsors are also invited.

New Web-Site for the Archdiocese

The Wellington Archdiocese has a new website which will make it easier to navigate, accessible and simpler to understand. The design is also softer, with an emphasis on being welcoming and inclusive. All the information from the old website such as Mass times, information about our parishes and schools is on the new website.

The website can be accessed at: cadw.nz

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-23
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
Psalm Daniel 3:52-56
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel Reading John 3:16-18



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,649
Automatic Payments: \$5,867
Total: \$9,516

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.

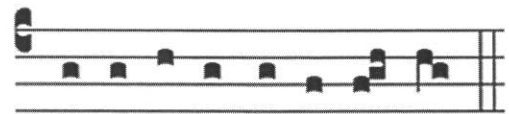
Responsorial Psalm 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your Spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**



Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.

Holy Hour

Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! Tuesday 26 May, 7.30-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Late Night Mass

Come join us for Late Night Mass for Young People on **Friday 5 June** at 8pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington. Bring a plate for supper.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Colleen Pocock, Arthur Freeman, Robert Bell, Brian Bennett, Margaret Doe, Patricia Johnson, Anton Parris, Keith Shirley, Mario Barnao, Max Fernie, Amable Sinon

Prayers for the Sick: 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.

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.

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.

St Carlo Acutis

We are honoured to host a relic of St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, from **Sunday 7 June to Tuesday 10 June** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington!

You are all invited to visit the relic and join in the events prepared. Events include Holy Mass, adoration, talks, youth events, and a small exhibition in the foyer.

"We don't need superpowers to be saints, we just need to love."

— St Carlo Acutis

Wairarapa Parish, 150th Anniversary

Saturday and Sunday, 20/21 June 2026.

You are cordially invited to the celebrations commemorating the appointment of Fr Antoine Halbwachs SM as the very first official Catholic priest in the Wairarapa Valley. The celebration includes an anniversary Mass, book launch, lunch and concerts. Please see the poster information or contact Helen Morgan on Ph. 027 2256722 or Email: helenm808@gmail.com

WelCom

The May 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.

Printed 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:

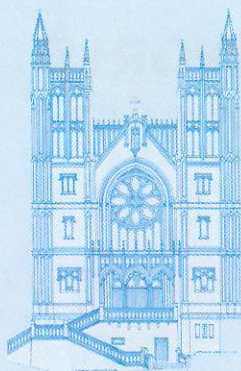
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Adoration

On Sunday 7 June we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. In honour of this occasion, Young Adults of the Parish are organising a 12-hour eucharistic adoration from 7pm on Saturday, 6 June, to 7am the following morning, concluding with the Mass. We are seeking volunteers/people to fill hourly slots throughout the adoration period.

For those interested in volunteering, please refer to the QR code inside the newsletter, which includes information linking to the sign-up form. Additionally, there is a log book at the back of the church where you can write your name and contact information to volunteer for a holy hour. While the adoration is open to everyone, ensuring that each hour is covered by a volunteer is essential, especially from 11pm to 4am.

You will find an intercession box next to the log book. Please write your personal prayer intentions and place them in the box, and we will include them in our prayers during the 12-hour adoration



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St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.

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 and Vices".

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 2 June from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on Theology of the Body. 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.



Retreat Day at Pā Maria

Take some time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection. On Saturday 27 June from 9am-3.15pm, Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM, and Judith Moroney RSM will lead participants in a day of prayer on "Peace". 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 23 June to pamariabookings@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



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