

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
Incorporating St Joseph's Church

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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

25 July 2021, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sharing Makes Life Go Around

In the long history of human evolution, humankind has learned many significant lessons that have enabled it to survive and prosper. One of the most important is cooperation and working for the common good. Where people live in enmity and where competition gets out of hand, everyone suffers. Where people are mutually supportive, however, and learn to share, everyone benefits. This is a fundamental rule of any thriving family, community, or society. In today's Gospel, Jesus performed a miracle of multiplying a few loaves and fishes and thousands were fed. It must have been impressive for the disciples to see bread and fish multiplying before their very eyes. But did it actually happen like that? Did fish and loaves really multiply in baskets? Is the "miracle" the point of this gospel passage? Perhaps. It is also likely we are getting a lesson in the power and effectiveness of sharing.

Work is always easy when enough workers share the labour. A labour of love most often doesn't feel like labour at all. To receive a helping hand when we need it most can make our day. When sharing, rather than greed, is the rule, people prosper. In our contemporary society, though, real sharing is often done grudgingly and competitiveness has become a mania. Business talks flippantly about a "dog eat dog world," and "It's a jungle out there" is routinely accepted as the way things are. We are very property-conscious in our consumer culture and are extremely sensitive and protective about what we consider ours. Burglary prevention systems have become a billion-dollar-a-year industry.

And with what results? Does society generally improve with rugged individualism and aggressive competition? Do we feel more secure with all our possessions? Do we actually sleep easily knowing the car has an alarm system? Are we more at ease walking the streets at night, knowing the police force has been beefed up with better communications? Have we ever felt safe from enemies abroad, knowing that our weapons were superior?

One of the great ironies in life is that stingy people never seem to have enough and that generous people never run out of things to share or give away. In affluent communities, there are overstuffed pantries and children complain: "There's nothing to eat." But in the homes of the poor, there is often enough to go around, even for unexpected company. Attitude is all-important here. In the Gospel reading, Jesus gives us an example of the miracle of sharing. Can we not suspect that it was Jesus' willingness to share his few loaves and fishes that encouraged others to do the same? Everyone sharing the loaves and fishes that eventually allowed everyone to get something to eat - that's the miracle!

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St Mary of the Angels Church

MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday - Anointing Mass - 11am

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

St Joseph's Church

MASSES

Sunday 9am

Tuesday 8.30am

BAPTISMS

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.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44
They will eat and have some left over.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6
There is only one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel: John 6:1-15
He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalm: 77

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

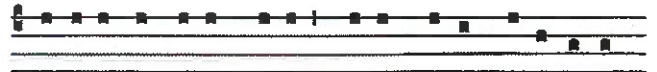
Responsorial Psalm 144

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**



Ape-ris tu manum tu-am, et imples omne a-nimal.

Thou openest thy hand and fillest every living creature.



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,689

Automatic Payments: \$2,603

Total: \$5,292

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.

St Catherine's College Auction Night

Held at the school in Kilbirnie, 7pm Friday 6 August. NZ art, food & drink, accommodation, experiences and a set of fitted hearing aids available for bids. Tickets \$30 each including light supper and a drink. Bar available.

Email stcatherinescollegepta@gmail.com or go to www.trybooking.co.nz/HYY.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Paul Sparnaay, Patricia Hutchinson, Charles Lum, Gino Di Leva

Anniversaries: Papali'itele Petelo Savali, Agnes Mora, James Healy, Mary-Rose Keller, John Gordon, Marion Alexander, Jadwiga Kolaczynska, Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory

Prayers for the Sick: Shan Fonseka, Peter Aldridge, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Barbara Jones, Mary Buchanan, Jacob Myhre, Bill McLaughlin



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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Incorporation of St Joseph's Church

St Joseph's Church, Mt. Victoria will be formally incorporated into St Mary of the Angels Parish on Sunday, August 1st. The incorporation will take place during the 9.00am mass celebrated at St. Joseph's. The principal celebrant will be Cardinal John Dew. Consequently, **the 9am Mass at SMOA on August the 1st will be cancelled.** All are invited to attend the Mass at 9.00am at St Joseph's to celebrate this expansion of our parish. After the mass there will be refreshments provided so that we can meet and greet one another.

Peruvian Anniversary of Independence Mass

On Tuesday 27 July at the 12.05pm Mass with the Ambassador the Papal Nuncio will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Peruvian Independence at St Mary of the Angels. All are welcome.

