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.

SMOA Movie Night

The Bible Study Group is organizing a movie night after the 5pm Mass on Sunday 17th October. The movie will be shown at the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate so all can share in a supper if you can. All are welcome. Please register here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5YBJ9Y

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.

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. 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 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 so please **RSVP by the Tuesday before the prayer day** to pamariabookings@gmail.com and indicate which prayer day you wish to attend.

'The Church's mission is fulfilled also in contributing to the construction of the earthly city. However, her methods and aims are not primarily of a political order; rather, they consist in bearing witness to faith and charity, together with commitment for justice, peace, and fraternity. By worshipping Christ … the believer cannot accept the oppression of the weak and the poor, nor the unjust structures that perpetuate conditions of dependence and injustice.' Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, 7 October 2026

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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

18 October 2026, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

Today the Church throughout the world celebrates World Mission Sunday. Pope Pius XI established World Mission Sunday in 1926 to unite the Church in prayer and financial support for mission work, a tradition that has continued since that time. Pope Leo XVI writes:

"I have chosen the theme *One in Christ, united in mission*. I encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust".

There are envelopes on the tables in our two churches if you wish to contribute to World Mission Sunday. If you wish to contribute by direct debit the details are:

Missionz BNZ 02-0506 0022477-070

Rest in Peace

During the past week one of our very faithful parishioners Peter Crompton passed away. Peter and his late wife Mary were married in our Church in 1966. They lived much of their life in Paparangi but always considered St Mary of the Angels as their parish. They always attended either the 7am or 9am Mass every Sunday.

Peter had not been in good health over recent months. We offer our sympathy to Peter's family on their sad loss. His Mass of Requiem will be celebrated in the Church at 10am on Tuesday (20 October).

We also remember Elizabeth Kirwan who also died during the past week. She will be remembered at the 12.05pm Mass this Wednesday.

Property Work at St Joseph's

The demolition of the building has now been completed. All the rubble and debris have been taken away. Much of it was recycled with only a very small percentage taken to landfill. The section will be hydroseeded so we should see grass growing there in the next couple of weeks. The Finance Committee now needs to find the funds to pay for this work. If you wish to help the Parish Bank Account details are:

BNZ 02-0536-0003242-24. Thank you to those who have already made a donation.

Work on St Mary of the Angels Tower

The scaffolding is being dismantled from the North Tower. This should be complete early next week. Work will then begin on the South Tower.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Isaiah** **45:1, 4-6**
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians** **1:1-5**
We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **22:15-21**
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	**Exodus**	**22:20-26**
Psalm	**17**	
Second Reading	**1 Thess**	**1:5-10**
Gospel Reading	**Matthew**	**22:34-40**

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	$3,576
Automatic Payments:	$4,578
Total:	**$8,154**

Young Church Network Gathering 2026 - REIMAGINE - Dream Together - Shape Tomorrow

ADW Young Church invites youth leaders, coordinators, priests, teachers, parents, and anyone invested in youth ministry to unite and reimagine the future of our young church! Share your hopes, dreams, and ideas for our young people across the Archdiocese. Your voice is powerful, and together we can create change!
Saturday, 31 October 2026, 12.00pm - 4.00pm, St Joseph's Church Hall, Mt Victoria - BYO Lunch!
We'll provide afternoon tea, so please fill out the RSVP form by email at: s.kentjana@cadw.nz to help us prepare. Come with an open heart and your ideas, and let's shape tomorrow together!

Responsorial Psalm 95

R. **Give the Lord glory and honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

Give glory and power to the Lord

St Josephs Tuesday Mass Cancelled

The 8.30am Mass this Tuesday (20 October) because of the unavailability of a Priest.

AGM of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust

The Annual General meeting of the Charitable Trust will be held on Thursday 22 October at 5pm in the Parish Presbytery. If you wish to attend the AGM please email the Parish Office.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Crompton, Elizabeth Kirwan, Wayne Scannell (Brother of Fr Barry Scannell sm)
Anniversaries: Ann Ross, Colin Hooper, Byran Outtrim, Father Peter Bradley sm, Maria Doriguzzi, Hannah McGuigan, Kathleen Cosgrove, Desmond Ashe
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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Homage to Te Raukura

Thursday November 5th 2026 6:30 - 8:30pm
St Mary of the Angels Church. Free admission.
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. Hosted by Richard Shaw (author of 'The Forgotten Coast') with folk music, classical music, kapa haka, taonga pūoro, 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.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the City group of the St.Vincent de Paul Society will be held in the Parish Hall at St Mary of the Angels on Tuesday, October 20 at 6pm. If you would like to put your faith into action and help the needy in the community please join us. New members are very welcome.

Caritas Oceania Forum Mass

All are welcome to Mass to mark the start of the Caritas Oceania Forum in Wellington: Sunday, 18 October - Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street, Wellington at 7.00pm. Join Archbishop Paul Martin SM and the Caritas Oceania representatives including Cardinal Soane Mafi of Tonga, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Fiji, and Archbishop Mosese Vitolio Tui of Samoa, along with other overseas visitors, including the Caritas Internationalis Secretary-General.

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

World Youth Day 2027 (Seoul, South Korea)

World Youth Day is an incredible opportunity for young adults aged 18-35 years old to join millions of young Catholics from around the world for a life-changing pilgrimage of faith, friendship, and mission.
Applications for the Wellington pilgrimage are now open and close on Saturday, 31 October at 11.59pm. To apply or find out more, contact Susilo Kentjana at: s.kentjana@cadw.nz For pilgrimage details, FAQs, and application information, visit the World Youth Day 2027 Wellington Pilgrimage page on the Archdiocese of Wellington website. Come and be part of this unforgettable journey!

Social Development Political Panel (Online)

Thursday, 22 October 2026 from 6.00pm - 7.30pm.
The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) and the Social Policy and Parliamentary Unit of the Salvation Army are hosting an online political panel ahead of the general election. Hear directly from political leaders about their priorities and vision for social development in New Zealand including our welfare system, employment and training supports and working with the community sector.
There will be a number of pre-prepared questions and the opportunity for audience questions. Register and more information at: https://social-development-political-panel-2026.lilregie.com

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.

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. This special day will bring together people from across New Zealand for worship, Holy Mass, prayer, and fellowship as we honour Christ our King and pray for our nation. The Mass Presider will be Archbishop Paul Martin. Registration is not required. For more information, contact Lislie on Ph. 0273476327 or email: currentofgracewellington@gmail.com
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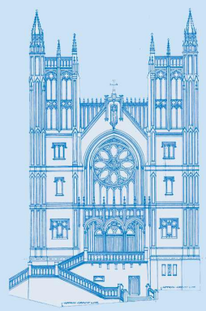
Register to Vote!

Recently our Bishops issued a reflection in advance of the **7 November General Election**. You can read it at: https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26. Our Catholic social teaching tradition values the right of all to participate in political affairs. To vote in this year's election people must be enrolled by **25 October.** You can check that you are enrolled, or change your address, or enrol for the first time at: https://vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online.



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