Young Adults

Come join us for faith and fellowship every Wednesday evening. We begin with the Rosary at 5.45pm in the Church and then go to the Hall for a talk.

Exalt: Christ the King

You are warmly invited to EXALT: Christ the King, a National Worship Event to be held on Saturday, 21 November 2026, from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington. For more information, contact Lislie on Ph. 0273476327 or email: currentofgracewellington@gmail.com

Wellington Quakers Parihaka Vigil

Thursday 5th November, 5.30-6.00pm. Parihaka Memorial on the north-west corner, Old Dominion Museum building, Mount Cook. Come join Wellington Quakers in honouring the peaceful resistance of the people of Parihaka to the invasion of their village by colonial forces in 1881. Some of those taken prisoner during the invasion were held in the nearby Mount Cook barracks, when on route to Dunedin, where they were imprisoned and many died. The Memorial is a place in Wellington at which we can pay our respects and remind ourselves of this episode in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Retreat Days and Themes at Pā Maria 2026

Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection.

Prayer day at Pā Maria during the year. 9.00am-3.15pm.

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. Please **RSVP by the Tuesday 1 December,** to pamariabookings@gmail.com.

'Mary… now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world…She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51) and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.'
Pope Francis , Laudato Si' #241

Action: As we mourn the loss of loved ones around this time of All Saints and All Souls, we mourn also the degradation of our environment. How does this invitation to ask Mary to enable you to look at this world with eyes of wisdom impact your mourning of ecological destruction?

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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

01 November 2026, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of All Souls

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. It has been a long tradition in the Church to pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. There will be three Masses on Monday: 7.30am,12.05pm and 5.15pm. If you would like a Mass said for a loved one you can write their name(s) on a Mass Offering envelope which are at the back of the Church, placed a stipend inside and a special Mass will be celebrated for the repose of their soul. Please give the envelope to one of the priests.

Memorial Mass for those who have died during the past year

At the 11am Mass next Saturday morning (07 November) we will be remembering all those who have died over the past year. All families who have lost a loved one during the past year are welcome to attend this Mass.

Special Eucharistic Ministers

In December we are hoping to re-introduce Holy Communion under both kinds; i.e. the Host and from the Chalice. To do this we need many more special eucharistic ministers. If you would like to be considered for this important ministry, I invite you to contact either myself of Sister Frances. Full training will be provided.

Homage to Te Raukura

All are welcome to a variety concert to pay tribute to the Passive Resistance of the people of Parihaka in response to the invasion of their village by colonial troops on 5th November 1881. This Thursday November 5th 6:30 - 8:30pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. Free admission. Hosted by Richard Shaw (author of 'The Forgotten Coast') with folk music, classical music, kapa haka, taonga p'oro, singers and our own Saint Mary of the Angels Choir, two hours of music from Aotearoa to suit all tastes, with poetry reading and narratives to show the power of love and sharing.

Work on St Mary of the Angels Church Towers

The work on the north tower has been completed. All scaffolding has been removed. This has been an amazing effort by L T McGuinness Ltd and our subcontractors. The tower is looking so good having been freshly repainted after the engineering work. We have decided to wait until after Christmas to begin work on the south tower. The reason for this is that the scaffolding for this part of the work will impinge on a large area of the steps. We do not want access to the Church limited especially during the busy Christmas liturgies. Work will commence early in 2027.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	**Malachi**	**1:14-2:2, 8-10**
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.		
Second Reading	**1 Thessalonians**	**2:7-9, 13**
We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.		
Gospel Reading	**Matthew**	**23:1-12**
They do not practise what they preach.		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	**Wisdom**	**6:12-16**
Psalm	**62**	
Second Reading	**1 Thessalonians**	**4:13-18**
Gospel Reading	**Matthew**	**25:1-13**

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	$4,551
Automatic Payments:	$4,665
Total:	**$9,216**

Holy Hour

Please join us for a Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This will be an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7.30pm - 8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 24 November.

