

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Church and Presbytery:

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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

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to 6:30am-7:20am

Friday

Friday 11am-Noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-Noon

Thursday 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

10 November 2019, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OF ROSARIES AND EUTHANASIA

Nine years ago my mother died at the age of ninety-three. She was an 'old-school' catholic all her life. She went to Mass every Sunday, confession regularly and was active in the Catholic Women's League. She and Dad made sure that all seven of their children received a catholic education. She even attempted occasionally to make her squirming children pray the rosary together. She wasn't that successful. In fact, so unsuccessful was she that when I went to the seminary I, rather embarrassingly, didn't know the names of the various decades of the Rosary! Despite that failure she never stopped praying the rosary herself. Her beads were never far from her fingers wherever she was.

Not too many years before she died my mother told me of a visit she had made to one of my married sisters. Mum was praying the rosary when one of her grandson's asked who that little man was on the cross. As she told me the story sadness filled her eyes. I thought of her determined, life-long effort to hand on the Faith. In just two generations all that had come to nothing. So much that once was so valued had just disappeared. Can something lost so quickly ever be recovered?

That question came to my mind again very recently in a completely different context. This year we have seen two pieces of legislation progress through Parliament that will change how we think of life itself - the law governing abortion and the law introducing euthanasia. Changes like this would never have been contemplated when I was growing up. How did we reach this point? What have we lost within a generation or two? Can we ever recover?

In the midst of the 2007 stock market crisis a finance adviser stoically remarked to me, 'You are where you are' – in other words, acknowledge the reality of the world and act accordingly. My ever-practical mother would have agreed with him. But she also would have held on to her rosary beads! Her faith, undimmed by her grandson's question, nourished her certain hope that God, though hidden, was still in charge.

I recommend the wisdom of both the financial adviser and my mother to you. The medieval English mystic, Julian of Norwich, anticipated their wisdom so many centuries ago when she wrote, *'all shall be well, all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well'*.

Is such a refrain our rock of consolation in these sad and difficult times?

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

Second Reading 2 Thess 2:16-3:5
May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Gospel Reading 2 Thess 2:16-3:5
He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Malachi 3:19-20
Psalm 97
Second Reading 2 Thess 3:7-12
Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,772



Merry Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Welfare & Service hub transforms into a festive toy shop over December. Donated gifts for children are displayed for whānau to come and choose from. We're calling on the community to help fill up the toy shop with donated gifts. Donations can be dropped off to your parish St Vincent de Paul conference, or directly to the Vinnies hub at 207 Riddiford Street, Newtown. We would appreciate gifts that are appropriate for children aged 0-16 years old, unwrapped and in new or near-new condition. Please drop off any donations by **Thursday 28 November**. For more information visit vinnieswgtn.org.nz or contact info@vinnieswgtn.org.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Andrea Oliver, Hayley So'oa

Anniversaries: Peter O'Meeghan, Denise Sutich, Terence Christie, Joan Welch

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, 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.

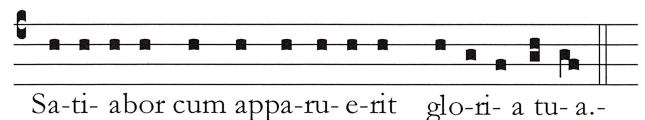
Responsorial 16

**R. Lord, when your glory appears,
 my joy will be full.**

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
 pay heed to my cry.
 Turn your ear to my prayer:
 no deceit is on my lips. **R**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
 there was no faltering in my steps.
 I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
 Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R**

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
 Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
 As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
 and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your
 glory. **R**



I shall be satisfied when Thy glory shall appear.

Guardian Needed: Thursday morning

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. **We are in need of a Guardian for a slot on Thursday 10am—11am.** If you would like to consider being part of this service to the parish community please contact the parish office on 04 473 8074 or smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz



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Lunchtime Gathering at Parliament to Oppose the Euthanasia Bill

Submissions on David Seymour's euthanasia bill have been written. People from all walks of life have spoken up in record numbers and said NO. Still, a majority of MPs have been voting it through. **Wednesday 13 November** is when Seymour's bill is due for its third and final reading. At 12pm, we will be gathering peacefully on the Parliament lawns to show MPs how many New Zealanders say NO to this bill. It is important we turn out in numbers—please support this gathering with your presence! This is the last chance to let MPs know your view.

Family Reunification

We are trying to find suitable accommodation for a couple hoping to be reunited with their family, former refugees living in the Hutt Valley. This request is rather urgent as confirmation of accommodation is an immigration requirement. If you have a one bedroom flat, bed sit, tiny house or granny flat in the Hutt Valley that you could make available for rent please contact Catholic Social Services either by phone on 04 385 8642 or by email: reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

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.

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.

Coming up: World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis' 3rd *World Day of the Poor* is on **Sunday 17 November**. There are a range of ways you can be involved:

- ◆ *Share the Journey Walk:* Cardinal John Dew is inviting people to join him on his usual morning walk around the inner streets of Wellington on **Friday 15 November**, leaving the Catholic Centre at 5.30am followed by a simple breakfast of porridge at 6.30am. The kilometers walked will also be recorded as part of the Caritas 'Share the Journey' global walk.
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Society will be running free pop-up shops on **Saturday 16 November** around Wellington. In Wellington Central, the pop-up shop will be at the Central Park Flats in Brooklyn from 10am—4pm. If you would like to volunteer to help out at these shops on the day or in the days leading up to it, contact marketing@vinnieswgtg.org.nz
- ◆ We invite you to make a special effort with your contributions to your local foodbank on this World Day of the Poor.
- ◆ Keep an eye out next week for the 2019 Cardinal Care appeal materials that will be distributed, with funds raised in Advent going to support the social service work in the Archdiocese that welcomes children and supports pregnant women, parents raising children alone, and families.



Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association—Annual Christmas Dinner

The Association's Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on **Friday 15 November** at the Quality Angus Inn, Lower Hutt, from 6.30pm. Our guest speaker is Michael Potts. Those interested in attending please contact Kevin McCormack on 478-6792 or kevinmac@actrix.co.nz.

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For Your Diaries: 2019

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. All welcome.

10 November, Book Launch: *'The Perfection of Sound'*

The book about the story behind the Maxwell Fernie Organ at St Mary of the Angels is being launched in the Crypt at 2.30pm, and will include selected readings, a glass of wine, and a demonstration on the organ. More information on the flyer on the tables at the back of the church.



10 November, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Our meeting will be at Connolly Hall, Thorndon at 1.30pm. Speaker is Maureen Wilmshurst on *"How to journey through Advent"*. All women are welcome. Contact hura 021 072 4042.



21 November, Joshua Men's Fellowship

Joshua's last meeting for the year will be held in Connolly Hall, Thorndon with fellowship from 7pm and a 7.30pm start. All men welcome.

6 December, Mass for Life

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life at 7pm here at St Mary of the Angels. Cardinal Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Clare on 021 231 7954.

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.



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