

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

30 August 2026, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Work on Tower

The scaffolding is now complete and work will begin on the northern tower of St Mary of the Angels Church in the coming week. New steel brackets will be installed around the construction joint at the top of the tower and we will also undertake some cosmetic repairs including cleaning and painting.

We are very grateful to the St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust for financing this work. If you wish to donate to the Trust the bank details are;

St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust: BNZ 02-0560-0202241-000

Ordination to the Priesthood of 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

Season of Creation

The World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation begins the Season of Creation on **1 September**. In 2026 this can be celebrated on Tuesday, 1 September, Saturday, 5 September or Sunday, 6 September. The Mass for the Care of Creation, promulgated by Pope Leo XIV in 2025, can be celebrated at anytime during the Season of Creation.

Remembering the Church

Remembering the Church and leaving a gift in your will is to make a commitment to future generations that they too may know God through his Church. With a will or bequest, we can make sure our treasures are put to good use to look after Christ's flock and to grow the kingdom here on earth. Every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen this mission, and supports your local parish and the Archdiocese.

Catholic Foundation Annual Mass

Join us on Thursday, 3 September at 10.30am at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, where Archbishop Paul Martin SM will preside.

Meet the Catholic Foundation Board and Heads of Ministry Departments, followed by light refreshments and the Annual General Meeting.

Fr Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 94

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,124

Automatic Payments: \$5,382

Total: \$9,506

'Although the challenges before us are enormous, God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation. In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love... Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcoming poverty, protecting human dignity and reconciling divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God's Kingdom.'

Pope Leo XIV, Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2026

Responsorial Psalm 62

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

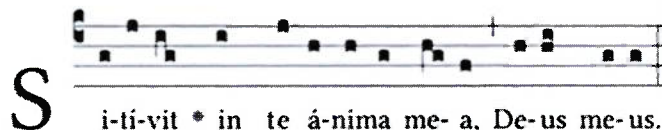
O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**



My soul has yearned for you, O my God.

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: Kate Yiannakis

Anniversaries: Brett Gray, William Carroll, Louis Hannan, Brian Stempa, Patricia Smith, Judith Mary Blair, Barbara Stairs

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

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Thriving in this Land Cost of Living Workshop

This workshop sets out how we can engage in the world following the way of Jesus. The contributors examine: Church Teachings, Cost of Living issues including housing, and work. This session addresses how we might feel and what actions we can take as followers of Jesus.

Sunday 30 August, 11am, Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church

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. 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.

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.

Rounds of Friendship

A new group for young people (ages 18-35) to express their faith in a practical way. We gather for cups of tea and a short discussion on a text of Catholic social teaching before preparing food and hot drinks. We then stroll the inner city streets, sharing a time of kai and kōrero with people sleeping rough and anyone that would like a hot cheese roll.

We currently gather every second Friday in Mt Cook from 5:30-8pm. Our next evening is 4 September. The group is inspired by the Community of Sant'Egidio.

Everyone is eagerly invited and you will be welcomed with tea, biscuits and smiley faces. Contact Tim on 0204 918 461 or timothy.ofarrell4@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 Thomas More Church, Wilton

The Church is to close permanently this Sunday, 30 August 2026. The organising Committee have some events planned for this 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.

Passionist Family Group

Compassion 2026 – 100 yrs commemoration of Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert's death

Many thanks to those that braved the cold weather on the 16th August. It was a very informative and inspiring afternoon at the Home of Compassion. We all benefited from hearing about the life and times of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. Her compassion, determination and aroha of all was truly a gift and her legacy continues on, may we never forget her.

"Gratitude is the most beautiful ornament of the human heart" – Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert.

We finished off with a small liturgy in the chapel which was beautiful. Our thanks to Nigel and Anna for organising.



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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SMOA - Parish Account

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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 go then go to the Hall for a talk with Fr Ben.

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 8 September from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This session will be on "The Amazing Story of Mary, the Star of the Sea". Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

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 2.30pm-3.30pm

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

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, 25th August 2026** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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

Retreat Day at Pā Maria – 19 September

Season of Creation 9.00am–3.15pm Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection.

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 provided. Entry by koha. RSVP by the Tuesday before to pamariabookings@gmail.com.



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