

The Angelus

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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

13 September, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Work on Tower

The weather has not been playing its part as work continues on the north tower at St Mary of the Angels Church. The strong winds and rain over the past week have made conditions unpleasant and difficult for the workers. The weather forecast seems much better for the next few days so we hope the weather forecasters are correct. Thank you to those who have contributed to the work. The bank account details are:

St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust

BNZ 02-0560-0202241-000.

The Charitable Trust is very grateful for your generous donations.

Influenza A

The flu (influenza) is a virus that spreads quickly between people. Flu causes symptoms like a fever, runny nose, cough or upset stomach. Influenza spreads quickly from person to person through touch and through droplets in the air. This includes:

- Direct contact with people who have flu
- Contact with surfaces that have the flu virus on them
- Coughing
- Sneezing

Medical authorities are telling us that the influenza outbreak is very severe this year. I have already visited some of our parishioners in hospital who have been very sick. Please consider the wellbeing of others if you have flu symptoms. It is better to stay home and not attend Mass until you recover.

Work on property at St Joseph's

Over the coming days our contractor will be arranging the removal of asbestos from a dilapidated and unsafe property at St Joseph's. This is a very hazardous task and it will be managed in accordance with all the health and safety regulations required for such work. It will take a couple of weeks and then the building will be demolished.

This work is very expensive and the Finance Committee are struggling to find the funds to cover the cost. If you would like to make a donation to the Parish Ongoing Maintenance Appeal the details are: BNZ 02-0536-0003242-24. See Angelus for details.

Visitors to the City

We warmly welcome all visitors to the city over the next few weeks attending "The World of Wearable Art" (WOW) show. We assure them of a warm welcome.

Father Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 27:30-28:7
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy seven times seven.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 144
Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,820
 Automatic Payments: \$5,677
Total: \$9,497

Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men for a Joshua evening on Thursday 17th September 2026 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). The topic is: "Be grateful for God's forgiving love".

Also, keep Saturday 10th October free for a Men's 1-Day Retreat at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay between 8:30am and 4:45pm. Murray Adams, Ignatian Spiritual Director from Palmerston North, will lead the retreat entitled "I am ready for anything anywhere".

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555
 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Responsorial 102

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
 slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
 all my being, bless his holy name.
 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
 and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end;
 he will not be angry for ever.
 He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
 so strong is his love for those who fear him.
 As far as the east is from the west
 so far does he remove our sins. **R**



No-lí te obdu- rá-re corda ve-stra

Harden not your hearts.

Housing Election Forum

Wednesday, 23 September 2026 at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul cnr Hill and Molesworth Streets, Wellington. Refreshments from 5.45pm | Forum begins 6.30pm | Ends 8.00pm. Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/live/KNO3vzFBfVo>
What kind of housing future do we want for Aotearoa New Zealand?

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Francis Renouf, Peter Feenan, Gillian Lescher, Joan Lynch, Helen Havasi, Freda Fernie, Mary Dysart, Fr John Aitken sm, Pepe Va'a, Mary Chinnock

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, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, Kathryn McIver, Peter Crompton, John Kee, Michael Mallalieu



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.

Discernment Weekend

Interested in Religious Life and Priesthood? You are welcome to join a Come and See Weekend at the Marist Seminary, Auckland. Oct 2-3-4.

Contact Fr Phil (rector@maristseminary.org.nz) or visit www.maristvocations.nz/events/comeandseeweekend for details.

Registrations close Friday 25th September

St Vincent de Paul

A huge thank-you to everyone leaving food in the Vinnies basket at St Mary of the Angels. This helps us keep up with the large number of food parcel requests we receive from needy people in the parish. For those who would like to join us in our mission of helping people, our next meeting is on Tuesday 15 September at 6pm in the church office at SMOA. New members are very welcome.

General Election Enrolment Assistance

The Parliamentary General Election takes place this year on Saturday 7 November. People need to be enrolled by 25 October to vote. If you need assistance to check that your enrolment details are correct, or if you are enrolling for the first time, there will be an opportunity after Mass to have someone assist you over the next three Sundays following Mass in both our Parish churches. Paper Enrolment forms will also be available.

Common Grace Aotearoa

*"Thriving in our Land" Workshop 2 "The Treaty" -
5.30-7pm Wednesday 16 September*

Those who attended the first "Thriving in our Land" workshop at St Joseph's, were full of praise about how it navigated the issue of the Cost of Living. This is an excellent series, endorsed by the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. Please come along to the next session on "The Treaty" at St Joseph's on 16 September. Snacks and hot drinks will be provided from 5pm.

The final workshop is on "The Climate" and will be in the Bill Pearce Room on Saturday 3 October from 10.30am - noon.

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.

Registrations close on Thursday 17 September.

Please contact the Parish Office at office.manager@smoa.org.nz or phone 04 473 8074 for more information and to enrol your child.

Tindall Foundation Funding

Applications Now Open - Parish groups, Catholic agencies, and related organisations that focus on intergenerational wellbeing are invited to apply for Tindall Foundation funding via the Archdiocesan Allocation Committee. Focus areas include parents, carers and young children, equitable access to life's essential needs, identity and social cohesion, rangatahi empowerment and pathways, and resourced communities.

Please ensure your application is submitted by **Friday, 2nd October 2026.**

For more information, including funding priorities and exclusions, and to download the application form, please visit: <https://cadw.nz/tindall/>



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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.

Catholicism Series Bible Study

Join us every second Tuesday with the next session on Tuesday 22 September from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall. This last session will be on "Journeying with Thomas Aquinas". Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at dlukose001@gmail.com

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation - Love is a Decision

Register online on the Archdiocesan website for the next course, consecutive **Sundays, 1 & 8 November 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

Spring of Life Fellowship (SLF) Garage Sale

*Saturday, 26 September, 8am – 12pm,
St. Anne's Parish Hall, Newtown*

Join us for a morning of fellowship, bargain finds, baked treats, and haircuts—all while supporting a good cause. Haircuts from 10am. BRING CASH.

All proceeds will be shared between the Catholic Parish of Wellington South (CPWS) and SLF's Outreach Programs.

Donation Drop-Off—Friday, 25 September, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, St. Anne's Parish Hall, Newtown.

Celebration Sunday

Rau Tau Pūaroa / Celebrate Compassion 2026

"Let us have kindness and compassion for one another, let us mutually pardon as God pardons us." -Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

On 4th October at 2pm at St Mary of the Angels, we are holding a National Centennial Mass to celebrate the life of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Sisters of Compassion and the Compassion whānau warmly invite you to join us. Following her example, on this centenary of her death, let us be aware of the presence of God in our life's journey, and see Jesus in all who we encounter along the way.



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