

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

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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

11 April 2021, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Doubt No Longer, But Believe

For the Gospel of John, it is on the Cross that God's saving love for us can be seen. Because this is true, this Gospel uses the stories around the resurrection of Jesus in a different way. The storyteller is not so concerned with what happened to Jesus as with what happened, and continues to happen, to those who believe in Jesus.

At the heart of today's Gospel reading lies the thought that the resurrection of Jesus does not guarantee true faith. We read of two encounters with the Risen Lord. In the first of them, significantly set on "the first day of the week," a Sunday, the day on which the resurrection is recalled, Jesus appears among his disciples. They are full of fear, but Jesus comes to bring them peace. This appearance brings joy, but it also brings responsibility. The disciple is not only asked to bask in the joy of knowing that the Lord has risen. The disciple is to continue the mission of Jesus. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, so now the disciple is sent by Jesus. Just as Jesus brought forgiveness and peace to those to whom he was sent, so also is the disciple, full of the gift of the guiding, strengthening and teaching Holy Spirit, to forgive and to retain sins.

But the resurrection of Jesus does not always bring joy and peace. The story of Thomas has been told to make that clear. When Jesus comes to his frightened first disciples, locked in the upper room, to bring joy, peace, and a commission, the Gospel writer tells us: "Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. "One of the disciples has not had the experience of the Risen Lord. He is elsewhere.

Thomas does not refuse the proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus when his friends tell him. This is the meaning of the twice repeated word on the lips of Thomas: "unless!" He will only believe if the risen Jesus fulfills his conditions.

The following Sunday Thomas is challenged by Jesus himself to come to the true peace which only authentic faith can produce. He is forced to see the pointlessness of his demands. When he is invited to test his own conditions, he sees the stupidity of his ways, imposing conditions on God. At last, he understands that he cannot tell God how things must be.

But the Gospel was not written simply to tell us about the story of Thomas. It was written to lead us more deeply into our commitment to Jesus as Lord and God. We have not seen all that Thomas and the other disciples saw, yet we believe. But maybe this is not enough. The Gospel writer asks us to recognise the level of our faith. Like Thomas, are we sometimes "not there" when Jesus comes, or, again like Thomas, do we want God to behave in the way that might suit us best? The Gospel asks that we go further. The story of Jesus was written for us so that we might deepen our belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Such belief is life-giving!

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm: 4

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,386

Automatic Payments: \$3,710

Total: \$8,096

Bach Choir

The Bach Choir of Wellington presents Dvořák's *Stabat Mater*, Op. 58, 3pm Saturday 17 April at Queen Margaret College, Thorndon. In his setting of the 13th Century poem describing Mary at the foot of the cross, Dvořák captures his own faith journey through sadness, solace, acceptance, and affirmation, after losing his three young children in the span of one year. The choir is joined by soloists Michaela Cadwgan, Linden Loader, Jamie Young, and Simon Christie, accompanied by Douglas Mews, and is under the direction of Shawn Michael Condon. Tickets available from Eventfinda: \$30/\$25, school children free entry.

Responsorial Psalm 117

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

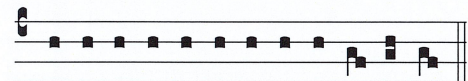
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**



Alle-lu-ia. Alle-lu-ia. Alle-lu-ia.

Planned Giving Tax Receipts

We are currently in the process of preparing the 2020-2021 Planned Giving tax year receipts. These should be available by the end of the month.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Laurence Butler, John Foden, Wanda Wheeler, Andrew McCarthy, Br Marty Williams sm

Anniversaries: Dorothy Cook, Katherine Butler, Sandra Southon, Nance Mills

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 Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, 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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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL

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.

13 April: SMAYACs will have the next Adoration night followed with Pizza, 5.45pm in SMOA Church. For more information email us at smayacs@gmail.com or call us on 0223949899 or stay in touch using our parish app.

17 April: WellCath Picnic, see WellCath Facebook page for details.

27 April: CYP Speed Networking in the Hall, 6pm. Find us on Facebook :

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

Christian Meditation Group

Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. At 7pm in the Chapel at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Phone 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

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

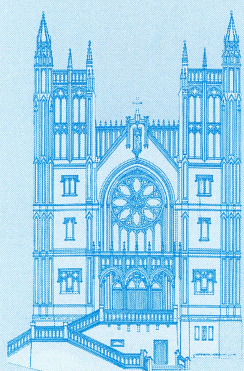
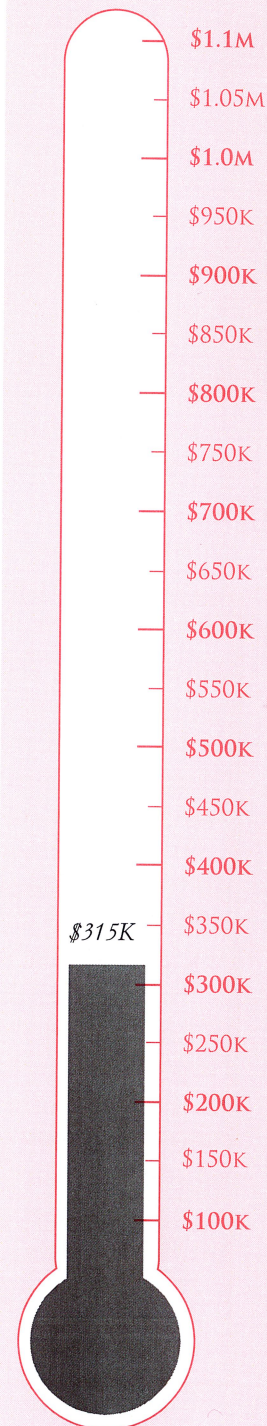
Go to www.smoa.org.nz/covid19updates for more information and for Cardinal John Dew's full announcement.

Buggies & High Chairs Needed

The waitlist is growing for assistance with buggies and high chairs. If you have one of these items that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the Vinnies Pregnancy Assistance service - providing free material support to new mums and their babies. Donations can be dropped off at your local Vinnies Op Shop or directly to our Welfare and Support Hub - 207 Riddiford Street, Newtown. Alternatively, you can call the Vinnies team to organise a free pick-up on 04 389 7122.

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and short talks on Thursday 15 April 2021 at 7:30pm, fellowship from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Held at a new venue 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. We will be hearing 'Twin Testimonies' by Marshall Garrett and Orlando Basabas. If you want to know more ring Steve Ready on 0273569555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com.



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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SMOA - Parish Centre Upgrade

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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.

I would like to make a regular payment of \$ to be paid each month year for 2 years.

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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.

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.

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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Remembering St Mary of the Angels in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

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