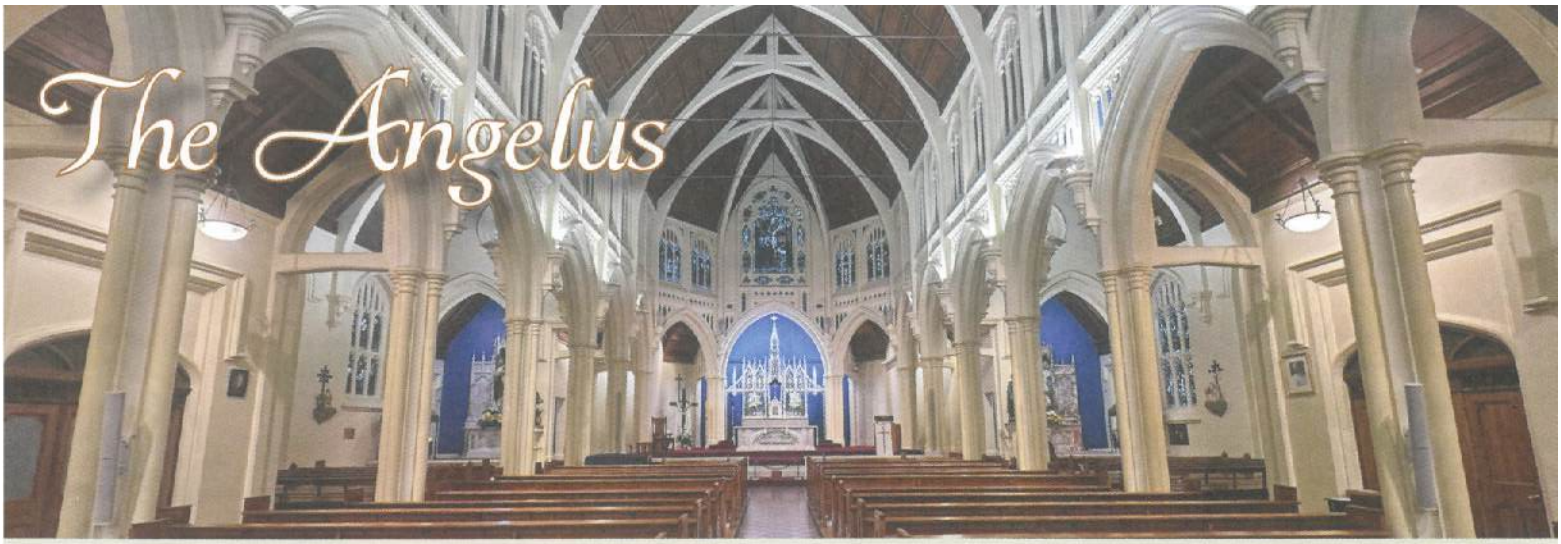


St Mary of the Angels Church 17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central St Joseph's Church 154 Brougham St, Mt Victoria, Wellington

www.smoa.org.nz

Parish Priest
Fr Barry Scannell SM
parish.priest@smoa.org.nz
Assistant Priests
Fr Michael Young SM
mlyoungsm@gmail.com
Fr Ben D'souza SM
a.priest@smoa.org.nz
Pastoral Worker
Sr Frances Gibbs CSB
sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com
Director of Music
William McElwee
wmcelweemusic@gmail.com
Parish Accountant
accounts@smoa.org.nz
St Mary of the Angels Church Office
office.manager@smoa.org.nz;
04 473 8074
St Joseph's Church Office
st.josephs.office@xtra.co.nz;
04 385 0915

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

26 July 2026, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Census

Today all parishioners are invited to complete a Census form at each Mass. It is several years since we have undertaken such an exercise. The census will update our Parish records for those who are already registered as parishioners, It will also provide opportunity to those who consider St Mary of the Angels as their Parish of being registered. Over the years people have moved address, changed email addresses and many no longer have a landline telephone.

Please take a few moments at Mass today to complete the census form. It will be a great help to the Parish Office and the Pastoral Team.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebrations

This Wednesday (29 July) at 11am in Sacred Heart Cathedral there will be Mass for those clergy in the Archdiocese who celebrate significant jubilee milestones of priestly ordination. All are warmly invited to this Mass.

We warmly congratulate those priests celebrating jubilees and thank them for their service and commitment to priestly ministry over such a long time.

Masses this Week

This week (Monday 27 to 31 July) the priests will be attending a Priest's Assembly with Archbishop Paul. This will necessitate some changes to our weekly Mass timetable. The following is the Mass timetable during that time.

Monday 27th	7.30am and 12.05pm
Tuesday 28th	7.30am and 12.05pm
Wednesday 29th	7.30am and 12.05pm
Thursday 30th	7.30am and 12.05pm
Friday 31st	7.30am and 12.05pm

There will be no 5.15pm Masses this week.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Parish Newsletter

The Parish newsletter (the Angelus) is printed each Friday afternoon and distributed to parishioners at Mass on Sunday. It is also available on the Parish app or on the Parish website.

However, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email on a Friday afternoon you are welcome to contact the Parish Office: office.manager@smoa.org.nz or telephone 473-8074 and we will arrange to email the newsletter to you.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	**1 Kings**	**3:5, 7-12**

You have asked for wisdom.

Second Reading	**Romans**	**8:28:30**

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel Reading	**Matthew**	**13:44:52**

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	**Isaiah**	**55:1-3**
Psalm	**144**	
Second Reading	**Romans**	**8:35, 37-39**
Gospel Reading	**Matthew**	**14:13-21**

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	$4,179
Automatic Payments:	$7,068
	Total:$11,247

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 118

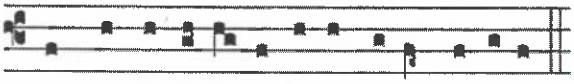
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R**



Quó-mo-do di-lé- xi legem tuam, Dómine!

