

# 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

## 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.

23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday

**'When Jesus drew near and saw the city, he wept over it'.**

**(Luke 19:41)**

Violence in Jerusalem – yet again.

How many times has this been said about the 'holy' city? The city that is held holy by Jews and Muslims and Christians alike – the three great communities of Faith who share love and respect for Abraham, their father in Faith.

Death and destruction in Jerusalem – yet again.

Where is God the Father in all of this? Has He abandoned this city where His Covenant was so solemnly revered in the Temple for hundreds of years; where His only Son was consecrated, celebrated the great feasts of his Jewish tradition and offered himself as a sacrifice for the Many; where His Spirit shaped the followers of Jesus into the community of believers we now call 'the Church'?

Immeasurable pain and suffering in Jerusalem – yet again.

It is especially sad and terribly frustrating to write these words on this day of Pentecost – the day when we remember and celebrate the subtle, hidden movement of the Spirit of Peace and Joy amongst the disciples in that very city nearly two thousand years ago.

Yet God never abandons his people! His Spirit is always with us! Reflect on these words addressed to the prophet Elijah:

*"Then the word of Yahweh came to him saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah? .... Go out on the mountain and stand before Yahweh'. For at that moment Yahweh was going by. A mighty hurricane split the mountains and shattered rocks before Yahweh. But Yahweh was not in the hurricane. And after the hurricane, an earthquake. But Yahweh was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake, fire. But Yahweh was not in the fire. And after the fire, a light murmuring sound. And when Elijah heard this .... then a voice came to him."*

(1 Kings 19: 9ff)

The Spirit of Pentecost comes unexpectedly - like a 'light murmuring sound' - in the heart! In the hearts of men and women who are truly seeking God, who are open to his call. A call which may lead them along paths they never dreamed of and least expected. So it was with those disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem; and so it will be with us. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, does not force his way into our lives, force his peace and joy upon us. He is always waiting, knocking insistently with anguished patience, for us to open up our hearts to him. This is Pentecost.

Only an open heart will know the Spirit of Pentecost, the Spirit of Peace and Joy. A truth we must accept! As, surely, must all who now live in Jerusalem.

*Fr Kevin Mowbray—Parish Priest*



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 2:1-11  
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

**Second Reading** Galatians 5:16-25  
*The fruit of the Spirit.*

**Gospel** John 15:26-27; 16:12-15  
*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34; 39-40

**Psalm:** 32

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:14-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20



## Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,395

Automatic Payments: \$1,995

**Total: \$4,390**

## Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 May 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.

## Mass for the RCIA Graduates

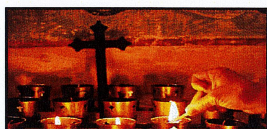
A Mass will be held for all graduates of the RCIA programme within the Diocese on Pentecost Sunday, 23 May at 5pm, celebrated by Cardinal John. All are welcome.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently deceased:** Tim Morohan, Kaye Harrison

**Anniversaries:** Paul Guerin, Colleen Pocock, Arthur Freeman, Robert Bell, Brian Bennett

**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 James, 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.*



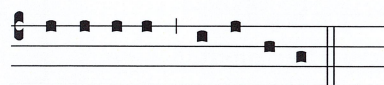
## Responsorial Psalm 103

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**



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

## Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion

At all Masses next Sunday 30 May we will be having the commissioning of Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion. All are welcome.

## Congratulations

We congratulate **Elizabeth Wathuti Mathenge**, Parishioner, Parish Pastoral Council member and Friend who graduated from Victoria University this week after being admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Accounting.

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## Afternoon of Choral, Pop Opera and Choir

St Mary of the Angels Church  
Proudly presents  
Afternoon of choral, pop opera & choir

Sunday 30 May 2021, 2pm  
St Mary's of the Angels Church

The musical afternoon will be held at Wellington's iconic St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St. All donations will go towards the strengthening and refurbishing of the Parish Centre.

Come and join us in supporting this wonderful cause, as well as enjoying the afternoon being entertained by some of our talented musicians and singers.

Performers for the afternoon will be St Mary's College Wellington, Andrew Kelly, Ipu Laga'aia & Taka Vuni and Fr Chris Skinner.

Entry for the afternoon is by donation/koha. Afternoon tea will be served after the performance in the Parish Hall.

## Young Catholic's of Wellington

The Saturday 29 May WellCath Nachos and Games has been **CANCELLED**, check out the Facebook Group for updates.

[www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults](http://www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults)

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## 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.

## Healing Service

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Road, Karori on Wednesday 26 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. To enquire phone 022 389 7460

## 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*

## Liturgy Workshops

ADW are offering two liturgy workshops:  
**'Proclaimers of the Word':** May 29, 2pm  
at Ss Peter & Paul, Lower Hutt. Tea and coffee available from 1.45pm.

**'Communion to the Sick':** June 17, 7pm  
at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria. Tea and coffee available from 6.45pm. To register contact Chris Walkerdine 04 496-1706 or email [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)

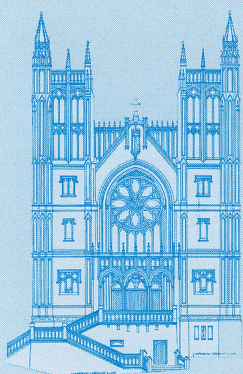
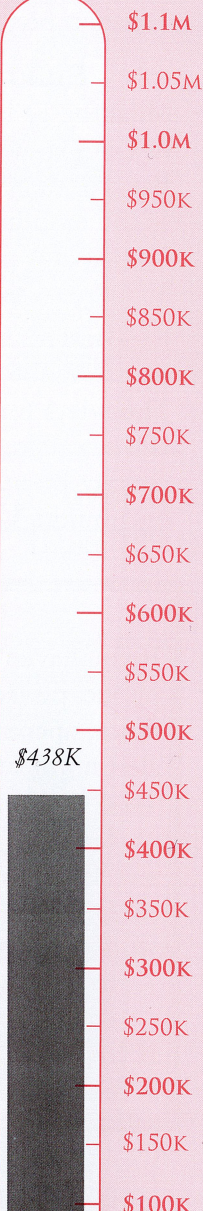
## St Patrick's College Open Day

The Open Day tours for those interested in enrolling their son at St Patrick's College for 2022 will be held on Tuesday 15 June between 9.30 to 11am and from 12pm to 1.30pm and again on Thursday 17 June between 9.30 to 11am and from 12pm to 1.30pm. To make a booking please either email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz)

## Celebrating Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, 23 May, is Pentecost Sunday and we invite you to wear a red, orange or yellow item of clothing to Mass to symbolise that the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples as tongues of fire.

## 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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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.

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.



### 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.

### Sunday Miha (Maori Mass)

Miha for Te Kāinga is celebrated at the Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay. Sundays at 11am except the 1st Sunday of the month which is Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### Winter Film Series

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre Film Series begins first week of June on Mondays or Thursdays for five weeks. Very limited places still available. For further information please contact Brian Cummings SM at [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz) or 021 703 580.

### 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.



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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.  
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