

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Church 17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central

St Joseph's Church 154 Brougham St, Mt Victoria, Wellington

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9 August 2026, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Mary of the Angels Church

MASSSES

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

MASSSES

Sunday 9.30am

Tuesday 8.30am

Census Data

Thank you again to the many parishioners who have completed a Census form over the past two weeks. The information provided has been very helpful in updating our Parish records for existing parishioners and adding new parishioners to our Parish Roll.

If you have not yet had the opportunity of filling out the 'census form', they are available on the tables in the churches at St Joseph's and St Mary of the Angels. Please return them in the collection basket or give them to a member of the Pastoral team.

This information is now being processed by the Parish Office. We should be in a position next week to send out the Parish newsletter by email to all those who made that request.

Parish Financial Challenges

Each year the costs associated with maintaining our two churches and properties continue to increase. I thought parishioners would be interested in the accounts the Parish has recently received for insurance, rates and now the new water levies from Tiaki Wai.

The insurance levy for the year July 2026 until 30 June 2027 is \$65,804.04.

The Wellington City Council rates for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 are \$68,029.72.

The Tiaki Wai water rates for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 are \$34,628.44.

These three items total: \$168,462.20.

I am very grateful for the generosity of parishioners as we continue to face the reality of the higher costs of maintaining our Churches and properties. I sincerely thank the Parish Finance Committee for their work and expertise in ensuring that somehow the Parish is kept financially sustainable despite these rising costs.

Work on the Towers of St Mary of the Angels

You will shortly see scaffolding going up around the northern tower of the Church prior to work being carried out at the top of the tower. This is maintenance work which needs to be undertaken. It was not part of the earthquake strengthening work that took place during the years 2013 - 2017.

I will provide more details of this work in next week's newsletter. We are very grateful to L T McGuinness Ltd and the subcontractors for their expertise and generosity.

Fr Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-23
Command me to come to you over the water.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm 66
Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,774
 Automatic Payments: \$6,224
Total: \$9,998

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 16 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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: João Pereira (father of Karla Fernandes), Phillipa Ulrich

Anniversaries: Zenaida Angeles, Fr John Goulter sm, Anna Tait-Jamieson, Maria Kasperowicz, Suzanne Judd, Donald Urquhart-Hay, Kraft D'Souza, Vincent Rosario, Fr Denis O'Hagan sm

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



Saturnino Vilorio, Dr Bill Glass, Greg Hayward, Cecelia Cha, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, 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.

Responsorial Psalm 84

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**



Ostende nobis, Dómi- ne, mi-se- ri- cór-di- am tuam.

Show us your mercy, O Lord.

St Patrick's College The Big Sing Fundraising Concert

The St Patrick's College Wellington Choir, Con Anima, is one of the top 24 choirs in the country. They will compete at The Big Sing Finale in Christchurch in late August and will be holding a fundraising concert at the College at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18 August. We warmly invite our community to attend the concert. Tickets (\$15 adult; \$10 school students) can be purchased here: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/20591>

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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.

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.

Children's Sacramental Programme

Children who are Year 3 and above are encouraged to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion. The next programme begins on Tuesday, 22 September 2026. Please contact the Parish Office at office.manager@smoa.org.nz or phone 04 473 8074 for more information and to enrol your child.

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.

Living Wage Election Forum

6pm for 6:30pm start, 2 September,
Naenae College, Lower Hutt

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Living Wage Movement election forum to seek tangible commitments from politicians to ensure that thousands of workers across the public sector, schools, and hospitals are paid the Living Wage. *The Living Wage is the income necessary to provide workers and their families with the basic necessities of life. A living wage enables workers to live with dignity and to participate as active citizens in society.*

Join this forum with Archdiocesan members, the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission, St Joseph's/ St Mary of the Angels, and the Ōtari Parish Justice Peace and Development Group. For more information and to register, contact: Sue johnsonfeeney@gmail.com

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.

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:

- Monday 2.30pm-3.30pm

If you're interested in being part of this important ministry please contact the parish office.



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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St Mary of the Angels Parish

17 Boulcott St, Wellington 6011

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SMOA - Parish Account

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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 then go to the Hall for a video on an aspect of the faith.

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 11 August from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on Apparitions. Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

Multicultural Mass

One Faith, Many Cultures: On Mission Together. Join us for a vibrant Multicultural Mass, presided by Archbishop Paul Martin SM on **Sunday, 27 September 2026** at 2.00pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 40 Hill Street, Thorndon. Mass will be followed by a joyful fellowship of songs and shared meals. All are welcome, come and celebrate. See the display poster.

Save the Date - Marriage Seminar

To be held on **Wednesday, 19 August**, hospitality from 6.30pm, session will start 7.00pm. Venue is at Connolly Hall, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington. 'Happily Married in a Tech Obsessed World'. Explore how we can be present and nurture a healthy marriage in a world where so much demands our attention.

Queries to: marriage@cadw.nz

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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