

# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Including 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*

## 8 August 2021, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today in New Zealand we celebrate the Feast of St Mary Mackillop. In Australia they celebrate the Solemnity. Mary MacKillop was born 1842 in Melbourne. Baptised at St Francis' Church Melbourne by a pioneer priest Patrick Geoghegan. Together with Fr. Julian Tennison Woods, Mary established a religious community dedicated to the education of children in remote places. After 10 years she came to N.Z and founded a school in Temuka, and several primary and secondary schools throughout the country.

The congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart grew rapidly and incurred the suspicion, if not the wrath of some Bishops. This led to Mary's excommunication for a time. Her goodness and determination and dependence on God's providence helped her through many difficult times so as she approached the end of her life, she had the joy of seeing her vision grow to maturity. She died in Sydney on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1908.

Today's Readings especially the Gospel speaks to us of the importance of the Eucharist in our lives. Like Mary Mackillop and many other Founders of Congregations the Eucharist would have been a very important part of her life and the life of her Sisters.

Christ wants to be united with us in a unique way, in a most intimate way possible. There is saying, 'You are what you eat.' Jesus wants to be part of our lives, regardless who we are. Bread was the staple food in His time and culture. When Jesus speaks of Himself as the Bread of Life we should eat. He wants to become the staple food for our spiritual life. Staple food is not eaten once a year, or once a month or week. It is eaten daily.

Unfortunately this can lead to a routine. We are challenged today to be more conscious of the Real Presence' of Christ when we line up to receive Holy Communion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: 'the mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the other sacraments as the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend. In this blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained". (CCC1374)

An important point when we approach the Eucharist, the Church Fathers taught: while ordinary food is assimilated into man, the opposite takes place in Holy Communion. Man is assimilated into the Bread of Life. This profound truth of Christ's total self-giving can help to overcome the tendency of just "going to Communion" when all others in the church also line up. Be prepared and approach Christ with reverence.

*Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker*

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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:** 1 Kings 17:8-16  
*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-17  
*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:25-34  
*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6,10

**Psalm:** 44

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-56



## Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,094

Automatic Payments: \$3,268

**Total: \$6,362**

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz)

## Responsorial Psalm 33

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angels of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**



Gusta-te et vi-de-te quo-ni- am su-a-vis est Domi-nus.

*Oh taste and see how sweet the Lord is.*

## A Musical Evening with Fr Chris Skinner

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 on line to [www.trybooking.co.nz/HZW](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/HZW). Booking fee is 30 cents. Fr Chris's CDs will be available to purchase [www.chrisskinner.org.nz](http://www.chrisskinner.org.nz)

## Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Zenaida Angeles, Peter Gilbert, Hilary Proctor, Michael Dunn, Joanna Heemskerck, Nola Griffin, Sharon Cowan, Marie Robinson, Joan Olson, Arie Roskam, Krystine Tomaszuk, Da Van Luyn, Fr Alex Taylor sm, Vincent Rosario

**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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### Mark Crewdson Funeral

The Requiem Mass for Mark Crewdson will be held at 1am on Tuesday 10 August at St Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria. The Vigil Rosary will be held at 7pm on Monday 9 August at St Josephs also. There will be to 8.30am Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday morning.

### Cook Book Fundraiser

Copies of **Recipes for Restoration** are still available or 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.

### Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre

Revelation – the First and the Last": a spiritual theology course presented by Michael Young SM. Begins Thursday 9 September at 7.30pm and runs for 10 weeks. Cost: \$50.00. For more information and/or to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at [bcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bcummings@xtra.co.nz)

### St Joseph's Men's Book & Discussion Group

Held on Tuesday August 10 at 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce Room - St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. First half: Book(s), Magazines, websites etc offered and shared by members. Second half: Royal Commission into the Christchurch mosque shooting with Tony Lynch. Phone John Dalgety on 027 338 3576 for enquires. All visitors and new members welcome!

### 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 1.30pm with a blessing of the image of Mary, especially commissioned for the rededication, followed by a mass. The image will then go on a Hiko 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!

### 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](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

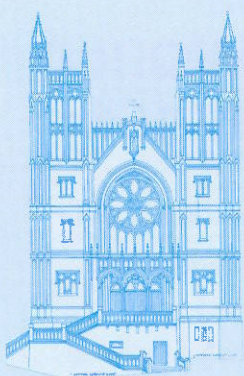
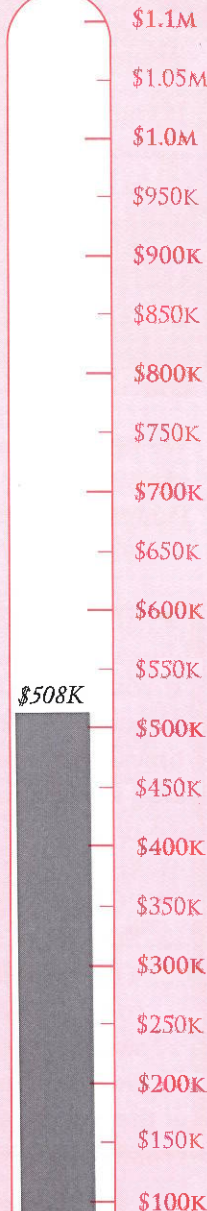
### Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and small group activity on Thursday 19 August 2021 at 7.30pm, (note: fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start). At 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Intro then sharing in small groups on the theme "Bloom where you're planted". Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### 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

## PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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## Pink Shoes into the Vatican

Join the campaign for gender equity in the Catholic Church – Pink Shoes into the Vatican

Be the Change is a group working for gender equality in the leadership of the Catholic Church. We are having an event on Sunday 19 September (Women's Suffrage Day) called Pink Shoes into the Vatican.

If you'd like to participate, send a non-returnable pair of worn-out women's footwear. Please attach a tag to the shoes with your first name and a line or two about YOU and your journey with the Church. You do not have to be a practising Catholic to participate.

Using your shoes, and flyers, banners, ribbons, we will create an eye-catching pathway from Parliament to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill St. Cardinal John Dew will meet us there and accept a message we ask him to convey to the Vatican.

We need your shoes and notes by 31 August. Look for a box in the foyer of your church or post your shoes to 33 The Esplanade, Raumati South, Paraparaumu 5032.

### 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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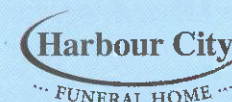
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