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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

20 September, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Work on St Mary of the Angels Tower

The weather has been much better over the past week and significant progress has been made on the north tower of the Church. The scaffolding went higher to reach the top of the tower so that the plasterers and painters are able to begin their work. Thank you to those who have already assisted the Charitable Trust through their donations. The bank details for the Trust are:

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

Daylight Saving

Each year daylight saving begins in New Zealand on the last Sunday of September. Next Sunday morning (27 September) the clocks move forward one hour at 2am. So 2am becomes 3am.

Please ensure that you set your clocks to reflect this change so that next Sunday you do not arrive at Mass as everyone else is leaving.

Work on property at St Joseph's

The asbestos removal is progressing well from the dilapidated and unsafe property at St Joseph's. This building has been unoccupied for many years. The last person to live in the presbytery was Monsignor Gerry Burns who left in 2016. People have unlawfully broken into the building and our secretary and other parishioners have often endured threatening behaviour from these people. The police have been called on several occasions. Once the asbestos has been removed demolition of the building will begin.

This work is expensive (approximately \$200,000). The Finance Committee are struggling to find the funds to cover the cost. If you would like to help to cover these costs and contribute to the Parish Ongoing Maintenance Appeal the details are:

BNZ 02-0536-0003242-24

Welcome

A warm welcome to all our visitors to Wellington many of whom are attending the wonderful show 'World of Wearable Art'. We assure them of a warm welcome to our Parish.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 24

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:28-32



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,063

Automatic Payments: \$3,233

Total: \$7,296

Joshua Wellington

All men are welcome to this Retreat on Saturday 10 October 2026, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington between 8:30am and 5pm. **Theme:** 'I am ready for anything anywhere' (Philippians 4:12) led by Murray Adams, Ignatian Spiritual Director. Morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch provided. Suggested koha \$25 to help with costs. Want to know more? Contact Steve 027 356 9555 or Joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Rite of Acceptance for RCIA

At the 9.00 am Mass for Sunday 27 September, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance to welcome and begin our prayerful support for the catechumens and candidates on their journey of discernment towards full initiation of the Catholic Church at Easter next year. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them on this journey.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Rodrigo Peiretti

Anniversaries: Betty Compton, Mary Frawley, Anthea Walters, Breda Smith

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



Saturino Vioria, Dr Bill Glass, Greg Hayward, Cecelia Cha, 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.

Responsorial Psalm 144

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**



Prope est Dóminus in-vocán-tibus e- um.

The Lord is near to those who call on him.

Multicultural Mass

One Faith, Many Cultures: On Mission Together. Join us for a vibrant Multicultural Mass, with Archbishop Paul Martin SM as celebrant 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.

Late Night Mass

Come join us on **Friday, 2nd October** for the Late Night Mass for Young People at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street at 8.00pm! We invite all young people from across Wellington join us during Holy Mass. Please bring a plate to share for fellowship after and we are excited to see you there!

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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.

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

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?

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, 22nd September** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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 in both our Parish churches. Paper Enrolment forms will also be available.

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.

Common Grace Aotearoa '

Thriving in our Land' Workshop 3

"The Climate" - 5.30-7pm Wednesday 7 October
(Please note the date and time change)

Thanks to Sue and John for leading the two "Thriving in our Land" workshops to date. Like the first one on Cost of Living, "The Treaty" on Wednesday evening was very thought provoking.

This is an excellent series, endorsed by the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. Please come along to the final session on "The Climate" at St Joseph's on 7 October. Each workshop stands alone - you don't need to have attended the other two. Snacks and hot drinks will be provided from 5pm.

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/>



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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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, Lambrun 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.

Te Kupenga Enrolments

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment. Go to www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.



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