

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

1 August 2021, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Red Letter Day for the Catholic Church in Wellington Central

Today, Sunday August the 1st, the Catholic community in the centre of Wellington changes forever. Today is the day on which the former parish of St Joseph's in Mt. Victoria officially ceases to be part of the parish of Wellington South and becomes part of the Wellington Central parish of St Mary of the Angels. It is a wonderful occasion for both communities, one that is full of hope and promise as we all look forward to building together a church community that will witness, in season and out, to life in the Spirit here in the heart of the city.

Numerous parishioners from both communities have been working steadily and enthusiastically behind the scenes to make August the 1st a day to remember. I know it will be so because I have seen, in the period of preparation leading up to the celebration, what will be gained by our forming one new parish.

There will be, no doubt, a period of adjustment, of getting to know one another, of assessing strengths and weaknesses - there may even be the occasional bobble along the way! - but there are also clear signs that our shared faith in Christ and our practical commitment to the Church allow us to face our future with great confidence. For example, positive conversations have already started between leaders in both communities exploring how we can combine our time, talents and treasure for the good not only of the parish but also for others beyond our communities.

The celebration of this day will take place at St. Joseph's Church at 9.00am with a Mass led by Archbishop John Dew. Several priests will concelebrate. A liturgy with simple yet evocative symbols has been prepared jointly. And, afterwards, there will be refreshments giving all those present a chance to mix and mingle, to introduce themselves and so begin the process of becoming one parish.

On the surface nothing much will change straight away. The same Mass schedules in both churches will continue as they are now - four Masses, at the same times, every Sunday at St Mary of the Angels and one Mass at 9.00am at St Joseph's. Each week day there will be three Masses, with adoration and confessions, at St Mary of the Angels and one Mass every Tuesday at 8.30am at St. Joseph's. Baptisms, weddings and funerals will be celebrated in each church. However, I hope and pray that, slowly but surely, in ways obvious and not so obvious, we will come together and form one family, where the life of God is nourished and shared in peace and joy - as Mary and Joseph did so long ago.

Truly, a red-letter day for the Catholic Church in the centre of Wellington!

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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: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon to you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm: 33

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,772

Automatic Payments: \$3,377

Total: \$6,149

Novena

Novena in Preparation for Rededication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven. On Sunday August 15 our land will be solemnly rededicated by all our bishops to Our Lady at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington. In preparation for this, the Catholic Enquiry Centre will post a short reflection and prayer each day beginning Saturday 7 August on the Catholic Discovery Facebook page. We invite all to take part in praying for our nation each day.

www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Bronius Grinskis, Corazon Owen, Fawcett Andrew, Claire Abbott, Lindsay Haas, Kevin Reeve, Fr John O'Dowd sm

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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Responsorial Psalm 77

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**



Domi-nus pa-nem coeli de-dit e-is.

The Lord hath given them the bread of heaven.

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.

Working Bee

On Sunday 7 August at 9am-10.30am we are holding a working bee to prepare the Church and grounds for the National Rededication Mass to be held here the following week. We would appreciate any help we can get, many hands make light work!

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Mini-Concert of Opera & Classical Music

Mini-concert of opera & classical music in the church after mass this Sunday 12.30pm-1pm. St Mary of the Angels Choir member and NZSM graduate Simon Iernyak would like to share some of the beautiful music she will be performing in the Wellington Singing Competition. Optional koha to support her.

Website Developer Needed

As we have become one Parish of two Churches our website needs a re-design to incorporate St Joseph's. Do you have skills in WordPress or website design? If you know anyone who could help us, please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz

Rededication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven

On Sunday, the 15th of August, the Rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven will be held at St Mary of the Angels Church. All our Bishops and the Apostolic Nuncio will join together at St Mary of the Angels to celebrate this unique event. The ceremony will start at 10.30pm with a blessing of the image of Mary, especially commissioned for the rededication, followed by a Mass. The image will then go on a Hikoi around Aotearoa New Zealand for at least some months visiting all the dioceses before returning permanently to St Mary of the Angels, the newly designated National Shrine. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part in these celebrations. Mark this date in your diaries!

A Musical Evening with Fr Chris Skinner

After being Postponed due to our alert level change the concert is back on! Supported by St Catherine's College students, at 7pm on Sunday 22 August at St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria. \$20 cash at door or go online to Try Booking www.trybooking.co.nz/HKO booking fee is 30 cents. Fr Chris's CDs will be available to purchase also www.chrisskinner.org.nz

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

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

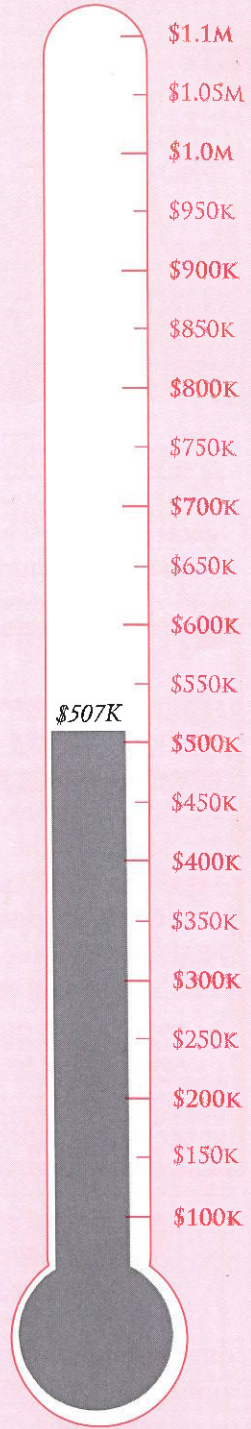
Prayer of the Faithful Workshop

Thursday 5 August at St Theresa's Plimmerton, 7-8.30pm. Tea and Coffee available from 6.30pm. To register please contact Chris at 04 496-1706 or email c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

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

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



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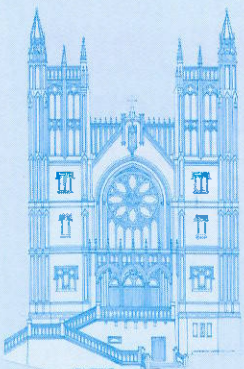
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Get Vaccinated

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.

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.

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.

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.

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