

# 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*

### Parish Priest

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Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

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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

## 17 November 2019, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE EARTH WITH JUSTICE

As we get older we grow more aware how short life is, and before long we will be faced with the moment of death. How literally should we take what Jesus says today about the end of time? Our liturgy says he will come to judge the living and the dead. We hear so many say the end of time is coming, with floods, fires and global warming.

We hear in today's Gospel Jesus warning us of the destruction of the Temple, of wars, earthquakes, of persecutions and hatred towards his followers, not to be frightened, but in fact to strengthen, encourage and give us hope. Let us not fear the end of the world, nor the end of Christianity, or drown the Good News. Jesus' promise is to be with us till the end of time. Even though Jesus used the idea of Judgement day to turn people's hearts back to God, he also said, "no one knows the date or time, not even the Son, but the Father only."

Jesus' listeners were shocked when he said, "all that you see here - the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

The atrocities done in our world are varied, and gross. Who would not think of the many sufferings that our sisters and brothers in the faith have to bear simply because they are believers of Christ? This is a time when we can pray not only for the deliverance of all, including also those committing crime against religious freedom.

Jesus spoke of the destruction of the Temple, a symbol that represents the presence of God among the Jews; it was to give way to a new spiritual temple - the mystical body of Christ. That Church Jesus promised, no one can destroy; not even the gates of hell can overcome it.

Jesus would not exempt his followers from tribulations. In fact, bearing the name of Christ makes us targets for persecutions and hatred. Jesus said, such would not be the end. Instead he has promised to be with us.

We are at all times to testify and be witnesses to the Lord. Witnessing means not causing harm or evil towards others, but assisting all who suffer. Should tribulations come our way, we witness by our patient endurance. Endurance comes from a firm trust that God suffers with us and is with us at all times.

In all the trials of the future, Jesus will be our support. Even if some will lose their lives, none will be finally lost, for by their endurance they will find their lives.

Our persecutors can take all from us, but they cannot take God from our hearts. Such is the persevering faith we have been blessed with. Live each day as though it were our last! We pray for a deepening of our love and faith in the Lord.

*Sr Frances Gibbs CSB*

—Pastoral Worker



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Malachi 3:19-20

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

**Second Reading** 2 Thess 3:7-12

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 21:5-19

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**Psalm** 121

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:12-20

**Gospel Reading** Luke 23:35-43

## Responsorial 97

**R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

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**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world, and all its peoples.

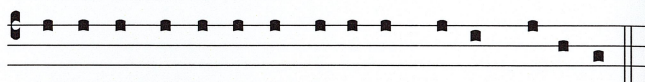
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord. **R**

For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness. **R**

## Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,855



Domi-nus ju-di-ca-bit popu-los in aequi-ta-te.

*The Lord will judge the people with fairness.*

## 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](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz)

## Confirmation Mass

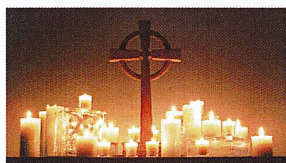
It is with joy that we celebrate today the Sacrament of Confirmation for 40 young people from the parishes of St Mary of the Angels and the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Cardinal John Dew will confer the Sacrament at the 5.00pm Mass. We thank the leaders and parents who have been preparing our young parishioners so well.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Andrea Oliver, Hayley So'oa

**Anniversaries:** Catherine O'Regan, Brendan Kirwan

**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.*

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### Working Bee

There will be a working bee on **Saturday 30 November** at 9am in the church. Please come along—many hands make light work!

### St Vincent de Paul Meeting

There's work to be done. Come and join us in serving Christ by helping the needy. Next meeting of St Vincent de Paul is **Tuesday 19 November**, at 6pm in the Crypt.

### St Pats Old Boys Association Mix & Mingle

Calling all 'Town' and 'Stream' Old Boys, please attend our Mix and Mingle. To be held at 6pm on **Friday 22 November**, at The Kanteen, NZ Post Building 7-11 Waterloo Quay, Wellington. Cash bar, continuous food, \$40 entry by ticket only. The guest speaker will be Thomas Waldrom, ex-Hurricane and English International. We will also be announcing our 2019 Old Boy of the Year. Visit [www.spcob.org.nz](http://www.spcob.org.nz) for more information, or find us on Facebook.

### Suicide Intervention Skills Training

During this holiday season, one gift you can give someone is time, space to talk and some support. For some people holiday season is a very difficult time. Being equipped to support someone during these very difficult times is a gift in itself. A-OK are holding their 2-day ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) workshop in Wellington on **Thursday 28 November and Friday 29 November**, 9am—4.30pm at Pact, Lower Hutt. Price is \$395 per person, with subsidies available online and discounts for bookings of 5 or more. Visit [www.a-ok.nz/asist](http://www.a-ok.nz/asist) for more information.

### 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.

### Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 19 November** beginning at 7.30pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

### World Day of the Poor



*'The poor are not statistics to cite when boasting of our works and projects. The poor are persons to be encountered; they are lonely, young and old, to be invited to our homes to share a meal; men women and children who look for a friendly word. The poor save us because they enable us to encounter the face of Jesus Christ.'*

Pope Francis, Message for the Third World Day of the Poor

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

- ♦ We invite you to make a special effort with your contributions to your local foodbank on this World Day of the Poor.
- ♦ Consider being part of the work of Catholic Social Services by donating your time, talent or treasure. They provide several support services to people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Visit [www.wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](http://www.wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz) for more information.
- ♦ We encourage you to get involved in the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Go to [www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/get-involved](http://www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/get-involved) to find out more. They also are currently running their Merry Vinnies Christmas Appeal:

### Contribute Christmas gifts for children

The St Vincent de Paul Society is providing its successful Vinnies Christmas Shop experience again in December. It enables parents of families in real need to have the pleasure, dignity and choice of selecting and wrapping Christmas gifts for their children. We invite you to donate a new gift for a child aged 0 to 16 years. Please put your gift, unwrapped, in the container at St Joseph's Chapel at the front left side of the church by **Sunday 24 November**. Alternatively, if you wish to make a financial contribution to this outreach project please visit the Vinnies GiveALittle page at [givealittle.co.nz/org/vinnieswgtn](http://givealittle.co.nz/org/vinnieswgtn)

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## For Your Diaries: 2019

### 19 November, St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Come and join us in serving Christ by helping the needy. 6pm in the Crypt.

# JOSHUA

### 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.

### 22 November, St Pats Old Boys Mix & Mingle


6pm at The Kanteen, NZ Post Building 7-11 Waterloo Quay, Wellington. Cash bar, continuous food, \$40 entry by ticket only. Guest speaker: Thomas Waldrom, ex-Hurricane and English International. Visit [www.spcob.org.nz](http://www.spcob.org.nz) for more information, or find us on Facebook.

### 30 November, Working Bee

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### 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](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) or phone Clare on 021 231 7954.



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**"When the Lord awakens a vocation,  
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already are, but of what you will one  
day be, in his company and in that of  
others."**

Pope Francis  
Christus Vivit #289



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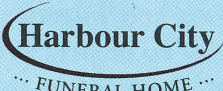
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