

The Angelus

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

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16 August 2026, Solemnity of the Assumption

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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

Caring for Our Towers: Work at St Mary of the Angels

During the coming week scaffolding will be erected around the northern tower of the Church to enable work to be carried out at the top of the tower. I have asked Matt Pattinson, who was the site manager for the seismic strengthening of the Church, to write a few words explaining the work that is about to take place. Matt has provided the following information:

"Construction of the present St Mary of the Angels Church began in April 1919 after fire destroyed the previous wooden Church. The Parish Priest at the time was Father Stanislaus Mahony SM, who led a workforce made up largely of unskilled workers following architect Frederick de Jersey Clere's design, they built what is believed to be the world's first Gothic-style church in reinforced concrete. The Church was opened March 1922. Fr Mahony was so hands on that the foundation stone names him *aedificator*, the builder.

At that time concrete was mixed and poured by hand, one section at a time. Where each new pour met the last, a construction joint was formed. This was entirely normal in buildings of that era and today. Modern practice uses updated construction methods including finer aggregate exposed to form a key and more reinforcing steel, so joints formed today move less.

High on each tower, the sun warms the concrete by day and it cools overnight, this cycle shifting the uppermost section fractionally and working the highest construction joint. The towers were strengthened for earthquakes during 2015 - 2017 with completely new foundations, micro-piles, post-tensioned strands and a rocking base, greatly increasing the tower's resilience against future earthquakes.

Scaffolding will soon rise the full height of the towers where steel brackets and bolts will compress the joint and improve longevity. We will also complete cosmetic repairs and painting of the towers while access allows.

Dunning Thornton Consultants are overseeing the engineering design, and L T McGuinness Ltd will carry out the works over the next two to three months. We will share updates and photographs as the work progresses".

I am very grateful to the St Mary of Angels Charitable Trust for their financial support for this work. The Charitable Trust was formed to ensure that, through the generosity of donors, there will be funds available to ensure that the ongoing maintenance on the Church is always kept up to date.

Please consider supporting the Charitable Trust for this work.

Father Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Revelation** **11:19, 12:1-6, 10**
*I saw a woman clothes with the sun and with the moon
beneath her feet.*

Second Reading **1 Corinthians** **15:20-26**
*As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and
after him all who belong to him.*

Gospel Reading **Luke** **1:39-56**
*The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up
the lowly.*

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **Isaiah** **22:19-23**
Psalm **137**
Second Reading **Romans** **11:33-36**
Gospel Reading **Matthew** **16:13-20**



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,677
Automatic Payments: \$3,902
Total: \$8,579

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.

Responsorial Psalm 44

**R. The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**
So will the king desire your beauty:
he is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**



As-ti-tit re- gi-na a dextris tu-is orná-ta au-ro ex Ophir.
The queen stands at your right hand adorned with gold of Ophir.

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>

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Phillipa Ulrich, Ines Marquez

Anniversaries: Robert Teh, Pauline Hastings, Noel Galvin, Anna Zanotto, Rita Dewey, Fr Brian Cummings sm
Kathleen McCready, Deys Reed, Noeline Ryan, Bernard Lynch, Joy Gaisford, Kevin Fitzgerald,
Peter Aldridge, Lutka Krzanic

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.



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Theology of the Body for Young Adults

Theology of the Body is Pope St. John Paul II's revolutionary teaching about human dignity, love, and the "master plan" stamped into our very bodies.

Fr Ben will have a day long session on Theology of the Body on the 29th of August.

If you are 18 – 35 and are interested, email Fr Ben for more info a.priest@smoa.org.nz

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 vacant slots on:

- Monday 2.30pm-3.30pm

- Thursday 2.30pm-3.30pm

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

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.

Ordination to the Priesthood - Reverend Deacon Emilio Capin

The Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington warmly invites you to Deacon Emilio's Ordination to the Priesthood on **Saturday, 5th September 2026** at 11.00am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 40 Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington. Please join us in prayer and celebration as Emilio is ordained to the priesthood and begins this new chapter of ministry and service in the Church. All are welcome.

Living Wage Election Forum

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

St Mary of the Angels Parish is a member of the Living Wage movement, so we have hired a bus to get as many people as possible to the election forum on 2 September. This forum will 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.'

Please come along and fill the bus! You can jump on at St Joseph's at 5pm or at the school bus stop on Hill St outside the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 5.15pm before it makes its way to Naenae College. The forum is scheduled to finish at 8pm and the bus will follow the same route back to St Joseph's. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer at St Joseph's, otherwise for more information and to register please contact Sue at: johnsonfeeney@gmail.com.

Census Data

Thank you again to the many parishioners who have completed a Census Form over the past few 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.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

If you would like to put your faith into action and help the needy in the community through personal contact, why not join the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18 August in the St Mary of the Angels Presbytery at 6pm.



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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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 the Rosary at 5.45pm and then go to the Hall where Fr Ben will lead a session on Prayer.

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 25 August from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on "Why was Jesus Baptised". 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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