



Above: View of construction inside the Church.



Detail of the Angels in D. Ghirlandaio, Adoration of the Shepherds, 1488 Spedale degli Innocenti, Florence (Italy)

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# The Angelus

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery

17 Boulcott Street

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Telephone: 04 473 8074

Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

*St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a  
place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington*

### MASS TIMES

#### Sunday

7am *St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall*

9am *Sacred Heart Cathedral*

12pm *St John's Presbyterian Church*

5pm *St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria*

#### Monday to Friday

*St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall*

7:30am, 12:05pm & 5:15pm

#### Saturday

11am *St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall*

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

*St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall*

11am Mass 4th Saturday of each month

#### ADORATION

*St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall*

Monday to Friday 6:45am - 7:30am

Friday 11:00am-12:00pm

#### RECONCILIATION

*St Mary of the Angels Presbytery*

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-12:00pm

12:30pm - 1:00pm

4:30pm - 5:00pm

#### Friday

11:00am-12:00pm

12:30pm - 1:00pm

4:30pm - 5:00pm

#### Saturday

10:30am-11:00am

4:00pm - 5:00pm

#### Parish Priest

Fr Barry Scannell SM

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#### Assistant Priest

Fr Carl Telford SM

#### Adult Education

Fr Michael Young SM

#### Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

#### Director of Music

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## 25 December 2015, Christmas Day, Year C

### Happy Christmas and Thank You

This is the final Angelus for 2015 and I take this opportunity of sincerely  
thanking so many people who have contributed so much to the Parish  
over the last year.

This time last year we were well underway with the fundraising for the  
seismic strengthening of the Church. We needed to get at least 1/3rd of  
the required amount of \$9.3 million before work could begin.

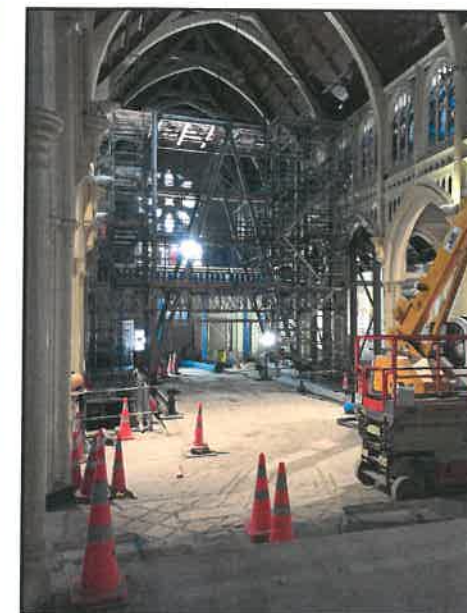
Through the generosity of so many work did begin on 17 March (St  
Patrick's Day) and is now well underway. Our fundraising efforts  
continue in earnest and we still need nearly \$3 million to complete the  
task.

Thank you to all who have made a donation. If you have not yet made a  
contribution please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us  
continue work on our beautiful Church. The sooner the work is  
completed the quicker we can return to worship in our Parish Church.

I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and New Year. May God bless  
you and your families.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.*

*Parish Priest*



*View of gantry supporting the Church  
building during the replacement of each portal*



*View of steel being lowered into the new  
portal from outside the Church.*

**This Week's Readings**

**First Reading:** Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
*For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** St John 3:1-2, 21-24  
*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.*

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52  
*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.*

**Next Week's Readings**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
**Psalm:** Ps 103  
**Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**Last Sunday's Collection**

**Total** \$4,989  
**Parish Expenses** \$3,393  
**Support of House** \$1,596



**Planned Giving**

If you would like to join the St Mary of the Angels Planned Giving Scheme please contact the Parish Office. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions.

**Christmas and Holiday Timetable**

The Christmas and Holiday timetable is available at all Masses today. Please take a copy so that you will know what time and where Masses are over the holiday period. The timetable is also available for download from our website: smoa.org.nz

**Mass has been offered for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Kura Turner, James Glover, Dianna Bartram, Marie Giles, Paul Giles, Phyllis Clifford, Matilda Vissers, Frank Vissers, Janina Knapp, Fr George Duggan sm, Fred Scoon, William Jenkins, Frances Haughey, James Coyle, Daniel McKone, Mary Gilmore, Maurice O'Brien, Judy Gibson, Su-yen Bok

**Prayers for the Sick:** Ricky McDonald, Bill Prior, Peter Aston, Johanna van Zijl, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kath Simes, Kathleen Phelan, Jeanette Parker.

*Please remember in your prayers, these and the other sick of the Parish. If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.*



**Christmas Day Responsorial Psalm: 97**

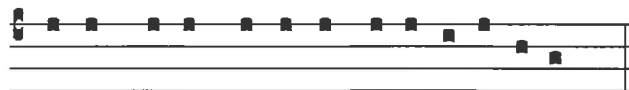
**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R**



No-tum fe-cit Domi-nus sa-lu-ta-re su-um.

*The Lord hath made known His salvation*

**Archbishop's Christmas Appeal**

Envelopes for the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal are available at all Masses today. This year's appeal will support the Lay Pastoral Leaders Fund, International Priests serving in the Archdiocese and the work of Catholic Social Services. Please give generously.

**Prayer for Seismic Strengthening Work**

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, you made us in your own image and likeness.

You gave us wisdom and understanding, grateful hearts and creative minds.

We pray that our beautiful Church will be strengthened against the peril of earthquake through the generosity of parishioners, the community of Wellington and people throughout New Zealand.

We ask, Lord, that you abundantly bless those who have already donated funds, skill and expertise to this project.

May St Mary of the Angels Church be a symbol of a unified community that will gather to praise and thank you.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.



*The Southern Madonna by Julia Lynch (Sister Mary Lawrence, Trinity RSM) (1896 - 1975). At Southern Star Abbey, Kopua.*



*View of builders carefully removing the front marble altar rail before beginning seismic strengthening work.*



*View from inside the Church of a builder preparing a portal for strengthening.*



*View from Church roof of the crane and worksite as the steel for the portal is being loaded for installation.*

**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS EARTHQUAKE STRENGTHENING APPEAL**



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