

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

27 September 2026, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daylight Saving

Daylight saving begins in New Zealand this weekend (on the last Sunday of September). Please ensure that you move your clocks forward one hour. If you use your mobile phone as an alarm most mobile phones will automatically update to reflect daylight saving.

Mass Changes

On Saturday 10 October the priests in the Parish are participating in a Marist retreat. On that day the 11am Mass and reconciliation at both 10.30am and 4pm will be cancelled.

We apologise for any inconvenience. It is very difficult to find a suitable time for Marists to gather together for a retreat day. We try and plan these days with the least possible disruption to our pastoral work.

Work on St Mary of the Angels Tower

The weather once again has not been kind to us this week as the repairs continue on the north tower. However, as I write this piece for the newsletter the sun is shining and the contractors are busy working high on the scaffold. Let us pray for continuing fine weather. We are especially grateful to the St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust who are helping to fund this work. Please remember the Trust in your charitable giving and especially in your will. The Trust has benefited significantly over the years from generous parishioners who have left a legacy to ensure our beautiful Church is maintained for future generations.

Work on property at St Joseph's

This work is progressing well on the property at St Joseph's. The electricity and gas supply has now been de-commissioned. This was a very difficult and time-consuming job because of inaccurate records and also because of many different electricity and gas providers over the years. However, it is very important to ensure that all services are located and disconnected before the building is demolished.

If you want to help the Parish by making a contribution to this work (approximately \$200,000) you can do so through the Parish Ongoing Maintenance Appeal. The bank account details are: BNZ 02-0536-0003242-24

School Holidays

We wish all our families a very relaxing school holiday break.

Father Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Ezekiel	18:25-28
<i>When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.</i>		
Second Reading	Philippians	2:1-11
<i>Be united in your love.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	21:28-32
<i>Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	5:1-7
Psalm	79	
Second Reading	Philippians	4:6-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew	21:33-43

		Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:		\$3,412
	Automatic Payments:		\$6,277
	Total:		\$9,689

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 in fellowship after. We are excited to see you there!

Rite of Acceptance for RCIA

At the 9.00am Mass today, 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: Jane Vetter

Anniversaries: Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty, Norma Burns, O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyons, Miriam Wilkins

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Pam Finlayson, Pat Mahony, Joan Wolland, Saturino Vilorio, 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 24

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God, my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**



Re-mi-ni-sce-re mi-se-ra-ti-ó-num tu-á-rum, Dó-mi-ne.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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:

- **Thursday 1.30pm-2.30pm**

- **Thursday 2.30pm-3.30pm**

If you're interested in being part of this important ministry, please contact 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.

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 to celebrate the life of Venerable Meri
Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New
Zealand, the Sisters of Compassion and 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.

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/>

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.

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 today to have someone assist
you in both our Parish churches. Paper Enrolment
forms will also be available.

Greccio: The Song

A new musical is coming to Wellington on 5
December, celebrating St Francis of Assisi and the
first Nativity at Greccio during the 2026 Jubilee
marking 800 years since his death. Featuring local
singers, musicians and community performers, it
blends music, drama, prayer and movement to
share a story of faith, peace, simplicity and hope.
Ticket details will be available soon.

Catholic Enquiry Centre Media Assistance

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is looking for young
Catholics keen to get involved with sharing the
faith through media. If you, or someone you know,
are creative and want to volunteer the time to the
Church in a unique way, contact the email in the
post or email Regina at: r.fernandes@cadw.nz



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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

Te Kupenga Enrolments

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, in 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 more information.

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

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

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.

'God has different ways and fresh ideas even for those who consider themselves to be first and believe they have earned what they have, ... we all gain joy, wisdom and a better future when the law of love interrupts that of calculation, when the experience of mercy broadens that of merit, and when the gift of peace suspends rivalries and brings us closer together in gratitude.'
Pope Leo XIV Angelus 20 September 2026



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