

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

BAPTISM

Baptisms will be held only on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month at 2pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

2 May 2021, 5th Sunday of Easter

To Remain with Jesus

Last week we were presented with Jesus as the "Good Shepherd." This week he is presented to us as the "Vine." The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries within it the idea of life which flows into the branches of a spreading plant, and the fruit which depend on that life in the branches.

But we must be careful not to focus our attention too sharply on the image; this can lead us to lose the message. There are two parts to the argument. There is Jesus' claim to be the giver of life, the fulfillment of all that was best in Israel, its ultimate hope for peace and prosperity, but there is also the demand that the disciple "remain with" Jesus. Of course, it is because Jesus claims to be not only the vine, but "the true" vine, that the latter demand is so urgent.

Jesus is the source of life for all who would be his disciples. But as always through the Gospel, Jesus admits that behind his life-giving presence is a Father. Like a vine-dresser, the Father must cut away those who claim to have their life in and through Jesus, but whose fruits deny the value of Jesus and his Father. We have already been formed in our Christian lives by Jesus' word. We have been prepared to bear fruit, but even in this situation, we are unable to set out on our own. As Jesus, the vine, only exists to make the Father known, so must it also be with the Christian disciple. We pray so often "thy kingdom come, thy will be done," but often it is our own kingdom and our own will that we seek.

No matter how well we have been "pruned already by means of the Word," we must remain intimately linked to Jesus. We must not set off on our own mission. The person of Jesus must be our model and our inspiration. He is the vine. Without him, our skills turn in upon ourselves, we wither, die, and must be thrown away. Fruitfulness in spreading God's kingdom depends upon our accepting the word of Jesus and then allowing it to be nourished by our continual contact with him in our sacramental life, our Christian community, and in our intimacy with him through prayer.

To remain in Jesus means to be his disciple. In this way, we are associated with the fulfilment of all that Israel promised. Now we have the possibility of the full possession of the Spirit, rendering glory to God, as we work for His kingdom, rather than our own.

Fr Joe Savesi sm—Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Acts** **9:26-31**
He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Second Reading **1 John** **3:18-24**
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel **John** **15:1-8**
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Acts** **10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**
Psalm: **97**
Second Reading: **1 John** **4:7-10**
Gospel: **John 1** **5:9-17**



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,142
Automatic Payments: \$3,355
Total: \$5,497

New Email Addresses

The Parish Staff have new email addresses, we are still able to receive emails sent to the previous ones which will be phased out. The new emails are listed below and will be available on the front page of the Angelus in the left hand pane.

Kevin Mowbray, Parish Priest—parish.priest@smoa.org.nz
Jeanette Temelo, Accounts Manager—accounts@smoa.org.nz
Abby Cummins, Parish Manager—office.manager@smoa.org.nz

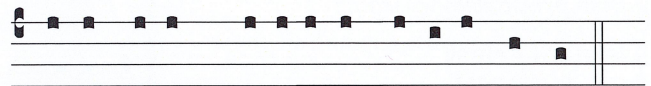
Responsorial Psalm 21

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done'. **R.**



Anod te laus me- a in eccle-si- a magna.

With Thee is my praise in a great church.

Planned Giving Tax Receipts

Planned giving tax receipts for the 2020-2021 financial year are now available in Alphabetical order in the back of the Church. Please let the office know if any details are incorrect.

Vatican Stamps

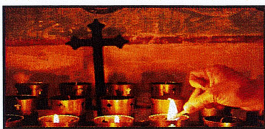
Fr Brian Wysocki has several hundred used Vatican Stamps he is willing to give away to any stamp collector. If you are interested please phone Fr Brian on 0210503642

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: John Adams, Patricia Wallis, Irene Ciurlionis, Laurence Butler, John Foden, Wanda Wheeler

Anniversaries: George Bright, Terry Chamberlain, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Joseph Hermon

Prayers for the Sick: Peter Aldridge, 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, Mary Buchanan
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. Events for May:

Saturday 1 May—WellCath Scavenger Hunt, 12pm,
Te Papa Museum.

Wednesday 5 May—CYP Talk with Simon
O'Connor, 6pm, St Mary of the Angels Hall.

Friday 7 May—SMAYAC's Taize Adoration, 7pm,
Home of Compassion

Tuesday 11 May—SMAYAC's Adoration and Dinner,
5.45pm, St Mary of the Angels Church

Saturday 15 May—WellCath Quiz Afternoon and
Shared Lunch, 12pm, St Mary of the Angels Hall

Saturday 29 May—WellCath Nachos and Games
Afternoon, 12pm, St Mary of the Angels Hall

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

Mass for the RCIA Graduates

A Mass will be held for all graduates of the RCIA
programme within the Diocese on Pentecost Sunday,
23 May at 5pm, celebrated by Cardinal John. All are
welcome.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen

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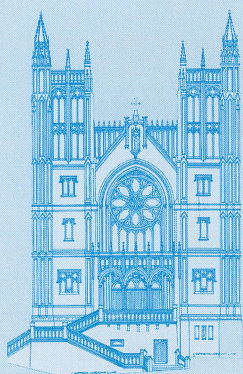
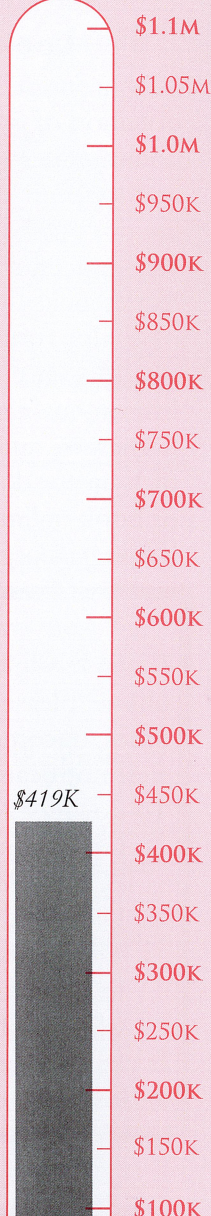
Parish Centre Cook Book Fundraiser

Copies of **Recipes for Restoration** are
still available for purchase in the Church.
This book is a 'must have' for every
parishioner's kitchen, and a great gift
idea. The cost is \$15 and payment can go
into the St Theresa donation box in the
back of the Church.

Day of Reflection for Mothers "Come away with me"

*This Mother's Day weekend, on Saturday 8
May, give yourself the gift of time to find rest in
the presence of the Lord. 10am-3:30pm at
Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine
Street, Island Bay. To register please
contact Lucienne Hensel at Family
Ministry: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or
04 496 1715 or 021 164 5800*

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.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel:

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

I would like to make a one-off payment of:

\$50,000 ☐ \$20,000 ☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,000 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$200 ☐ Other \$ please specify

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.*

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Join the choirs and congregations of St Peter's, St John's and St Mary's as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit. Held in St Peter's Anglican Church, 211 Willis St, Te Aro, 7.30pm on Sunday 23 May.

Looking for Donations

St Vincent de Paul rely on the generous donation of goods from our local communities to continue providing welfare and support services to Wellington. Not only are our op shops the main source of funding for services, they directly assist people experiencing hardship through the provision of quality furniture, clothing and household goods at no cost. We are currently running low on quality donations, including furniture, homeware and clothing. You can book a free pick-up for donations by calling 04 389 7122, or book online via www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate-goods.

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.



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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 Abby at the parish office.

A LEGACY OF FAITH



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.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Phone (04) 473 8074.



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