How I have loved your law, O Lord!

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! **7.30 - 8.30pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon on Tuesday, **28th July** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Titi Fanatanu Ah Chong

Anniversaries: James Healy, Mary-Rose Keller, John Gordon, Marion Alexander, Jadwiga Kolaczynska, Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory, Marie Gionotti, Carlos Pauigi

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Pam Finlayson, Pat Mahony, Saturino Viloria, Dr Bill Glass, Greg Hayward, Cecelia Cha, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, Kathryn McIver, Peter Crompton, John Kee

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.

L.T. McGuinness LIMITED
BUILDING CONTRACTORS
9 Francis Place,
PO Box 9639, Wellington
Phone (04) 384 8455
Email: ltm@mcguinness.co.nz

Councillor
Nicola Young
representing Lambton ward
Please contact me if I can help with a City Council issue
021 654 844
Nicola.Young@wcc.govt.nz

DEVINE LAW
LIMITED
For your legal requirements
legal knowledge, human wisdom
Phone Fintan Devine on (04) 495 3747
Email fintan@devinelaw.co.nz
www.devinelaw.co.nz

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.

St Thomas More Church, Wilton

The Church is to close permanently on Sunday, 30 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 Open day is on **Saturday, 29 August** from 11am until approx. 5pm, and the Farewell Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, 30 August at 4pm**. Please see more details on the Parish Noticeboard.

Guardians Needed

St Mary of the Angels is cared for each day by Guardians who spend an hour in the church welcoming visitors and helping maintain the reverence of our sacred space.
We currently have a vacant slot on **Thursday from 10am–11am** and are seeking someone to fill this hour.
If you're interested in being part of this important ministry please contact the parish office at office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.

WelCom

The July 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:
wn.catholic.org.nz/welcom

Liturgy Workshop Opportunity

US liturgist and parish priest, Fr Paul Turner, will lead a liturgy seminar on **Saturday, 1 August 2026** (9.30am - 2.00pm), 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.

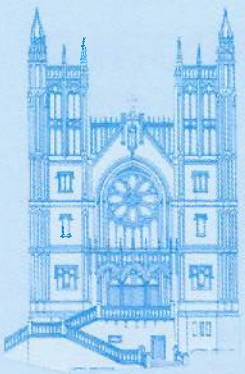
Passionist Family Group

Passionist Family Groups have organised a combined group and parishioners event at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay on Sunday 16th August as part of the Compassion 2026 100 years commemoration of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert's death.
We will begin with a soup and roll lunch at Cloisters Cafe at 1pm (cost $10) followed by a guided tour of the Suzanne Aubert exhibition, finishing with a short liturgy in the chapel.

Please RSVP to Mary-Ellen maryellenleen@icloud.com by Sunday 9th August (for catering purposes) and please also let her know if you need a ride.

Understanding Young People Today

Teens today face constant pressure, comparison, and shifting values. Yet behind it all is a generation longing for real love, lasting truth, and a deeper purpose. Join Braden Johnson, a young Catholic speaker and content creator from the USA, for an evening exploring the challenges young people face today - and how we can help them rise above them. Ideal for clergy, youth ministry leaders, parents, grandparents, teachers, and PPC members. Hope is real, hearts can be reached, and you don't have to do it alone. **Wednesday 29 July**, at Connolly Hall, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington from 7.00pm – 9.00pm (hospitality from 6.30pm) or online, contact the Parish office for the link.



St Mary of the Angels Parish Ongoing Maintenance Appeal

I would like to help preserve St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's Churches.

Name:

Address:

Email: Tel:

My contribution will be made by:

- Direct Credit
- Cheque
- Cash

PLEASE SPECIFY AMOUNT

$

Donations can be sent to:
Ongoing Maintenance Fund
St Mary of the Angels Parish
17 Boulcott St, Wellington 6011

Bank Account Details:
SMOA - Parish Account
02-0536-0003242-24
BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington

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 the Rosary at 5.45pm and go then go to the Hall for a talk with Fr Ben. There is no Mass this week at 5.15pm

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 28 July from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be The Theology of Trinty. Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

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.

Delargy Awards 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey 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 Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on 31 July. Find out more at: www.cadw.nz/community/delargey-awards-2026/

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

Harbour City
FUNERAL HOME

Serving the Archdiocese of Wellington for 35 years.

Wellington
56 Onepu Road, Kilbirnie
Phone: 387 8301

hcfh.co.nz

A Legacy of Faith

Remembering St Mary of the Angels or St Joseph's in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.
Please contact the Parish Office for further details.
Phone (04) 473 8074.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats New Zealand
"Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time..."
Confidential and sensitive support for anyone whose life has been touched by abortion.
info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz
027 254 9222
www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz
"Wipe the tears from your eyes....there is hope for your future." Jer31

Mahony Horner Lawyers
Know where you stand
mahonyhorner.co.nz

Selling your home is a big decision.
You deserve a real estate agent who treats it with care.
If you're thinking about:
- Downsizing your home in Wellington
- Selling to move into retirement living
- Managing the sale of a loved one's home

a short conversation can help clarify the next step.
RayWhite
Antonella Aspell
0274 453 088 | antonella.aspell@raywhite.com

NW
NEW WORLD
Wellington City
Open 7 days 7am - 11pm
279 Wakefield Street
Ph 04 384 8054
www.newworld.co.nz/wellingtoncity