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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 March 2021, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Our Faith Community

At the beginning of Mass every Sunday we hear the words "We gather as a faith community...". This simple opening to our celebration moves me deeply every time I hear it. These are words that remind me that I belong. That we all belong. That whatever our multitude of differences we have this in common: we are a community in our faith, a community of faith.

Today, Palm Sunday, we will be reminded that we gather to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery - his Passion and Resurrection. Ahead of us are the several beautiful and emotion-filled ceremonies of Holy Week. I love this time of year, as we see our holy oils blessed and brought to our church for the sacraments throughout the coming year, as we remember Jesus' words and actions at His Last Supper on Holy Thursday, as we venerate the cross and leave our church silently on Good Friday, and as we move from the darkness to joyous light, calling on all the saints to join us, at the Easter Vigil. At the vigil we also welcome new members into our community through baptism and confirmation. I know from my own experience what a momentous occasion this is for these new members of our Catholic community.

As an inner-city church St Mary of the Angels is blessed to be the place that people from so many different countries, histories and backgrounds, with so many languages and customs choose to worship. There is a spiritual home here for everyone. Reflecting on the way that people from very different backgrounds are called from their homes to form one body in Jesus Christ, Henri Nouwen wrote "It is precisely by transcending the many individual differences that we can become witnesses of God who allows his light to shine upon poor and rich, healthy and sick alike. But it is also in this encounter that we become aware of our neighbour's needs and begin to heal each other's wounds."

Last Sunday along with my fellow Parish Pastoral Council members I had the great pleasure of attending all four masses. We could not meet you all in person, but it was a great privilege for us to see the faces of so many of our vibrant, strong community. It is our hope that you will not be shy about offering us your thoughts, asking questions, offering suggestions or pointing out things that trouble you about service and worship in their broadest sense at St Mary of the Angels. You can talk to any of us, leave messages through the office, or through the Pastoral Team. We are here to serve the Parish, and to continue to help build the St Mary of the Angels community into the future.

Jo Walton (Chair, Parish Pastoral Council)

This Week's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah

50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel

Mark

14:1-15:47

Next Week's Readings

First Reading:

Acts

10:34, 37-43

Psalm:

117

Second Reading: Colossians

3:1-4

Gospel:

John

20:1-9



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection:

\$2,130

Automatic Payments:

\$2,990

Total: \$5,120

John Foden Funeral

John Foden was a member of the choir for many years. He joined under Max Fernie, and continued to sing with Robert Oliver. He was responsible for the printing and reprinting of the Mass Book, and for re-printing Max's editions before the originals completely wore out. He was a very gifted singer, whose musicality always shone through in the bass section. His funeral is on Tuesday 30 March at 1pm in the Guardian Funeral Home, 4 Moorfield Road, Johnsonville.

Responsorial Psalm 21

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend'. R.

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R**.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R**.

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons'. **R**.



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O my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hyslop

We congratulate Nicole and Liam Hyslop on celebrating their Marriage in St Mary of the Angels yesterday, Saturday 27 March.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: John Foden, Wanda Wheeler, 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 Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Paul and Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Pat Johnson, Barbara and Vic



Pam Finlayson, Paul and Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Pat Johnson, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Laurie Butler, Mario Barnao, Barbara Jones 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

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and formation right in the heart of the city.

28 March: Dinner after 5pm Mass

7 April: Catholic Young Professionals have Member of Parliament Simon O'Connor speaking on "Being Catholic in the Modern World" at 6 pm in the Crypt.

13 April: SMAYACs will have the next Adoration night followed by food.

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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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. End of financial year tax receipts will be available by the end of April.

Covid Alert Level I

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.

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 or email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more info. - The Centre for Marriage and Family

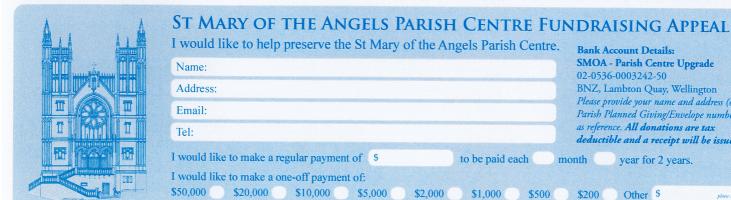


Wellington choir Nota Bene & The Queen's Closet them for a coninvite you to join

cert of introspective Lenten-themed music by Bach & the well-loved Vivaldi Gloria here in this beautiful church at 7pm on Palm Sunday - 28 March. The choir is accompanied by baroque specialists The Queen's Closet, featuring rare baroque oboe and trumpet. Tickets will be available at the door at \$45/\$35.

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL

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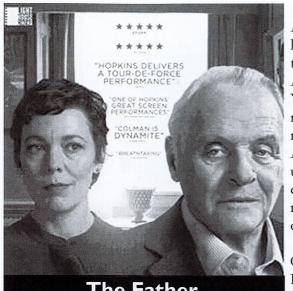


Please return your completed slip following your donation to ensure we have your details to issue a receipt.

Bank Account Details: SMOA - Parish Centre Upgrade 02-0536-0003242-50 BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington Please provide your name and address (or Parish Planned Giving/Envelope number) as reference. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

year for 2 years.

\$200



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.



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- "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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