

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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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

22 November 2020, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

CHRIST THE KING

There are many ways in which Jesus is our Universal King. One of the most important of them is his role as judge. Some details in Matthew's story of the final judgment could distract us from its central point: the majesty of the Son of Man coming with all the angels as judge, the fact of a final reckoning, the separation of the sheep and the goats. These important features of the story serve to present the real question: what is the criterion of judgment?

However important the in-between time may be, it cannot take away from the central truth that the Son of Man, the one who suffered but was raised, will come again in glory as judge. Only Matthew describes the final judgment in such concrete and practical terms. Using the imagery of sheep and goats, he presents the final division of the blessed from cursed as the result of our behaviour during the "in-between time."

Jesus is our Universal King. The Gospel of Matthew shows that he exercises his kingship by choosing us, but by then setting us free so that we might return to him as his responsible daughters and sons at the end of time. Christ is a king who has given us the offer of life but we are responsible for it. He takes each one of us seriously by sharing his love with those around us who are less fortunate. How will the present generation be judged? How do I treat those who are members of the family of Jesus who look to me for affection, care and support? Will I be judged as a sheep or a goat? Although the characters in the Gospel story did not know that Jesus was present in the least of the members of his family, I do know. I have read the story!

Fr Joe Savesi sm, Assistant Priest

Congratulations to the following candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday:

Ursula Fagan

Chanelle Lai

Malchus Sia

Miguel Ybarra

Francesca McGuinness

Congratulations also to Helen Tsang who will be received in full communion with the Church.

This Week's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 24: 11-12, 15-17
You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Next Week's Readings—Year B

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1, 3-8
Psalm 79
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Reading Mark 13:33-37



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2108
Automatic Payments: \$2080
Total: \$4188

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 for more information and for Cardinal John Dew's full announcement.

Responsorial 22

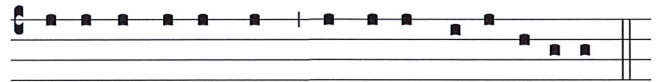
**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**



Domi-nus re-git me, et ni-hil mi-hi de-e-rit:

The Lord ruleth me, and I shall want nothing.

Christmas Cards and Calendars for sale

Now available and can be purchased before the 9am & 11am Mass this **Sunday 15 November**. \$3 for a pack of 5 Christmas Cards & envelopes, or \$15 for a pack of 12 SMOA Christmas Cards. Columban Calendars are \$12 each. See Laurie or Steph: 027 282 5171

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Doug Matthews, Walter Parris, Tony Muollo

Anniversaries: James O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Nora Johnson

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, Carol Armstrong, Samara Jamed, Nguyen Minh Phuong



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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Wanted: Projector Operators

We are in need for an additional projector operators at the 9am Mass on Sundays. You will be alternating with our other operators, and full training is provided. Please see Sister Frances or contact the parish office if you are interested.

Mass for Life & March for Life

You are invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on **Friday 4 December**, 7pm here at St Mary of the Angels. Bishop Michael Gielen 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 021 231 7954.

There will also be the annual **National March for Life** on Saturday 5 December. You're invited to *love them both* by joining pro-life Kiwis from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm and concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

Carols with the Angels

Mark your diaries for our annual 'Carols with the Angels' concert will be held on **Wednesday 16 December** at 7.30pm this year. More info about the programme to come.

'Simbang Gabi' Masses

Simbang Gabi, the Filipino Christmas Novena Masses, will be held this December at St Anne's Church in Newtown. The Masses are at 7pm from 15-23 December and are in anticipation of the birth of Jesus—everyone is welcome.

Advent Retreat

With Rex Begley and Fr. Donald Hornsey SSC. Time to reflect on what's happened since last Christmas, to prepare for the Lord's coming, and to focus on the essentials. Held at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston from **27-29 November**. Cost is \$190 and registration is required. Contact Rex at: rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com, 027 545 6808 or 027 967 2299

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



Concert on 22 November

Baroque orchestra The Queen's Closet and the Bach Choir of Wellington are excited to present *Seraphic Flames and Heav'nly Love* at SMOA on **Sunday 22 November** at 2pm, featuring works of Purcell and Biber. Tickets are \$40, \$30 concession, free for under 16-year-olds. Available only from Eventfinda outlets or: www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/seraphic-flames-and-heavny-love/wellington/tickets

Weekday Rosary Group

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

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 3.30-4.30pm
- ◆ Thursdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
- ◆ Saturdays 1-2pm

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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St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.

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 or phone 027 545 6808

4 December, Mass for Life

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16 December, Carols with the Angels

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

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 if you have any queries.

A Test of Faith

The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides a wonderful insight into the seismic strengthening work that took place 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. DVDs are available to purchase from the parish office for \$30, with all proceeds going towards the ongoing maintenance of the church.



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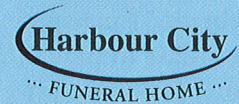
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