

The Angelus

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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

12 July 2026, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Census

Over the past several years we have experienced a large increase in the number of families and individuals choosing the Parish of St Mary of the Angels as their faith community. This is evidenced in the annual Mass count which is taken during the month of November.

Many of these people have never had the opportunity of being included on our Parish Roll or being given an invitation to participate in the various ministries that are required each week.

On Sunday 26 July the Parish Pastoral Council will conduct a Parish census inviting parishioners (both new and old) to update their information for the Parish Roll. All information is strictly confidential and will only be used by the Pastoral Team and the Parish Office.

Seafarer Sunday

Stella Maris Wellington (previously known as Apostleship of the Sea) are today celebrating Seafarer Sunday. Volunteers offer practical and spiritual assistance to seafarers visiting our port. We urgently seek people to assist in this important service, especially those with languages other than English, particularly Tagalog, Indonesian, Mandarin and/or Cantonese, Hindi and Vietnamese.

Donations can also be made to: Apostleship of the Sea Account Number 01-0527-0312182-00 To receive a receipt or to learn more, please email stellamariswellington@gmail.com

Masses on Tuesday mornings at St Joseph's Church

There will be no Masses on Tuesday mornings at St Joseph's Church during the month of July. This is because of the unavailability of priests during the next four weeks.

The priests will be making retreats, having some days of leave and then gathering with Archbishop Paul for a Priests Assembly from 28 to 31 July.

We regret any inconvenience. Mass will still be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels Church each day during this time.

Fr Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Isaiah** **55:10-11**
The rain makes the earth give growth.

Second Reading **Romans** **8:18-23**
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **13:1-23**
A sower went out to sow.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **Wisdom** **12:13, 16-19**
Psalm **85**

Second Reading **Romans** **8:26-27**
Gospel Reading **Matthew** **13:24-43**



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,933
 Automatic Payments: \$6,363
Total: \$11,296

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

After the winter period we intend to re-introduce Holy Communion under both kinds. This is at the request of Archbishop Paul.

When we re-introduce the Chalice again we will need several more special Eucharistic ministers for each Mass. We need two ministers of the chalice for each minister of the host.

If you consider that you would like to serve the Parish as a special minister of Holy Communion please contact one of the Pastoral Team.

Responsorial Psalm 64

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
 you fill it with riches.
 Your river in heaven brims over
 to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth;
 you drench its furrows,
 you level it, soften it with showers,
 you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness.
 Abundance flows in your steps,
 in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy,
 the meadows covered with flocks,
 the valleys are decked with wheat.
 They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**



Semen cé-ci-dit in terram bonam, et fe-cit fructum.

The seed fell on good ground and bore fruit.

St Thomas More Church, Wilton Events

The church is to close permanently on Sunday, 30th August 2026. The organising Committee have some events planned for that weekend to mark this farewell and would like to invite any ex parishioners or people associated with the Church to join them. The events are on **Saturday, 29 August** and the Farewell Mass on **Sunday, 30 August**. Please see more details on the Parish Noticeboard.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Pedro Hernan Tovar Velarde (in Peru)

Anniversaries: Fr Gerard Mills sm, Patricia Smyth, Giovanna Scanlon, David Lemon, Rt Hon Bill Young, Peter Hansen, Peter Schmidt, Maureen Swensson, Prudensia Loau, Patricia Mary Engel

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Pam Finlayson, Pat Mahony,



Saturino Vioria, Dr Bill Glass, Greg Hayward, Cecelia Cha, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, Kathryn McIver, Peter Crompton

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.

Retreat Days and Themes at Pā Maria 2026

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

Prayer days at Pā Maria during the year. 9.00am-3.15pm

19 September Season of Creation

17 October Mary

5 December Advent

Presenters: Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM and Judith Moroney rsm.

Pā Maria. 78 Hobson St, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.
Entry by koha.

Maximum of 20 people so please **RSVP by the Tuesday before the prayer day** to pamariabookings@gmail.com and indicate which prayer day you wish to attend.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dovecotes for Women NZ is an initiative designed to support women in parish communities throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God.

For more information contact Gloria Stafford -

Email: dovenationalleader@gmail.com

Delargy Awards 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargy Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults. The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargy, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on 31 July. Find out more at: www.cadw.nz/community/delargy-awards-2026/

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 mlyoungsm@gmail.com for a meeting before the programme starts. Registration closes on 27 August 2026.

Catholic Youth Festival

You are invited to join us for the (ADW) Catholic Youth Festival! Come along to St Mary's College Hall on July 25th from 12:30pm for an afternoon of fellowship, fun activities, spiritual learning and Mass. This is an event you don't want to miss! For more information and to register, please contact your parish, youth group leader or Regina Fernandes (ADW Youth Coordinator) at r.fernandes@cadw.nz. We are so excited to see you there!

Faith Rosaries

We sell rosaries in the Parish Office designed and hand made by Ngaire Greger from Faith Rosaries. If you are looking for a rosary as a gift or for yourself, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in.



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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.

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 14 July from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be Parts of the Mass and what they mean. 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.



Liturgy Workshop Opportunity

US liturgist and parish priest, Fr Paul Turner, will lead a liturgy seminar on **Saturday, 1 August 2026** (10.00am - 2.30pm), in Connolly Hall, Hill Street, Wellington. Clergy, liturgy teams, school staff, and all involved in Eucharistic preparation are encouraged to join us for *Ars Celebrandi: The Art of Celebrating Mass*. Inspired by Pope Francis', *Desiderio Desideravi*, the day will explore how we can celebrate liturgy with reverence and fidelity. Fr Turner will offer practical guidance to deepen understanding of the Eucharist and strengthen parish and school celebrations.

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Love is a Decision

Register online on the Archdiocesan website for the next course, consecutive **Sundays, 6 & 13 September 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 September and November 2026. For queries please email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



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