

# 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

## 21 March 2021, 5th Sunday in Lent

As we approach Holy week, our Gospel today reminds us of the reason why Jesus had to do what he did. Death must be embraced and accepted so that his mission may be accomplished. By dying he would save us and open the way to eternal life. By following Jesus, we also overcome our fear of death. It would be like a door that we pass through to attain eternal life.

There is a beautiful imagery in the gospel today about what it means to be Jesus' disciple, and how to carry our Christian vocation. Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat that must fall to the ground and die so that it can produce fruit. The imagery is a reflection of Jesus who emptied himself and became one of us, our Brother, and was obedient until death so that we would have the fullness of life.

As Jesus is talking about the fallen grain of wheat, He also is referring to our lives as Christians. Our cost of discipleship and the struggles we face. We also have to die to ourselves and let go. With God's grace we also can become a fruitful grain of wheat when we simply surrender to grow more and become a sign, a witness of the presence of Jesus in our midst. It is not easy and can be costly when we open and empty ourselves of all that is selfish, self centered, and all that we cling to.

There is no cheap grace, it is rather costly. No bargaining is possible. The grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies gives everything and surrenders everything. As our Lenten journey comes to an end and we soon meet with the Christ who suffers and dies, we too open ourselves to his call of surrender and costly discipleship.

During this Fifth week of Lent, it is not too late for us again to look at our own call to self emptying, to surrender, to dying to self. That's the key to the question we ask: What do I need to be a good Catholic, a good disciple, a good follower of Jesus?

*Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker*

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading**      **Jeremiah**      **31:31-34**  
*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

**Second Reading**      **Hebrews**      **5:7-9**  
*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

**Gospel**      **John**      **12:20-33**  
*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:**      **Isaiah**      **50:4-7**  
**Psalm:**      **21**  
**Second Reading:**      **Philippians**      **2:6-11**  
**Gospel:**      **Mark**      **14:1-15:47**



## Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection:      \$2,323  
 Automatic Payments:      \$2,028  
**Total: \$4,351**

## 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 50

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**  
 Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
 In your compassion blot out my offence.  
 O wash me more and more from my guilt  
 and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
 put a steadfast spirit within me.  
 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
 nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
 with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
 that I may teach transgressors your ways  
 and sinners may return to you. **R.**



Cor mundum cre-a in me. De-us.

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

## Planned Giving

Donation envelopes for the new financial year are available for you to collect at the back of the church, listed by surname in alphabetical order. Please check that the number on your envelopes is the same as on your label. If any details are incorrect please contact the Parish Office on Monday 04 473 8074.

Please let us know if you would like to join our planned giving programme, or if you would like to opt to donate by internet banking instead of donation envelopes this year. End of financial year tax receipts will be available by the end of April.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently deceased:** Andrew McCarthy, Br Marty Williams sm

**Anniversaries:** Fr Brian Quin sm, Fr Michael Tomasi, Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport

**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, Mario Barnao  
*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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### 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.

### Young Catholic's of Wellington

If you are a young Catholic looking for a Catholic whanaua, come join us. We welcome 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 Youth and Young Adults Events:

**23 March:** CYP Talk in Crypt @ 6:15pm, we will head someplace for dinner after the talk.

**26 March:** WellCath Botanical Gardens Scavenger Hunt + Dinner

**Check:** [www.facebook.com/wellcathyoungadults](http://www.facebook.com/wellcathyoungadults) for more details

**28 March:** Dinner after 5pm Mass

For more information email us at [smayacs@gmail.com](mailto:smayacs@gmail.com) or call us on 0223949899 or stay in touch using our parish app.

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### Thank you

Thank you to all who attended the Readers Formation the last two Saturdays. A special thank you to Melda Townsley for giving her time and input to this important ministry.

### Consecration to St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared this year as the Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the Foster Father of Jesus, Patron of the Universal Church and Pillar of Families. In the midst of crisis, confusion and a world at odds with Christian values, it is time to entrust ourselves to our spiritual father. Join 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph starting on March 30 to the Day of Consecration, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Register at [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz) or email [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz) for more info. - The Centre for Marriage and Family (CMF)

### 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.

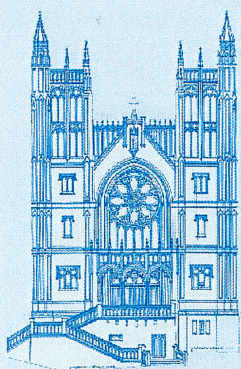
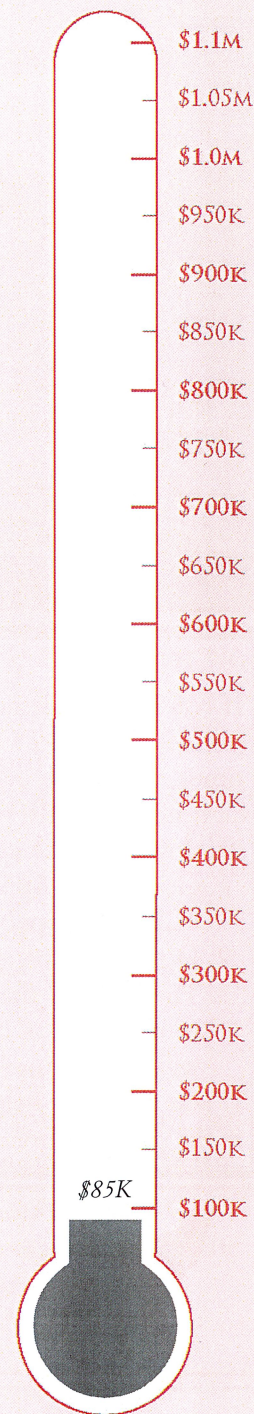
### Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for our candidates and catechumens on the RCIA program will take place on 21 March at the 5pm 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.

### Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 March at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

## PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

I would like to help preserve the St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre.

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## The Father

Light House Cinema, 29 Wigan St  
Monday 19 April at 6pm

All profits raised will go towards  
St Mary of the Angels Church Parish  
Appeal Project.

## The Father

Anthony is 80, mischievous, living defiantly alone and rejecting the carers that his daughter, Anne, encouragingly introduces. Yet help is also becoming a necessity for Anne; she can't make daily visits anymore and Anthony's grip on reality is unravelling. As we experience the ebb and flow of his memory, how much of his own identity and past can Anthony cling to?

Come and support the SMOA Parish Centre Fundraising Project. Screening on Monday 19 April 6pm at Lighthouse Cinema, 29 Wigan Street. Tickets are \$20 and available for purchase after Sunday Mass's and from the Parish Office during the week.

## 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.



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