

# The Angelus

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

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*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*

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### MASSES

**Sunday** 7am 9am 11am 5pm

**Monday to** 7:30am 12:05pm

**Friday** & 5:15pm

**Saturday** 11am

**Public Holidays** 9am

### EACH MONTH

**1st Saturday** Marian Devotions 10:30am

**4th Saturday** Sacrament of the  
Anointing at 11am Mass

### ADORATION

**Monday to Friday** 7am-7:30am

**Friday** 11am-noon

### RECONCILIATION

**Monday to** 11:30am-12pm

**Thursday** 12:30pm-1pm 4:30pm-5pm

**Friday** 11am-12pm 12:30pm-1pm  
4:30pm-5pm

**Saturday** 10:30am-11am 4pm-5pm

## 29 May 2011 : 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

### Schola Cantorum

The St Mary of the Angels Youth Choir, now known as Schola Cantorum, will give its first concert of the year tonight at 7:30 in the Church. The choir was formed last year by Robert Oliver, and most of its members are university students. They will sing American, African and German hymns, motets by Michael Haydn (younger brother of Joseph) and will be joined by a consort of viols for the main work, Heinrich Schütz's wonderful setting of "The Seven Last Words from the Cross". The viols will also accompany some solo songs, play some music of their own (a rare opportunity to hear this) and two of our choir sopranos will sing some duets by Schütz. There is no admission charge, but donations will be sought to cover costs, such as bringing two viol players down from Auckland. More information and fliers are available at all the Church entrances.

### Lion Foundation Grant

We have recently received a grant from the Lion Foundation to purchase new chairs for the Parish Hall. The chairs arrived this week and they make such a big improvement. My sincere thanks to one of our parishioners, Sharon Hollis and to Father Tom for preparing the submission for the grant. The chairs will be appreciated by the many groups who use our Hall each week.

If you are interested in any of the old chairs please see Father Tom. Many of the them are similar to the chairs we remember as school-children.

### Annual Retreat

I will be away during the coming week attending the Marist Retreat in Auckland. I know that the many Marist who will be attending that retreat would appreciate your prayers.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.*  
Parish Priest



# INVEST IN YOUR FAITH



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 8:5-8, 14:-17  
*They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.*

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 3:15-18  
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

**Gospel Reading** John 14:15-21  
*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 1:1-11  
 Psalm 46 (47)

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20

## Last Sunday's Collection

### Apology:

Figures are not available for last Sunday's Collection.  
 These will be published in next week's Angelus.

### Communion Discussion Group

The next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Sunday 12 June in the Crypt. Topic: On Conscience and Truth: a classic 1860's paper by Cardinal Newman and a 1991 response by Cardinal Ratzinger. Contact Mary or Leo Buchanan 387 8284 or leobuchanan@xtra.co.nz

### Religious Writing Competition 2011

Entries are open until 16 July 2011 for the Knights of the Southern Cross Religious Writing Competition.  
 Topic: **"Social Justice is at the heart of the Gospel."**  
 Prize money will be awarded in four age categories.  
Contact Patrick Horan 232 6006

### Mass has been offered for:

### Recently Deceased

### Anniversaries

Peter Gilbert, Bill Shiner, Marie Robinson, Michael Kinder

### Prayers for the Sick

**Maryvac de Rosario, Bill McLaughlin, Trevor Hyde, Mary Egan, Oinah Macpherson,**  
 Maureen McDonald, Bernadette Coup, Patricia Smyth, Ron Blair, Anna Zonotti, Mary Jarvis,  
 Paul Carr, Vicki McPhee, Peter Tawhaki, Mary Foote, Cecilia Dickson, Maria Kasperowicz,  
 Peter Schmidt, Leuteotifa Toma, Marion Hyland, Da Van Luyn, Dulcie & David Campbell,  
 Jan Tuinman

*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 (473 8074).*

## Responsorial Psalm 32 (33)

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to god all the earth,  
 O sing to the glory of his name.  
 O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
 shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
 Come and see the works of God,  
 tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turns the sea into dry land,  
 they passed through the river dry-shod.  
 Let our joy then be in him;  
 he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
 I will tell what he did for my soul:  
 Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
 nor withhold his love from me. **R.**



Jubilá-te Deo, om-nis ter-ra:

### Note: Choir Practice Times

Choir of St Mary of the Angels - Thursdays at 7.30pm  
 Young Angel Voices - Thursdays at 4.30pm  
 Schola Cantorum (Youth) - Fridays at 5.30pm  
Contact Robert.Oliver@paradise.net.nz

### Offertory Hymn For 11am Mass

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## Mystagogy: Journeying deeply into the Sacraments

The Church often refers to the period of fifty days that pass between the Easter Vigil and Pentecost as Mystagogy, a time when those who have been initiated into the Church are encouraged to 'journey more deeply into the Sacraments'.

This is an important time for everyone; those new to the Church as well as those who are reconciled, participate in the Eucharist and renew Baptismal promises.

It is hard to appreciate the richness of the spiritual resources that exist in the Church to help us grow in prayer and holiness and knowledge of God. Though Christianity does not depend on spiritual techniques, it does offer guidance and assistance in developing a life of prayer and in putting that prayer into action as a life of love.