Make Room | Preparing our Hearts for Christ

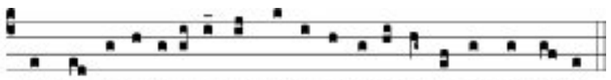
Join the ICPE Mission community for a peaceful day of worship, reflection and sharing in preparation for the Advent Season. Saturday 28 November, 9.30am to 4.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, Wellington. Register by emailing: new-zealand@icpe.org by Friday, 20 November. BYO Lunch, morning and afternoon teas provided. A koha would be appreciated.

Responsorial Psalm 130

R. **In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**

Hæc est ge-ne-rá-ti- o quæ-rén-ti-um fá-ci-em tu-am, Dó-mi- ne.

This is the people seeking your face, O Lord.

Come and See - Vocations Morning for young men who want to explore the priesthood

9.00am - 12.30pm on Saturday, 21 November at Our Lady of Hope Church, Main Road, Tawa.
Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Text 0211645800 or email: l.hensel@cadw.nz to let us know you're interested in attending.

Coming Home Retreat

A chance for silence and solitude, scripture, meditation, and daily reflection. 06-08 November at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay. For more information and booking, go to: https://www.compassion.org.nz/compassion-news-events/events/coming-home-retreat-november

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Crompton, Elizabeth Kirwan, Wayne Scannell (brother of Fr Barry Scannell sm)
Anniversaries: Stephen Reidy, Paul Churchward
Prayers for the Sick: Henk Rood, Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Pam Finlayson, Pat Mahony, Joan Wolland, Saturino Viloria, Dr Bill Glass, Greg Hayward, Cecelia Cha, Julia Choquette, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, 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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Please support the Catholic Social Serivces annual appeal and help us help people feel as though they belong. This has been a challenging year for many, especially the poor and vulnerable among us. These challenges have caused many people to feel a loss of connection to one another, and even to God. This is why the Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal is so important. Your ongoing support helps us connect to those in need. Running throughout November 2026, the Annual Appeal asks for community support so Catholic Social Services can continue supporting people and their whanau who need help. Donations can be made online at cadw.nz/our-work/catholic-social-services/donate or scan the QR code to donate:

Greccio:The Song - A Christmas Invitation

Bring your family and friends to **Greccio: The Song**, a new musical inspired by St Francis of Assisi and the first Nativity at Greccio, celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee and 60 years of friendship between New Zealand and the Philippines.

Saturday 05 December
Allan Gibbs Centre, Wellington College
2.00pm Matinee & 7.30pm Evening Show
For enquiries: vineyardhouse.nz@gmail.com

To book tickets, go to https://events.humanitix.com/greccio-the-song. 25% of net ticket sales made through your parish link will be returned to the parish.

Late Night Mass

Come along to our second to last Late Night for Young People of the year! We hope to see you all there to celebrate our Catholic faith together. So, lock in the Friday, 6 November at 8.00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington and don't forget to bring a plate to share. We'll see you there!

Called & Equipped Formation Programme 2027

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would you like to know more about what it means to be Catholic? Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough? Applications are now open for Called and Equipped. Join us on this exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at: l.hensel@cadw.nz / 04 496 1715 or speak to your Parish Priest. Applications close on Tuesday, 15 December 2026.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Plant Sale

Plant Sale: Saturday, 21 November 2026, 12pm - 3.00pm at Convent grounds, 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Proceeds go towards financial support for Franciscan Sisters of Charity Diocese of Mahenge Tanzania - purchasing of balanced food for destitute girls and boys at St Raphael Centre Ifakara in Tanzania. Please come along and find beautiful plants for your home and garden! For more information, contact Sisters: 04 3838401.

Columban Calendars and Bible Diaries

Columban Calendars are now available, $14 each. Cash only. Please call into the office or see Sister Frances. Also available are the Bible Diaries, $20 each. Excelllent Christmas presents.

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 for more information.

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