The Shades - Gratitude Tour

The Shades who gave a beautiful performance at our fundraising concert for the Parish Centre are going on tour! Manase Latu and Samson Setu are back from the prestigious New York Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Programme, and will be touring New Zealand with The Shades. They are visiting 6 cities - starting in Wellington on 25 July. Bring the whole whanau along and experience some beautiful opera, music, and story-telling with New Zealand's very own world-class vocal quartet. For tickets please visit Ticketek.co.nz

Retreat for Fathers

A day of reflection based on Pope Francis' letter 'Patris Corde' in the year of St Joseph. Speaker: Chris Duthie-Jung, director of Church Mission, Archdiocese of Wellington. Held on Father's Day weekend, Saturday 4 September from 10am-3:30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine St, Island Bay. To register contact Family Ministry by Friday 27 August 2021— l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 July 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.

Night Carer Required

68 year old Catholic lady requires night carer for personal care/light duties. Accommodation available if required
Phone: 027 85 90 774

Washing Machine and Clothes Dryer urgently needed

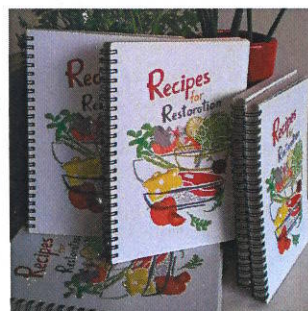
Washing Machine in good working order needed by refugee family of 6 and a clothes dryer also in good working order needed by refugee family of 7. If you can help please contact John Kennedy-Good at 027 246 0885

Eucharistic Ministers Workshop

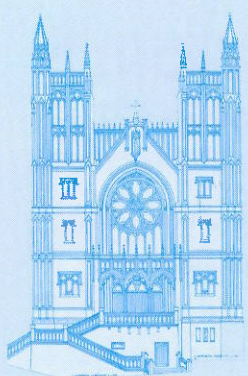
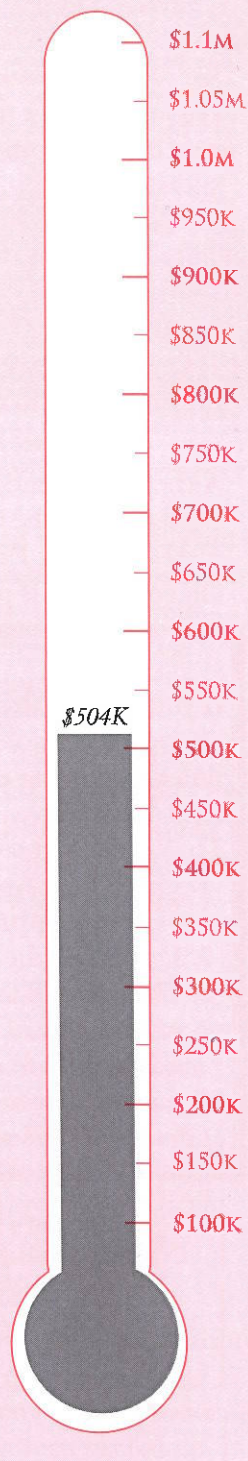
The Next Liturgy Workshop based on Eucharistic Ministers is being held in Masterton on Saturday 31 July from 10.30am-12pm. If you are interested contact Barbara Hoskins for more details barbylouhoskins@gmail.com

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.



PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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Get Vaccinated

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging people get vaccinated to protect themselves, their whanau, and the community. In getting the vaccine, you will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination, such as those with underlying health conditions and young children. The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and it has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. At the request of the Bishops, Te Kupenga Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics has created a collection of resources about the vaccine which answer some commonly asked practical, scientific, and religious questions about it. To find out more, please visit www.get-vaccinated-catholic-co.nz.

Theology of the Body – Human Love in the Divine Plan

Course for young adults (ages 20+) on Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August. Held at St Joseph's Scouts Hall, 46 Royal Street, Upper Hutt. Contact info@marriageandfamily.org.nz, or 022 028 9737 for more information or to register.

Carpark Reminder

A friendly reminder that during the week the Church carparks that are numbered on the Church side of the carpark can not be used or have the access blocked. Parishioners attending Mass are welcome to use the parks on the fence side. If parked on the wrong side, there is a risk you may be towed.

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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