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.

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.

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.

'Created in the image of the Creator, our own work in some way continues his, for thereby we contribute to the progress of society and the common good, put to good use the capabilities we have received, improve and beautify the world, support our families, engage in cooperative relationships and, through listening and dialogue, learn to build together something that no one could achieve alone.'
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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

25 October 2026, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank You

We sincerely thank our Parish Manager, Abby Cummins, who has resigned from her position as Parish Manager. Abby has worked for St Mary of the Angels for approximately 10 years.

Abby will take up a new role as a Kaitautoko Matua (Senior Administrator) for a new service called Te Ha o Anamata (the breath of the Future), a whanau ora, social services collective based at Kokiri Marae in Seaview. This is a service that provides support and healing to children who are in care, and excluded from school or who are in the justice system.

I speak on behalf of all the Parish in thanking Abby for all her work and wonderful contribution to the Parish. She has been an excellent Parish Manager during her time working for the St Mary of the Angels.

Abby has already taken up her new position but is available to help us transition with our new office arrangements.

Work on the North Tower

The scaffolding on the North Tower of St Mary of the Angels is nearly dismantled. Over the next couple of weeks the scaffolding will be moved to the South Tower where the same work will be completed. The aim is to have all this necessary work completed before the Christmas holidays.

Thank You

I sincerely appreciated the many messages of sympathy and prayers on the recent death of my younger brother. It was a big shock for us as a family, and a comfort to know that so many parishioners were remembering us in their prayers. The funeral was held in St Joseph's Church in Temuka last Friday.

Labour Day Holiday

Tomorrow (Monday 26 October) we celebrate the Labour Day Holiday. There will only be one Mass in the Parish tomorrow at 12.05pm.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Exodus** **22:20-26**
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians** **1:5-10**
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **22:34-40**
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	**Apocalypse**	**7:2-4, 9-14**
Psalm	**23**	
Second Reading	**1 John**	**3:1-3**
Gospel Reading	**Matthew**	**5:1-12**

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	$4,689
Automatic Payments:	$5,690
Total:	**$10,379**

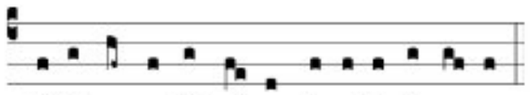
Young Church Network Gathering 2026
REIMAGINE: Dream Together - Shape Tomorrow

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 17

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

Dí-li-gam te Dó-mi- ne, for-ti-tú-do me- a.
I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

Election Webinar

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting a webinar to unpack the bishops' 2026 election statement, *Discerning Our Nation's Future Through a Gospel Lens*. Join Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Catholic Family Support Services Hamilton Manager Renee Rewi and Trinity Catholic College Principal Kate Nicholson live at **7.00pm on Wednesday, 28 October**. The conversation will examine how faith can inform participation in public life and help shape a society that upholds human dignity, promotes justice and serves the common good.
Learn more and register at: https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Crompton, Elizabeth Kirwan, Wayne Scannell (brother of Fr Barry Scannell sm)
Anniversaries: Keegan Lawrence, Margo McAuley, Paul Moran, 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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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.

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.

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!

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.

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! 7.30 - 8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Tuesday, 27 October and Tuesday, 24 November.

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
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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.

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 021 164 5800 or email: l.hensel@cadw.nz to let us know you're interested in attending.

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