

PLEASE HELP US ENSURE WELLINGTON'S ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH CONTINUES TO BE RESTORED, MAINTAINED AND PROTECTED

The Friends of St. Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust needs your assistance to continue our work in supporting the preservation and restoration of this historic central Wellington Catholic Church.

The current St Mary of the Angels stands on the site of the first Catholic Church in Wellington (built about 1843) and has been part of the Marist tradition in New Zealand since 1875. In 1883 the Pope, through Archbishop Redwood, granted the parish to the Society of Mary, the Marists, in perpetuity, formally securing an arrangement that has lasted to this day. The current Church, opened and blessed in 1922, has an Historic Places Trust category one rating that acknowledges its architectural grandeur, the beauty of its unique stained glass windows and the magnificence of its renowned pipe organ.

Much restoration work was undertaken during the 1980's and 90's including restoration of the Church interior and re-roofing the building. In 2004 the outer walls were sealed to prevent water damage to the structure, especially around the stained glass windows.



Now, the Church must be strengthened to comply with the latest seismic strengthening standards. Current design work to meet this latest law indicates that the work will cost several million dollars.

HELP US BY BECOMING A DONOR MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS' TRUST

As a joint fundraiser with the Parish for the seismic strengthening we are raising money required to contribute to the completion of this work to ensure that our historic Church is maintained for generations to come.

By becoming a donor member of the Trust you can help with either a single donation or choose to offer amounts on an ongoing basis. Donations can be made either by cheque or by direct credit bank transfer (if this method is used please contact the Parish Manager - email address below - for the Trust's bank details). Our Charities Commission registration ensures that donations by individuals are New Zealand tax deductible, if appropriate, and receipts will be sent.

Donor members are also encouraged to include a bequest to the Trust in their Will.

When making a donation you can specify that your amount should only be applied for Church seismic strengthening, or if you choose, you can indicate other options as indicated on the coupon. If no indication is given the trustees will allocate your donation as deemed appropriate. If you require further information please contact either the Trust chairman, the Parish Priest (email details below) or go to our website: www.smoa.org.nz/trust



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