

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

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to Friday 6:30am-7:20am

Friday 11am-Noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Thursday 11:30am-Noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-11:50pm
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-10:55am
4:00pm-5:00pm

27 October, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE?

Today's parable was delivered to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although the parable is very brief, its message strikes home powerfully. The power of this famous parable of the pharisee and the tax-collector comes from its never-failing relevance. Society is still marked by the presence of divisions between people who think they are better than anyone else, and the other end of the scale: the despised ones. Nowhere in society is this division more marked than among people who claim to some form of religion.

The portrait of the pharisee is a caricature of the 'good man.' There is nothing that the pharisee does or says which is wrong. He stands for prayer because standing is the proper position for prayer. He thanks God and speaks of his life of care for other people. His only mistake is that he makes a judgment call on the publican: "Thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax-collector." However, he could be excused for that. The tax-collectors had, after all, sold their souls to the foreign rulers of the land so that they could make money from the sufferings of their fellow-Jews. The pharisee is a good man, and he is proud of it. He has managed to do all that God might ask of him.

The publican's position for prayer, bowed and beating his breast, is unusual. He has no great virtues, no religious success story to thank God for. He can only ask for God's mercy, recognising his sins. Jesus comments that this is the one who "went home at rights with God." This is so because the publican is honest, while the pharisee has not really looked into his heart.

The truth of the parable lies in the fact that we are all sinners. There is no one who does not need to kneel humbly before God and ask for His love and mercy. There is no one like the pharisee. Who could truthfully lay claim to all the success stories that the pharisee confesses to? There are only people who think they are that good, and they are the unfortunate ones in the eyes of God. Again, the pharisee is needy because he thinks he has it all. In such an approach to God, there is no place for a God who fills our emptiness. When we recognise our shallowness and superficiality we can be filled with the good gifts of God.

Fr Joe Savei sm
—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Wisdom 11:22--12:2

Psalm 144

Second Reading 2 Thess 1:11-2:2

Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10

Responsorial 32

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

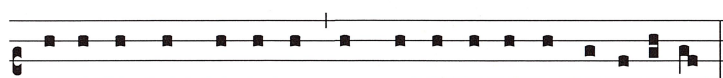
I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,448

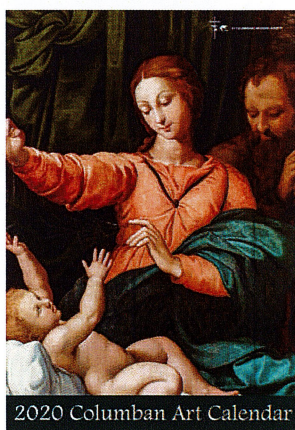


Iste pauper clama-vit, et Domi-nus ex-audi-vit e-um.

The poor man called, and the Lord heard him.

Columban Calendars

2020 Columban Calendars are now available for sale from the parish office or from Sr Frances. These calendars are an iconic Catholic calendar well-known for its traditional paintings and liturgical information. They are \$12 each.



A Test of Faith

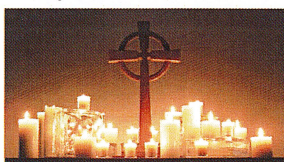
The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides a wonderful insight into the seismic strengthening work that took place here at St Mary of the Angels. The documentary also includes the story of the Church in Wellington from 1843 and in particular the three churches that have been built on the present St Mary of the Angels site. If you would like to see this amazing documentary you can purchase a DVD from the parish office. The cost is \$30 and all proceeds go to the ongoing maintenance of the church.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Mariana Boonhye Kim

Anniversaries: Margo McAuley, Stephen Reidy, Jim Molloy

Prayers for the Sick: Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Fr Tom O'Connor sm, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, John Mora, Andrea Oliver, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Paul Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Shirley O'Brien



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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Vespers for the Feast of All Saints

Held in the church on **Friday 1 November**, 7.30—8.45pm, the St Mary of the Angels choir will sing the Gregorian antiphons, psalms and hymn, Magnificat by Palestrina, and give a short recital of music afterwards for the Feast by Philips, Victoria and Sir John Tavener.

A Caring Space Quiet Day

A Caring Space is an invitation to those who care for a loved one to step away for a few hours to reflect on your role as carer and to explore with God your thoughts and feelings in this role. At Home of Compassion, Rhine St., Island Bay on **Friday 15 November** 11am to 2.30pm. For more details and to register, contact Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email vjpdp@gmail.com

Friends of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the Friends of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust will be held in the church on **Sunday 10 November** at 12.30pm, after the 11am Mass. All who are interested in supporting or being involved in the Trust are invited.

Rosary

Join us in gathering and reciting the Rosary each weekday—Monday to Thursday at 11.30am and Friday after the 12.05pm Mass.

Seasons for Growth Programme

Seasons for Growth teaches that change and loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to this. Based on scientific research, it assists people in managing grief and stress around life changing situations. There will be an adult programme held at the Catholic Centre in Thorndon over four Sunday afternoons (2pm - 5pm) starting on **Sunday 10 November**. Cost is \$30, covering workbooks and other materials. Registrations close 4 November. Contact Katrin at (04) 385 8642 or seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz to register.

Labour Day

A reminder that there will only be one Mass (and no Reconciliation) this **Monday 27 October** and that is at **9am**.

Pastoral Team – Changes

After completing two years as parish priest I will be departing St Mary of the Angels at the end of this year. My superiors have asked that I join the leadership team of the Society of Mary New Zealand in a fulltime capacity. The office for this is located in Thorndon Quay, Wellington. I have been very happy to live in the Marist Community here at St Mary's while serving in the parish, and was looking forward to another four years here. I am very grateful for the love and support I experience at St Marys and although I will be sad to leave I know that I am now called elsewhere so feel at peace.

It is with great joy that I announce the new parish priest from 2020 to be Fr Kevin Mowbray, SM. I wish him, the Pastoral Team and the Parish Pastoral Council well as they lead the parish community into the future.

Fr Kevin Conroy, SM

Parish Priest

Challenge 2000 Street Day Appeal

Challenge 2000 is a Youth and Community Development agency that has served young people in the Wellington region and Church for 31 years. We are holding our annual Street Day Appeal on **Thursday 14 November**.

If you are willing and able to help, please get in touch with Anne or John at info@challenge2000.org.nz

Aside from the appeal, you might like to consider volunteering, praying for struggling young people, asking friends and family to support our work, or donating directly to Challenge 2000 at 01-0519-0057660-00.



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For Your Diaries: 2019

1 November, Vespers for the Feast of All Saints

7.30pm at St Mary of the Angels. The choir will sing the Gregorian antiphons, psalms and hymn, Magnificat by Palestrina, and give a short recital of music for the Feast, by Philips, Victoria and Sir John Tavener.

2 November, Fundraising Concert by Fr Chris Skinner sm

An afternoon of songs and music at Sacred Heart Church Petone, 2pm. Tickets are \$25 and the proceeds will go to Pacific families attending the Annual Oceania gathering of the Focolare Movement in January.

7 November, Mass of Remembrance

All are welcome to this Mass of Remembrance for all who have died during the year. During the Mass there will be a time to light a candle for your loved ones.

10 November, Friends of SMOA Charitable Trust AGM

The Friends of St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the church at 12.30pm.



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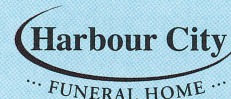
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