

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

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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

28 February 2021, 2nd Sunday in Lent

A big welcome to all our newcomers, especially all our new university students. Our parish is excited to have you join us. You are God's beloved and we are your family.

The new university semester is beginning — an exciting new chapter in the lives of young adults. The students are now on their own new journeys with many having moved away from their families. In these first few weeks of their new beginnings, they will also be embarking with us on the journey of Lent.

Lent is a time to strengthen our spiritual lives and draw closer to God. Let us pray that the Transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel touches our hearts, strengthens our spiritual lives and draws us closer to God.

Take the opportunity, like many of the students have done, to 'move away from the home we know' or 'get off the mountain' and start again down a new journey—reflecting and sacrificing on the worldly possessions and vices in our life which are separating us from drawing nearer to God.

Even after Lent finishes we should carry on focusing on limiting or giving up the things in our lives that separate us from our Father and take us off the path to our eternal happiness—for what is the point of giving up something that tears us away from our God, choosing the narrow gate, to only then take it back up, turn around, and go down the wider path once again?

St. Augustine said during one of his many sermons, that our goals during Lent should be extended for our whole lives.

“Christians must always live this way, without any wish to come down from their Cross—otherwise they will sink beneath the world's mire. But if we have to do so all our lives, we must make even a greater effort during the days of Lent. It is not a simple matter of living through forty days. Lent is the epitome of our whole life.”

In today's first reading, we hear the angel of the Lord tell Abraham, “Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.”

Abraham's faith was strong and he loved the Lord so much that he was willing to give up his only son—what are we willing to give up for him?

Gemma Englert—Liturgy Committee

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 Abby at the parish office.

Call for Skills

Recently we put a request out for assistance in Liturgy and Ministry here at SMOA. After a great response it has come to our attention that we have a lot of skilled Parishioners willing to offer a hand. We understand people are not always available regularly on a Sunday to commit to a Ministry, but have other skills and are willing to assist us every now and then. If you have any skills from being a handyman or handywoman, an expert with a needle and thread or a knack for cleaning we would love to hear from you! If you have any service, skill or willing to lend a helping hand, please send an email through to smoamanager@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 473 8074 to speak to Abby and offer a much needed helping hand.

Prayer for Parish Centre Project

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, you made us in your own image and likeness.

You gave us wisdom and understanding, grateful hearts and creative minds.

We pray that our Parish Centre will be strengthened against the peril of earthquake through the generosity of parishioners, the community of Wellington and people throughout New Zealand.

We ask, Lord, that you abundantly bless those who have already donated funds, skill and expertise to this project.

May St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre be a symbol of a unified community that will gather to praise and thank you.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Andrew McCarthy, George Bok, Carol Armstrong, Xavier Reidy

Anniversaries: Joanna Veltman, Paul Veltman, Mary O'Brien, Jack Wills, Aileen Gallagher, Jan Tuinman, Richard Mansor, John Morris, Nelson Nunns

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, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Laurie Butler



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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This Week's Readings

First Reading **Genesis** 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading **Romans** 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel **Mark** 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Exodus** 20:1-17

Psalm: **Psalm 18**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians** 1:22-25

Gospel: **John** 2:13-25



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,465

Automatic Payments: \$1,655

Total: \$4,120

Young Catholic's of Wellington

We thrive when we belong to a whānau or community. So if you are a young Catholic looking for a Catholic whānau come join us. We welcome our University students and young professionals especially those new to the city. Join us for some fun, fellowship, and formation at St Mary of the Angels right in the heart of the city.

Upcoming Events:

9 March: Adoration (SMOA Church) followed by Pizza Night

14 March: WellCath Movie Night

23 March: CYP Speaker Series followed by Dinner

28 March: Dinner after 5pm Mass

For more information email us at smayacs@gmail.com or call us on 0223949899 or stay in touch using our parish app.

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An initiative by the CYP+ SMAYAC'S + WellCath.

XLT Wellington (eXaLT)

XLT is a monthly youth event involving food and fellowship, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. XLT is aimed at Year 9 – 13 Students (but open to all!). Venue for 2021 TBC.

Responsorial Psalm 115

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

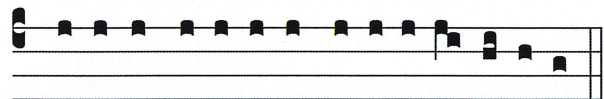
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**



Pla-cé-bo Dómi-no in re-gi- ó-ne- vi-vó-rum.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for our candidates and catechumens on the RCIA program will take place on the 7th of March at the 9am Mass. Please continue to pray for Tjendrawati Sidharta, Gisela Kristono, Hananto Kristono, Laura Chevalier, Dheshni Pillay, Seth Nicholson and Mark Haydock as they continue on their spiritual journey towards being received into the Catholic community at Easter.

Thank You!

We appreciate all those who completed the Sign up sheet for assisting in various Liturgies/Ministries. We have received a positive response to our need for assistance. We are currently processing the responses and over the next few weeks we will be responding to each person who offered their support. Thank you.

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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.

Safeguarding Advisor Role

The Archdiocese is seeking applications for the Safeguarding Advisor role". This is a permanent, part time role focusing on Safeguarding in the Archdiocese. Please refer to this month's edition of Welcom or the ADW website for further information.



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