

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

smoapp@xtra.co.nz

Assistant Priests

Fr Peter McAfee SM

Fr Joe Savesi SM

Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

In Residence

Fr Brian Wysocki SM

Director of Music

William McElwee

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Parish Accountant

smoamanager@xtra.co.nz

Parish Office

Closed from 24 Dec until 26 Jan

smoaooffice@xtra.co.nz

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

20 December 2020, 4th Sunday of Advent

Greetings to you all,

Here we are at the end of another year. I guess it is a year that we are all pleased to see the end of. We thank God for better days to come.

This is the last Angelus for the year and there are many people who we would like to acknowledge for what they have done for us during the year.

Fr. Kevin Mowbray our Parish Priest who has worked so hard in the parish during this year. There are many things that he has achieved behind the scenes to keep the parish working. Also to Frs. Joe Savesi and Peter McAfee, along with Fr. Brian Wysocki who has helped in many occasions when needed. We are very blessed to have them on the parish team.

We thank the various Committees that have been established during the year who have worked so hard for the good of our community. The work each has achieved silently but has made our community stronger.

Again thank you to our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Collectors, Counters Choir, Organists, the ladies who look after the Altar linen each week, Overhead Operators, Sacramental Programme, Guardians of the Church (the people who enable us to keep the Church open), my flower lady who works silently to enhance the beauty of the church for Feast days and Weddings, our Social Committee, Korean Community, St Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, RCIA leaders and many more who help in various ways when asked.

Finally, you our Parishioners and Visitors who enable us to operate as a community in the heart of the city.

Last but not least, Alexandra our Secretary who works in the Office attending to the many calls and various situations that arise in the parish. We are very sorry to be losing her, but her situation calls for full time work. We thank you Alexandra and wish you every blessing for your new employment. All in all, thank you everyone!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. May 2021 be a year of many graces and blessings for all. God bless you and keep you safe during the holiday period.

On behalf of the Pastoral Team

Sister Frances Gibbs, Pastoral Worker

One more thank you...

As I was proofreading this Sunday's Angelus front page, I realised there was one glaring omission of people to thank by Sr. Frances from her front page reflection—herself! Sr. Frances, has, for over 30 years now, been the backbone of our parish, and this year is no exception. Thank you Sr. Frances for your wonderful and dedicated ministry to our parish community.

Fr Joe Savesi, Acting Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading 1 Samuel 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27
The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38
You will conceive and bear a son.

Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Psalm 104
Second Reading Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2421
 Automatic Payments: \$2425
Total: \$4846

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 Psalm 88

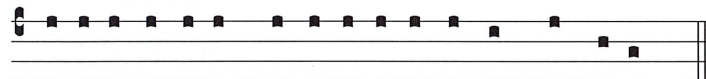
R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
 that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
R

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
 I have sworn to David my servant:
 I will establish your dynasty for ever
 and set up your throne through all ages.' **R**

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
 my God, the rock who saves me.'
 I will keep my love for him always;
 for him my covenant shall endure. **R**



Mi-se-ri-cordi- as Domi-ni in aeternum can tabo.-

The mercies of the Lord, I will sing for ever.

Our **Christmas and New Year Timetable** is available to view on our website or on the noticeboard in the church foyer. There are some copies at the back of the church you may take home as well.

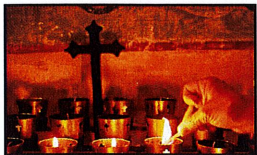
The parish office will be CLOSED from Thursday 24 December to Tuesday 26 January.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Laura Famularo, Helen Parris

Anniversaries: Su-Yen Bok, Diana Bartram, Phyllis Clifford, Ronald McDonald, Kura Turner, James Glover, Marie Giles, Natalie Duncan, Noel Scahill, Paul Giles

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, Josephine McLean



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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SMOA Church App

If you haven't already downloaded our new Parish App onto your smart phone, please do! 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.

Projectionists 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 Sr Frances or contact the parish office if you are interested.

Gianna's Choice

Pregnancy Options and Support. We are here 24/7 to answer your pregnancy questions and talk about your options. Call 0800 367 5433 or text 027 448 8070.

Parish Secretary Vacancy

Our Parish Secretary Alexandra will sadly be leaving us in the new year. We are seeking someone to take her place in this important role in the parish. The position is part-time and will start in mid January. If you are interested, please email the parish office at smoaoffice@xtra.co.nz with your CV, cover letter, or any queries regarding this position.

Carol Singing at Wellington Hospital

You are invited to join us Carol Singing around the wards at Wellington Regional Hospital on Christmas Eve at 7pm. Please gather in the Atrium at 6.45pm and we will spend about an hour singing, concluding with supper.

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.

*Merry Christmas from
St Mary of the Angels*



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

New Parishioners

If you are new to the parish, not yet enrolled as a parishioner, or would like to start giving regularly to the parish through our planned giving programme, please fill out one of our new parishioner forms at the back of the church, or our online Google Form at: www.forms.gle/hV7w341HEaNTkKup7

Greeting Ministry at SMOA

It is always great to be welcomed into Mass by a friendly face! We are seeking more Greeters—volunteers that welcome parishioners and visitors to our church as we gather for Sunday Mass. You will need to arrive 10 minutes before Mass and check that the tables at the church entrances are tidy, and then welcome people as they come in. At the end of Mass the Greeters will do some tidying up for the next Mass. If you are interested in being a regular Greeter please contact the parish office.

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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