

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.

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

17 October	Mary
5 December	Advent

Presenters: Neil Vanev 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 vision of humanity as a “community of people” is a valuable legacy that the Second Vatican Council has left us. It helps us all to engage in personal and communal discernment, so that we may responsibly evaluate today’s social and political projects, based on the criteria of the dignity of the human person, social justice and free participation in constructing the common good. For the future of humanity depends on each person’s commitment to collaborate with God and with their brothers and sisters in building a more humane world.
Pope Leo XIV, [General Audience](#), 16 September 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

11 October 2026, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Property Work at 150 Brougham/42 Ellice Street

During this week the demolition of the dilapidated and unsafe building has progressed well. The work had to be carried out during the school holidays as the road had to be closed. The was a condition of the Wellington City Council for consent.

Much of the debris has been recycled by the demolition crew. We are hoping that by the end of this coming week the site will be cleared and that it will be secured with appropriate fencing. The Finance Committee will then consider future options for the land. We need to undertake a fundraising appeal to pay for this work which totals approximately \$200,000. If you wish to help, the Parish bank account details are:

BNZ 02-0536-0003242-24

A sincere thank you to those parishioners who have already been generous.

Work on St Mary of the Angels Tower

We have made significant progress on the Tower during this past week. The weather has been kind and we are hoping that the scaffold can be dismantled later this week. The engineering work inside the tower can be completed without the use of scaffolding. We are very grateful to the St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust for their support.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is 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 continues on the penultimate Sunday in October. There will be more information provided in next week's newsletter and also an opportunity to contribute to the mission work of the Church throughout the world.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

In the next few weeks we will be re-introducing Holy Communion under both kinds i.e. the host and from the chalice. This requires us to have many more extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. If you would like to consider this important ministry please contact Father Barry or Sister Frances.

Father Barry Scannell sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	25:6-10
<i>The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.</i>		
Second Reading	Philippians	4:12-14, 19-20
<i>I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	22:1-14
<i>Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	45:1, 4-6
Psalm	95	
Second Reading	Thessalonians	1:1-5
Gospel Reading	Matthew	22:15-21

Last Sunday's Collection



Sunday Collection:	\$4,225
Automatic Payments:	\$5,897
Total:	\$10,122

General Election

The Parliamentary General Election takes place this year on Saturday 7 November. You must 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.

The New Zealand Bishops have published their statement for the 2026 General Election and invite people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues. You can read their statement online here: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26>

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Pat Eller, Kathryn McIver, Jane Vetter

Anniversaries: Sid Hall, Leo Buchanan, Bill Maher, Mary Roskam, Siufaga Apolo, John Loft, Michael O'Loughlin

Prayers for the Sick: Henk Rood, Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Pam Finlayson, Pat Mahony,



Joan Wolland, Saturino Vioria, Dr Bill Glass, Greg Hayward, Cecelia Cha, Julia Choquette, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, 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 Psalm 22

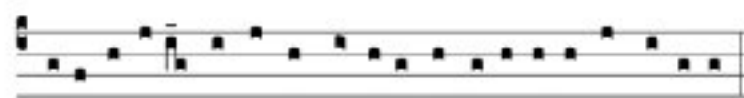
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R



Inha-bi-tábo in Domo Dómini in longi-tú-dinem di-érum
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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.

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.

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>

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 Moses Vitolio Tui of Samoa, along with other overseas visitors, including the Caritas Internationalis Secretary-General.

Hands Around the Beehive A National Day of Remembrance for Health

Wednesday, 21 October 2026. The Archdiocesan Ecology for Justice and Peace is supporting Hands Around the Beehive's gathering to remember those who have struggled to receive the healthcare they needed, to acknowledge the people who work within our health system, and to stand together in solidarity and hope for a healthier Aotearoa. Everyone is invited to attend to mark the minute of silence and to gather at Parliament:

1.15pm - Gather at Parliament
1.30pm - Speakers
2.00pm - National Minute of Silence

At 2.00pm, people across the Motu are invited to stop wherever they are - in churches, hospitals, workplaces, parks, community spaces or at home with their friends and whānau - and share a National Minute of Silence. For further information go to: www.ucanforhealth.co.nz

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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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>

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