

# 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*

## Parish Priest

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## MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm

Saturday 11am

## EACH MONTH

4th Saturday Sacrament of Anointing at 11am Mass

## ADORATION

Mon-Fri 6.30am - 7.20am

Friday 11am - Noon

## RECONCILIATION

Mon-Thurs 11.30am - Noon

12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm

Friday 11am - 11.50pm

12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 10.30am - 10.55am

4pm - 5pm

## 1 November 2020, All Saints

Here we are in November. We might well ask "Where has the year gone?"

So much has happened during this year and in a couple of weeks we will be into the Church's New Year, the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Today is the Feast of All Saints. Who are these Saints? As well as the well-known saints, they are also our parents, families, friends and the countless number of people who have gone before us. These are the people who shared the faith with us and lived lives according to the Beatitudes. They may not all be canonized saints but they are now living in the presence of God.

The very basic programme for us as Christians is the Sermon on the Mount, especially the Beatitudes. As William Barclay says, they are the Magna Carta for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Sermon on the Mount is the key orientation to our Christian faith and life, challenging us anew to change our hearts, minds, cultures and societies. It clearly opens for us the door and exit from violence. Separated from it our Christian life would lose its taste and prophetic force. As Christians we can only be called blessed and happy by being connected to and challenged by this healing programme, making us truly living children of God.

May all the saints known and unknown intercede for us, at the throne of the Almighty, so that we can continue their legacy of being living witnesses of the Beatitudes at the Sermon on the Mount, the basic programme to transform us and our world, so that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Tomorrow we also celebrate All Souls Day, what better way than attending Mass and praying for all deceased members known and unknown. They too will be our saints in heaven in time. We pray for them, and in turn they will remember us. We also encourage you to come to our Bereavement Mass this Thursday 5th November 5.15pm, and pray for all our deceased family members and friends. It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.

*Sister Frances Gibbs*

—Pastoral Worker

### Mass of Remembrance

Join us at this year's Mass of Remembrance at 5.15pm, **Thursday 5 November** for all who have died during 2020. During the Mass there will be a time to light a candle for your loved ones. All welcome.



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading**      **Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14**  
*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

**Second Reading**      **1 John 3:1-3**  
*We shall see God as he really is.*

**Gospel Reading**      **Matthew 5:1-12**  
*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading**      **Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14**  
**Psalm**                      **23**  
**Second Reading**      **1 John 3:1-3**  
**Gospel Reading**      **Matthew 5:1-12**



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:      \$2139  
 Automatic Payments:      \$3108  
**Total: \$5247**

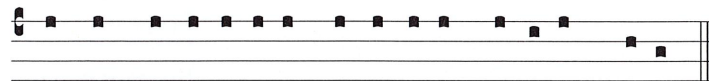
## Responsorial 23

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
 the world and all its peoples.  
 It is he who set it on the seas;  
 on the waters he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
 Who shall stand in his holy place?  
 The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
 who desires not worthless things. **R**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
 and reward from the God who save him.  
 Such are the men who seek him,  
 seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**



Haec est ge-ne-ra-ti- o quaerenti- um fa-ci- em De- i.

*This is the generation of them that seek the face of God*

## Covid Alert Level 1

While we are at Alert Level 1 ALL Masses and Reconciliation times are running as per the normal timetable, with no restrictions to numbers.

The following is still in place:

- ◆ Communion under one kind only, therefore no Precious Blood is to be distributed
- ◆ No physical contact at the Sign of Peace
- ◆ Communion on the hand only

Go to [www.smoa.org.nz/covid19updates](http://www.smoa.org.nz/covid19updates) for more information and for Cardinal John Dew's full announcement.



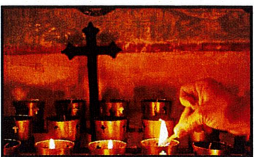
## 2021 Columban Calendars

Columban calendars for 2021 are available to purchase from the parish office. They are \$12 each (cash only).

## Mass has been offered for:

**Anniversaries:** Stephen Reidy, Paul Churchward

**Prayers for the Sick:** Peter Aldridge, John Adams, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Foden, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Paul and Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Pat Johnson, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Doug Matthews, Carol Armstrong, Samara Jamed



*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 this **Sunday 1 November**, 7.30-8.30pm, the St Mary of the Angels choir will sing the Gregorian antiphons, psalms and hymn, and Magnificat by Palestrina. Led by our Director of Music William McElwee.

## Updating Our Database

We are still in the process of updating our parish database and asking parishioners to verify their contact details. **We ask you please to respond to our email once you receive it.** Contact Alexandra at the Parish Office: (04) 473 8074 or [smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz) if you have any queries.

## Wanted: Spare Reusable Bags

Donate your spare reusable bags to the Vinnies Choice-Based Food Bank. The St Vincent de Paul Society food assistance service is continuing to support an increasing number of people. As the need rises, our stock of bags to pack parcels is not keeping up. Supermarket sized bags are most suitable. If you have spare that you can donate, please drop them off directly to the Vinnies Welfare and Support Hub (level 1, 207 Riddiford St, Newtown), to your local Vinnies Op Shop, or to your parish St Vincent de Paul Conference. For more info, please contact [info@vinnieswgtm.org.nz](mailto:info@vinnieswgtm.org.nz) or call 04 389 7122.

## Weekday Rosary Group

The rosary is said in the church at 11.30am Monday-Thursday, and after the midday Mass on Friday. All are welcome to join.

## Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service conducted by Fr John Rea S M at St Pius X Church at Titahi Bay on **Monday 9 November** beginning at 7.30 pm. Come and receive the healing and peace that only Jesus can give.

## Sacramental Programme

Children who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to join the Sacramental Programme for Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please contact the parish office at [smoa.office@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoa.office@xtra.co.nz) or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

## Invitation to 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 in St Joseph's Chapel at the front left of the church, by **29th November**. Alternatively, if you wish to make a financial contribution to this outreach project please visit the Vinnies GiveALittle page at [www.givealittle.co.nz/org/vinnieswgtm](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org/vinnieswgtm)

## Seek—Explore Your Call

An opportunity for young adults (18+) to explore different vocations as Catholics. How are you called to serve God with your talents & gifts? What does vocation look like in 2020? Held on **Sunday 8 November**, 1-5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. The afternoon will conclude with a Young Church Mass at 5pm. To register please email [youth@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:youth@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## St Vincent de Paul – Christmas cards

Now available and can be purchased at before 9am & 11am Mass on **Sundays 1 & 8 November**. \$3 for a pack of 5 Christmas Cards & envelopes. See Laurie or Steph: 027 282 5171

## Guardians Needed

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 the following time slots:

- ◆ Mondays 1.30-2.30pm
- ◆ Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm, 3.30-4.30pm
- ◆ Thursdays 3.30pm-4.30pm

If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office.

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## For Your Diaries: 2020

### 27-29 November, Advent Retreat

With Rex Begley and Fr. Donald Hornsey SSC – time to reflect on what's happened to You, our Church, our World since last Christmas. Held at Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Cost is \$190.00. Registration required. Email [rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com](mailto:rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com) or phone 027 545 6808

### 16 December, Carols with the Angels

Our annual Christmas concert *Carols with the Angels* will be held at 7.30pm in the church.



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