

Book Presentation & Discussion—POSTPONED

The book presentation for "Searching for Rewi Alley: A Communist in the Family" will be presented by Author and parishioner Elspeth Sandys. This event has been postponed until a later date when there is a change in alert levels, the date will be advertised in the newsletter.

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

Retreat for Fathers—CANCELLED

Unfortunately the Retreat for Fathers that was to be held on Father's Day weekend, Saturday 4 September at Our Lady's Home of Compassion had to be cancelled due to the alert level changes. There will be a reflection sent out by Church Mission in time for Father's Day.

Part Time Parish Manger Role—Ohariu

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is seeking a Part-Time Parish Manager to work collaboratively with the Parish's office team, parish leadership and volunteers. For more information or to apply online visit www.stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/vacancies

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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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.

29 August 2021, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Act Of Love

Here we are in lockdown again. The Covid-19 pandemic that has gripped the whole world for nearly two years now shows no sign of tailing off any time soon, especially with this more virulent Delta strain. As we remain in our bubbles it's only natural that we may feel trapped, coupé up, disconnected, lonely, and a myriad of other negative feelings. It can also be a time of catching up on much-needed rest, doing little projects around the house that you have been meaning to get round to doing but haven't, trying new recipes, finishing off reading a book, and starting another one. The fact of the matter is that there are pros and cons of living in a lockdown situation.

I would like to think that as Christians, we can look at lockdown as an "ACT OF LOVE." Love for ourselves, love for each other, love for our community, our nation, our world. God has given us gifts and talents to use for the betterment of others as well as ourselves. We put our trust in our leaders and medical experts that they indeed are using their God-given gifts and talents to get us through this pandemic.

Pope Francis has stated that getting the Covid-19 vaccine is an "Act of Love." He said, "Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable."

Perhaps we can start each day by praying to God for His protection upon us all and show us an "act of love" we can do for ourselves and others during the day. The act of love could simply be picking up the phone and checking in on someone or calling someone for help.

Be kind, be gentle on yourself, trust in God, and trust in the people God has tasked to use their gifts and talents to get us through this pandemic. That is an "ACT OF LOVE."

Fr Joe Savesi sm—Assistant Priest

Church and Parish Office

Going off protocol in alert level 3 last year there will be no Masses and the Church will remain closed as gatherings are limited to 10 people. The Parish office staff are working remotely and can be contacted by email. If you need to contact any of the Parish staff at St Mary of the Angels and/or St Joseph's, please email office.manager@smoa.org.nz. We do not have access to both Church Office phones or voicemail until we move down the alert levels.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2,6-8
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you—keep the commands of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Be doers of the word.

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7
Psalm: 145
Second Reading: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37



Last Week's Collection

Automatic Payments: \$3,070
Total: \$3,070

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 bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

Children's Mass at St Joseph's—CANCELLED

The 9am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 29 August has been cancelled due to the lockdown.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Neil Williams, Margaret Reidy, Fr Don Morrison, Richard Wallace, Moses Tolova'a, Jacob Myhre, Mark Crewdson

Anniversaries: Brett Gray, Louis Hannan, Brian Stempa, Patricia Smith

Prayers for the Sick: Patricia O'Rourke, 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 14

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm forever. **R.**



Dómine, quis habitábit in taberná-cu-lo tu-o?

Lord, who can dwell in your tabernacle?

World Day of Prayer

Next Wednesday September 1 is the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation and marks the beginning of a month-long Season of Creation for Christians throughout the world. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a page of resources to help prepare for it. Keep checking the page for updates as September 1 nears: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-2021/

Masses being Livestreamed during Alert Level 4

Bishop Steve Lowe (Hamilton) is livestreaming Mass everyday at 9am, this can be accessed by visiting www.cdh.org.nz/livestream

The Christchurch Diocese is also livestreaming Mass at 9am everyday, this can be accessed by visiting their YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw

The Auckland Diocese prepares Sunday Mass and uploads this to their website the night before at 5.30pm. This is also available on Shine TV at 2.00pm Sunday—Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201

Compassion in Action During COVID Lockdown 2021

For 120 years the Suzanne Aubert Compassion Soup Kitchen has played a vital role in reaching out to our most vulnerable whānau, providing two meals a day six days a week.

Last year the Compassion Soup Kitchen was challenged by the COVID 19 lockdown. We knew the need would be even greater with the impacts of the lockdown. Through the commitment and dedication of the Compassion Soup Kitchen staff and volunteers, we changed our processes, set up two teams and implemented hygiene protocols to develop a hot meal takeaway service once a day for seven days a week. During the 2020 lockdown we averaged around 153 takeaway meals per day.

From Wednesday 18 August we had to rapidly reintroduce our procedures once again. We immediately started with demand of around 190 takeaway meals per day and this has now spiked to 235. This includes daily meals for the Wellington City Mission, Wellington Homeless Women's Trust and Women's Refuge.

Just as with last lockdown we are now the recipients of food products that hotels, restaurants, and other fresh food outlets not operating during L4 are unable to use. We are receiving large amounts of high-quality food products. Last Sunday we received many cheesecakes and other fancy cakes from a bakery.

The hospitality group Kapura have also been very supportive and has donated 90 kgs of meat balls. They have kindly also offered any support we may need during this time.

We are also very appreciative of the support of the Wellington City Council. They have restocked our PPE and remain ready to provide all our needs in this regard. This enables us to put a face mask in every food bag to ensure our whānau are protected. Most show up for their takeaway meal either with a face mask or with a scarf pulled up over their mouth and nose. As with the first lockdown, the Council immediately arranged for an awning to be put up to help protect the whānau from the weather when they pick up their takeaway meal.

Our whānau guests are very appreciative of the meal service and continually express their gratitude, not only to the frontline staff, but to the Sisters of Compassion and the organisation in general. The amazing legacy of Suzanne Aubert and her Sisters continues to provide comfort and hope to those in need in Wellington 120 years on.

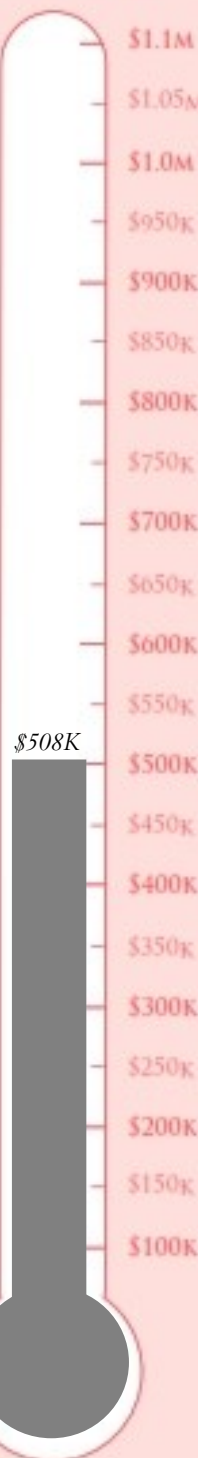
PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

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

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