Pope Benedict's encyclical, *Dens Caritas Est* talks specifically about this, while the last chapter of John Paul II's last book, *Memory and Identity*, encourages everyone to search for 'deeper Christianity' in their lives. John Paul explains that observing the Commandments (Matt 19:16-17) enables us to discover and live our fundamental values. "These values," he says, "are lights that illuminate the beauty of our existence. This beauty becomes a light for our actions so that we are able to live in the truth." As examples, observing the commandment, "You shall not kill," we learn a profound respect for life. By not committing adultery we acquire the virtue of purity. Rather than being something negative, this creates in us a growing awareness of the beauty of our humanity.

### "Famous Last Words"

The seven 'last words' or more accurately phrases, said by Christ on the Cross are recorded collectively in the Gospels. They are a source of great reflection. Among them, "My God, why have you abandoned me?" speaks right to the heart of anyone at crisis point. In some things, there is simply no way out and no help visible.

A woman involved in family counseling, particularly for those whose lives have been touched by abortion, made these comments about the importance of 'last words.'

"News of unexpected pregnancy usually brings plenty of advice. Some of it helpful like, 'We love you and we will love this child who is with you.' A person in crisis is likely to translate this as, 'We love you.' Other advice sounds good until it is spoken in reality. 'We'll support whatever you decide to do.' Translation: 'you are on your own.' The path to an abortion usually begins long before a woman is pregnant or at crisis point. What she hears in her heart she will likely recall in her crisis."

*Prayer: Lord, send your Word deep into my heart.*



## SMAYACS

St Mary of the Angels Young Adult Catholics

### Regular SMAYACS Events:

#### Youth Mass (Sunday 12 June at 5pm)

The SMAYACS organise a Youth Mass on the second Sunday each month. Please let us know if you are able to help with preparations.

**Theology on Tap** - a monthly Sunday night meeting with guest speaker at the Hotel Bristol, Cuba Street.

#### Holy Hour

The SMAYACS group organise a Holy Hour in the Church on the 3rd Thursday of each month, between 6-7pm.

*To contact us with any ideas, comments or questions, please email [smayacs@gmail.com](mailto:smayacs@gmail.com)*

#### Quiz Night (Sunday 29 May 6.30pm)

#### Are you brainier than the person in the pew in front of you?

Find out @ the Challenge 2000 Charity Quiz Evening. Last year it was won by a combined Tawa / Johnsonville group. The night is lots of fun and finishes at around 8.30pm.

Only \$12 / player - 8 players per table - make your own team or we will put you in one. RSVP to [challenge2000@xtra.co.nz](mailto:challenge2000@xtra.co.nz).

### Confirmation of Adults and Young People

Archbishop John Dew is conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Pastoral

Area on Sunday 26 June. The Sacrament will be conferred at the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria.

If any young people and adults wish to be confirmed, please contact the Parish Office (Ph 473 8079) or one of the Priests at St Mary of the Angels.



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## For Your Diaries : 2011

### Friday 10 June St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

Collectors are required for an hour between 6am and 2pm for the annual St Vincent de Paul Street Collection. Volunteers are also required for the St Vincent de Paul Shop at Newtown. Contact Ross 389 7122

**Sunday 12 June from 1.30pm - 4pm** St Patrick's College, Wgtn Open Day. Prospective students, parents and friends very welcome. [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz)

**Tuesday 14 June Sisters of Mercy:** 6.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon, Thanksgiving Mass followed by finger food in St Mary's College Hall.

### 17-19 June Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Wellington)

For those whose lives have been touched by abortion. Can you help support participants in prayer, with sponsorship or with transport? Contact Wendy Hill 027 254 9222 or [info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz) (NB This Retreat is full.)

### Saturday 25 June Dove Women's Retreat

"Come to the Father's Heart" is a special retreat day hosted by Dove Catholic Fellowship for women. The first day of a series of 10 Days of Refreshment being held around the country is Saturday 25 June St Joseph's Church Hall 38 Victoria St Hawera. Contact Jo 09 424 4122 or visit [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

### 25 & 26 June, (Seasons 4 Couples Retreat Weekend)

A weekend programme for married couples exploring the effects of change in their lives. There will be personal time to reflect on your own journey as well as time to share with your spouse. The Retreat offers live-in accommodation. Venue: Home of Compassion, Island Bay, time 10am—4pm each day. Contact Sue Devereaux 496 1744 or [s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:s.devereux@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Saturday 20 August (5.30pm) Fr Chris Skinner sm Concert

A fundraising concert at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria to raise money for the Refugee Family Reunification Trust. This is being organised by the Social Justice Committee, Wellington Pastoral Area and an Ethiopian dinner will follow. All very welcome. Contact [wgtncatholicalsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:wgtncatholicalsocialjustice@gmail.com)

### 28 - 30 October 2011 St Brendan's School - Heretaunga 50th Jubilee.

To register your interest please email: [stbrendans50thjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendans50thjubilee@gmail.com) or phone 04 939 1909 for further information.

**Traditional Latin Mass** at St Mary of the Angels Sunday 29 May and 5 June at 12.30pm. Enquiries: Neil Coup: 021-896-924

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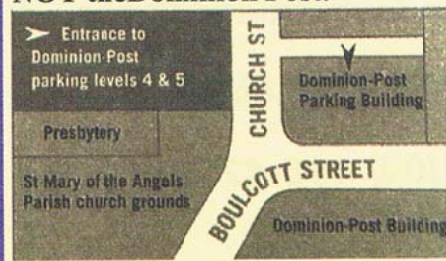
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