

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.

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 - 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 day you wish to attend.

“When people become self-centred and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person’s heart is, the more he or she needs to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears. As these attitudes become more widespread, social norms are respected only to the extent that they do not clash with personal needs. So, our concern cannot be limited merely to the threat of extreme weather events but must also extend to the catastrophic consequences of social unrest. Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction.”

Pope Francis L’audato Si # 204



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Remembering St Mary of the Angels or St Joseph's in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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St Mary of the Angels Church

MASSSES

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

MASSSES

Sunday

9.30am

Tuesday

8.30am

04 October 2026, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Australian and New Zealand Organists visit St Mary of the Angels

A group of forty Australian and New Zealand organists visited St Mary of the Angels on Friday to see the Maxwell Fernie Organ. The visit was arranged by James Young a long serving organist in our Parish. The group also visited the organ in the revamped Wellington Town Hall which reopens next February.

The Maxwell Fernie organ is recognised as one of the best organs in New Zealand. It was built and designed for our Church by Maxwell Fernie who returned to New Zealand in 1959 after being the organist at Westminster Cathedral in London. Max was the director of music in our Church for many years until his death in 1999. We are particularly fortunate to benefit from Max's amazing foresight in designing such a wonderful instrument of beauty to enhance our liturgical worship.

Commemorating the passing of Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert

Today at 2pm there will be a National Centennial Mass in the Church commemorating the death 100 years ago of Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. Her funeral was described at the time as the largest held in Wellington. Crowds lined the street to pay tribute to this amazing woman who was a sister of the Home of Compassion.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops will be in attendance and well as several groups from around the country. All are welcome.

No Mass and Reconciliation next Saturday

Next Saturday (10 October) the priests in the Parish are participating in a Marist Retreat Day. There will be no 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.

Mass Changes

There will be no Mass at St Joseph's at 8.30am this Tuesday 06 October. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Parish Property Work

The work on both the St Mary of the Angels Tower and at the house on Brougham Street continues. I will provide a fuller update in next week's Angelus.

Father Barry Scannell sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-43
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm 22

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,198

Automatic Payments: \$4,833

Total: \$9,031

Bishops' Election Statement

The New Zealand bishops have published their statement for the 2026 General Election. Entitled *Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens*, the document encourages Catholics and people of good will to consider voting as a moral and civic responsibility, not just a matter of personal preference. The bishops invite people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues, and they also encourage people to pray for the country. You can read their statement online here: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26>

The Parliamentary General Election takes place this year on Saturday 7 November. People need to be enrolled by 25 October to vote.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Sr Cyprian CSB, Jane Vetter,
Anniversaries: Paul Barber, John Casserley, John Patrick O'Brien, Eileen Dysart, Clarie Bourke, Brendan Gilmore, Mary Crompton

Prayers for the Sick: 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, 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.





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Responsorial Psalm 79

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
Is stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. R

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R



Ví- ne-a Dómi- ni, domus Ís-ra-el est
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Guardians Needed

St Mary of the Angels is cared for each day by Guardians, who spend one hour in the church welcoming visitors and helping maintain the reverence of our sacred space.

We currently have vacant slots on: **Thursdays 1.30pm-2.30pm & 2.30pm-3.30pm**. If you're interested in being part of this ministry, please contact the Parish office.

World Youth Day 2027

Launch Mass and Information Session

If you weren't able to attend the information session on 01 October, don't worry! The ADW Young Church is organising another exciting opportunity. Join us for a special WYD 2027 Launch Mass with Archbishop Paul Martin on Wednesday, 07 October 2026, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon. Following the Mass, we invite you to an engaging Information Session next door at Connolly Hall, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, where you can learn about the World Youth Day itinerary. Everyone is invited, and we can't wait to see you there! For more information, contact Susilo Kentjana at s.kentjana@cadw.nz

Celebration Sunday

Rau Tau Pūroha | Celebrate Compassion 2026

“Let us have kindness and compassion for one another, let us mutually pardon as God pardons us.”

-Meri Hōhepa Sur-ganne Aubert

Today, 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.

Coming Home Retreat

Facilitated by Caroline Talbot & Valerie Roberts, the ‘Coming Home’ retreat will provide you with the space to take time by yourself, away from the busyness of everyday life. A chance for silence and solitude, scripture, meditation, and daily reflection, the retreat will suit those new to retreats and those who want to rest and listen. 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>

Chris Skinner & James Lyons afternoon concert

Those in Wellington on Sunday 11 October should not miss this unique concert at the Chapel at Our Lady's Home of Compassion. Chris Skinner and James Lyons will bring an afternoon of music and stories to the Chapel at the Home of Compassion. Please head to Eventfinda to secure your spot ASAP. Tickets are \$20. <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/chris-skinner-james-lyons-an-afternoon-of-music-stories-wellington>

Common Grace Aotearoa
Thriving in our Land: Workshop 3

Please come to the final session of this excellent series, endorsed by the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission - "The Climate" at St Joseph's on 07 October, 5.30pm - 7pm with refreshments provided from 5pm. Each workshop stands alone - you don't need to have attended the other two.

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.

Hikoi for Palestine

Saturday, 10 October at 11.00am. Join the Archdiocesan Ecology Justice and Peace Commission with the Catholic Peacemakers banner and participate in the International Day for Action for Palestine (organised by Justice for Palestine). Gather at Parliament Lawn then hikoi to Te Ngākau /Civic Square. Contact: Deirdre d.meskill@cadw.nz

Sisters of Compassion 2027 Tertiary Scholarship

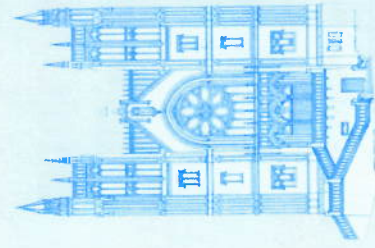
The Sisters of Compassion are accepting applications from tertiary students who need support with tuition fees in 2027. This scholarship supports students in the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who will be in their second year of tertiary studies in 2027. Applications close 14 October. Go to: <https://www.compassion.org.nz/compassion-news-events/call-for-suzanne-aubert-tertiary-scholarship-applications-for-2027>

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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