

Chris Skinner Events

Chris Skinner returns with Spring Concert in September



After a highly successful concert last year, Fr Chris Skinner SM a New Zealand Marist Priest, composer and singer returns with yet another concert on Sunday, 26 September, to be held at St Mary's College Hall, Thorndon, Wellington. Many of us have been blessed by Father Chris' music, influenced greatly by his faith, his love of Scripture and sense of God in the beauty of creation. Come and be uplifted by an afternoon of inspirational music. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the restoration of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington. Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021. Time: 2pm-3pm. Venue: St Mary's College School Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington. Tickets: \$30.00 ea. Email 26sept21concert@gmail.com or ring Josie on 021 066 8538 or the Cathedral Parish Office (04) 496 1700.

CANCELLED—A Musical Evening with Fr Chris Skinner

Due to the Covid Alert level change this concert has been cancelled. Due to Chris Skinner's other commitments later in the year this concert most likely won't go ahead until next year.

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:

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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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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.

22 August 2021, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is the great Mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church"

On the 1 August 2021, I, along with my fellow community from St Joseph's Mt Victoria, became a parishioner of St Mary of the Angels Parish. In this context I was surprised but honoured to be invited to write a reflection for the cover of the Angelus this weekend.

As I discerned this week's readings, I realised my diplomatic skills would be truly tested as I spotted one of the New Testament verses from St Paul to the Ephesians 5:22-24, that I struggle to be at peace with.

I took a step back, and prayed to Mary asking for the eloquence of our Marists who have the wisdom to see the potential in every life experience even the difficult ones. And in so doing I accepted the historical context of these writings, and the words "two becoming one body" from St Paul to Ephesians struck me as totally relevant today.

We are living in tumultuous times through our World; with a Pandemic that is ongoing as the virus continues to mutate, and Level 4 Lockdown has become a reality; with an imbalance of wealth between nations, a time when wars and civil unrest are prevalent, and the implications of climate change are evident.

That is why the celebration of Te Ara a Maria, at St Mary of the Angel's last Sunday 15 August 2021 was uplifting and so important in the history of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Cardinal John in his homily said that the bishops chose to celebrate the rededication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven, at St Mary of the Angels, at a time when there is great need for protection and connection to Mary, as we ask for comfort and care for ourselves and for all New Zealanders in these troubled times. The work of art by Christchurch based artist Damien Walker, of a Madonna and child has an emphasis on unity. This artwork which will visually connect the people with Mary and Jesus, will be on display while on hiko around the country from the deep south to the far north, then will return to reside at St Mary of the Angels.

So much has happened in the last month. St Joseph's has become part of St Mary of the Angel's Parish and Wellington Central Parish has changed forever. We have welcomed new life and the spring flowers have burst into bloom, and we have farewelled our dead, in ways which celebrate our belief in eternal life. A week after a national celebration for Te Ara a Maria was held in our Parish, we are living once again in the physical isolation of our small bubbles, at the same time our faith provides a platform to link us spiritually and socially through prayer and word as "one body."

As we take time out and slow down in response to Level 4 Lockdown, we may conceptually see Mary and Joseph on the edge of change ready to journey together through the many challenges that we face on our way. We are at the stage of wanting to know more about our diverse communities, to broaden our understandings of what we bring to the "Table", of how we live the "Word."

Together we can do so much more, as the faith communities of St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's as we grow together as one Parish. We will be able to reach out and support those whose load is heavy and are weary. Together we can create a sanctuary of hope and aroha for the city of Wellington. Together we can be the "Body of Christ."

Mary Crewdson—St Joseph's Office Manager

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church

Gospel: John 6:60-69

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalm: 14

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,552

Automatic Payments: \$2,638

Total: \$5,190

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. For more information and/or to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at brcummings@xtra.co.nz

Children's Mass at St Joseph's

The 9am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 29 August will be child-friendly. All children are welcome.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Fr Don Richard Wallace, Moses Tolova'a, Jacob Myhre, Mark Crewdson, Paul Sparnaay

Anniversaries: Kevin Fitzgerald, Dean Gifford, Joan Killen, Peter Aston, Patricia Goulter, Eunice Clarke, Michael Loftus, Fr Patrick O'Neill SM

Prayers for the Sick: Noreen Kirwan, 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, Bill McLaughlin, Robert Armstrong



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 33

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

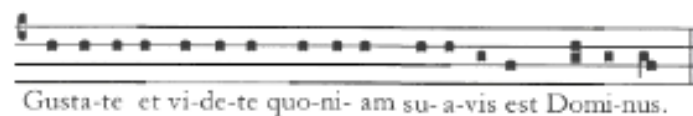
I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**



O taste and see how sweet the Lord is.

ORATIO IMPERATA On the threat from Covid19



God our Father, we come to you in our need
to ask your protection against COVID19
that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We pray that you guide the people
tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its
transmission.
Protect the medical experts that they may minister
to the sick
with competence and compassion.

We pray for those afflicted.
May they be restored to health soon.
Protect those who care for them.
Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying time
to work for the good of all and to help those in
need.
We implore you to stop the spread of this virus
And to save us from our fears.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your
Son.
Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,

One God forever and ever.

Amen.

Women's Book Club

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, the St Joseph's Women's Book Group gather to discuss and share recent books they have read, from 7.30pm on, hosted in turn at a member's home. BYO book to share (but no pressure if you haven't had the time to read anything this month) and a small plate to share for a light supper. In August, the book group is meeting on Tuesday, 24 August and this month's host is Anne Neal. If you would like to know more information, please ring Stephanie on 021 0222 3572

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

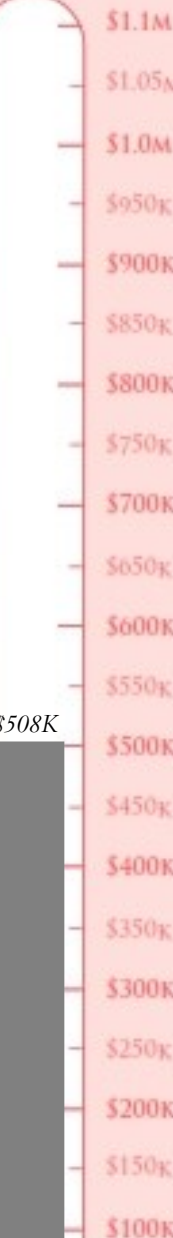
Book Presentation & Discussion

The book presentation for "Searching for Rewi Alley: A Communist in the Family" will be presented by Author and parishioner Elspeth Sandys. Held on Tuesday 31 August, 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce room of St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. All are welcome.

Parish Liturgy, Music and Pastoral Life

For all involved in those parts of Parish life. Held at Palmerston North at the Diocesan Centre on Friday 10 September at 5pm until Sunday 12 September at 12.30pm. With Fr Joe Grayland, Fr Phil Cody, musician Judith Courtney & others. For more information John Dalgety 027 338 3576

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