

# 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

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM

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## Assistant Priests

Fr Peter McAfee SM

Fr Joe Savesi SM

## Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

## In Residence

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## Parish Accountant

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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

## 29 November 2020, 1st Sunday of Advent

Today we start the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Many times this season is described as the season of waiting. What are we waiting for? The Lord's coming.

An important part of fulfillment as human beings is having a personal relationship with God. We do not discover God; it is God who comes and enters our lives. In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets. Today God speaks to us through His Son Jesus. All we can do is to prepare ourselves and wait for His coming.

Through a relationship with God we encounter Jesus in the Scriptures - the Word of God. He is present in the Sacraments which are channels of our encounter with the Risen Lord. The voice of our conscience is another way we encounter God in our every day life. When we pay attention to His voice the clearer and louder it becomes. If we take it for granted and pay no attention, there will be a time when we do not hear the voice of God and things can go wrong.

Through these circumstances of our lives we bring God into the ordinary affairs of our daily lives. Our neighbour is an encounter with God, as Scripture says "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me". Jesus could not have been clearer. What he wanted to say cannot be misinterpreted. The people we meet each day are occasions to encounter God.

In the Gospel of Mark we hear the word "Watch." Jesus is commanding that we watch and pray. This command is in the present tense which signifies that our watching is not a short term engagement but a constant and never ending commitment, something for all of us to do.

As we enter this season of Advent let us watch, pray and use Reconciliation as our preparation. Let us be prepared for the coming of the Lord.

*Sister Frances Gibbs*

—Pastoral Worker



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1, 3-8 **R.** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel Reading** Mark 13:33-37  
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

## Next Week's Readings—Year B

**First Reading** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Psalm** 84

**Second Reading** 2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:1-8



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2258

Automatic Payments: \$2628

**Total: \$4886**

## 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.

## Responsorial Psalm 79

**R.** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

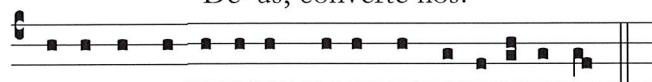
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **R**

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**



De-us, converte nos:



et ostende fa-ci-em tu-am et salvi e-rimus.

*Convert us O Lord: and show us thy face and we shall be saved.*

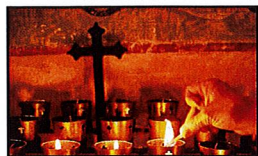
Fr Kevin Mowbray will be away from  
4 December—18 December. While he is away,  
Fr Joe Sinesi will be Acting Parish Priest.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently deceased:** Doug Matthews, Walter Parris, Tony Muollo

**Anniversaries:** Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley, Veronica Rigby, Marjorie Feitsma, Fred Scoon

**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, Bill Carroll, Jan Vetter



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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## NEW SMOA Church App

We are pleased to formally 'launch' our Church App through ChurchAppsNZ! We expect this to be a useful and convenient way parishioners can engage with the Parish and be kept up to date with what's happening. On the app, you'll be able to view the newsletters, Mass times, upcoming events and more. You will also have the option to receive alert notifications, particularly if you are a part of a Parish group or ministry. To download the app, follow the steps below:

1. Go to your App Store or Google Play Store and search "**ChurchAppsNZ**"
2. Download the app, and then select St Mary of the Angels as a Parish
3. The app will then prompt you to select which "alert groups" you want to be a part of. Select as many or as few of these groups as you like. You will be able to change this later if you need to.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Alexandra at the parish office. You can come into the office to see her on Tuesdays 11am-4pm or Thursdays & Fridays 9am-4pm and she can download it to your phone for you and show you how to use it.

## Projector Operators needed for the 9am Mass

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.

## Royal Commision Inquiry into Abuse in Care

Starting in late November & early December, the Royal Commission will focus on cases involving the Catholic Church. While this may be a difficult time for survivors and many in our communities, this is an important process. We listen to the experiences of survivors, acknowledge failings, support the justice and reconciliation process and look forward to the future with hope. Please keep in your prayers the work of the Royal Commission and for for ongoing courage for survivors as they share their experience with the Commission.



## Invitation to contribute Christmas Gifts for Children



The St Vincent de Paul Society is providing its successful Vinnies Christmas Shop experience again this year to enable parents of needy families to have the pleasure, dignity and choice of selecting and wrapping Christmas gifts for their children. We invite you to donate gifts in new condition for children aged 0-16 years. Please put your gift, unwrapped, in the container in St Joseph's Chapel at the front left of the church, by **6 December**.

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

## Carols with the Angels

Our annual *Carols with the Angels* concert will be held on **Wednesday 16 December** at 7.30pm here at St Mary of the Angels. Please join us for this special event in our parish, which will feature the St Mary of the Angels Choir, Salvation Army Band, MC Cynthia Morahan, and your favourite carols.

## 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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## For Your Diaries: 2020

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### 11 December, Service of Remembrance

As we reflect on what has been an incredibly difficult year for all, we especially take time to remember and support those that have lost somebody close to them this year. Join Harbour City Funeral Home at their Service of Remembrance and gather strength from others. 6.30pm at Old St Paul's, Thorndon. This Christmas let us support one another.

### 16 December, Carols with the Angels

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

We are seeking expressions of interest for a part-time paid administration position in the parish. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at [smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz) or (04) 473 8074

#### 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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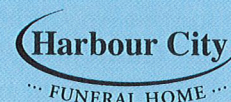
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