

# The Angelus

**St Mary of the Angels Parish**  
Including St Joseph's, Mount Victoria

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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

## 26 September 2021, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like myself I am sure there are many who are very disappointed that we are still in lockdown 2 as regards Masses for the next couple of weeks. Times are certainly different from what many of us expected. We are now entering a very different world.

You may recall that last week we read from Mark's Gospel how Jesus chastised his disciples for arguing as to who was the greatest. In today's Gospel John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question may have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples have not been able to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' word to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

The demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is today.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognised the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal". In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Pope Francis made headlines when he humbly said, "Who am I to Judge?" Every time he embraces a sick or deformed person he becomes newsworthy. He has done away with a lot of pomp, lives in a simple room, joins Vatican employees for breakfast, and even lines up for it with a tray on hand. If a Pope can do it, why can't I?

*Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker*

## Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to assist with weekday Masses from Tuesday 5 October. Volunteers are needed to manage numbers of people, ensuring people sign in on entry, social distancing, cleaning the Church following masses etc. If you are able to assist us with keeping in line with the government restrictions so we can re-open, please contact the Parish Office by emailing [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) or phone 04 473 8074



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Numbers 11: 25-29  
*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

**Second Reading:** James 5: 1-6  
*Your wealth is rotting.*

**Gospel:** Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48  
*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 2: 18-24

**Psalm:** 127

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2: 9-11

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 2-16



## Last Week's Collection

Automatic Payments: \$2,340

Total: \$2,340

## Church and Parish Office

Following instruction from the Archbishop there will be no Masses and all Churches in the Archdiocese will remain closed until Tuesday 5 October when we receive further instruction. Funerals and Weddings can still be held with a maximum of 100 attendees. The office staff are in the office or working remotely however the church office will remain closed to visitors. If you need to contact any of the St Mary of the Angels please email [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) or phone 04 473 8074. If you need to contact St Josephs Church please email [st.josephs.office@xtra.co.nz](mailto:st.josephs.office@xtra.co.nz) or phone 04 385 0915

## Responsorial Psalm 18

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R.**

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,



Justi-ti- ae Domi-ni rectae, laeti-fi-cantes corda.

*The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts.*

## Children's Sacramental Programme

Children are invited to join the Sacramental Programme to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion. Children must already be baptised and currently in Year 3 or above. The first parents' meeting was at 7pm on 23 September 2021 at St Thomas More Church in Wilton (or Zoom under Alert Level 2). To enrol, please contact [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz)

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently deceased:** Shan Fonseka, Simon Lai, Bernadette Hyland, Neil Williams, Margaret Reidy, Fr Don Morrison,

**Anniversaries:** Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty, Norma Burns, O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyons, Miriam Wilkins

**Prayers for the Sick:** Patricia O'Rourke, Noreen Kirwan, 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.*



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**Global Synod –  
For a Synodal Church**

Pope Francis is asking every baptised person to be involved in this international Synod, “For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission”. In October 17<sup>th</sup> special Masses will be celebrated in New Zealand. This will be followed by the opportunity for every baptised person to prayerfully reflect on the themes, join/ or make up your own group to discern your shared wisdom or go to the online options to give us your feedback. More information on the [parish website](#) and our [Social Media page](#).

**Venerable Suzanne Aubert—Meri Hōhepa  
Celebration Sunday**

**Mass with Cardinal John Dew**

October 3 is Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa Celebration Sunday. As Parish Masses are not possible under the current Covid-19 restrictions, Cardinal Dew has agreed to celebrate a special Mass in the Chapel beside the crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa lies. It will be broadcast at 2pm on Shine TV. It will also be available to view later in the day on YouTube and Facebook.

**All parishioners are invited to send their personal prayer requests and intentions which will be offered by Cardinal John at this special Mass.**

If you have a particular prayer request, or if there is someone in your parish who you would like to be specifically remembered at either of these events, please send confidential details to Sister Josephine Gorman ([st.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz](mailto:st.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz)). At the conclusion of the Mass, all prayer requests and names of those who have asked to be remembered, will be placed on the tombstone of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa and the Sisters will continue to pray for everyone during the month of October.

There are also other resources available at [www.suzanneaubert.co.nz](http://www.suzanneaubert.co.nz).

Please pray for the beatification and eventual canonisation of Meri Hōhepa /Suzanne Aubert. And, let us remember her constant prayer. **“Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us.”**

**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*

**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](http://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream)

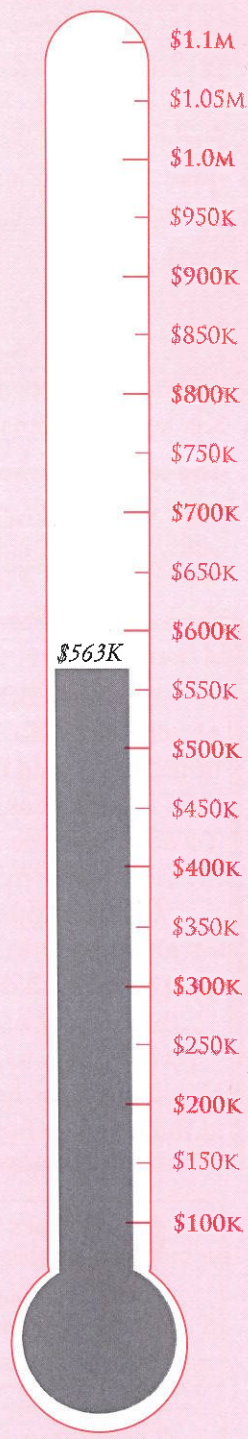
The Christchurch Diocese is also livestreaming Mass at 9am everyday, this can be accessed by visiting their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz\\_hSDLfv](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfv)

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.

Fr Tony from Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga intends to live-stream each Sunday at 10.30 am until we can gather again at LEVEL 1. The link to these Masses is <https://www.tributes.co.nz/ViewMyTribute.aspx?id=16621>. If you missed the Mass (or any future ones they are available if you chose the link ‘LIVESTREAM’

Our Lady of Kapiti are livestreaming Mass on Sunday at 9.30am. This can be accessed by visiting their website at <https://kapiti-catholic.org.nz/kapiti/mass-times>

**PARISH  
CENTRE  
APPEAL**



**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL**

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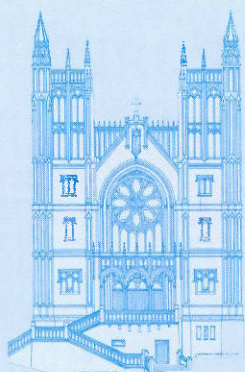
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## Urgent Help Needed for People Coming From Afghanistan

The appeal for household items and furniture is now closed.

Your response has been so overwhelming that we simply do not have the capacity to manage the volume of goods being offered- such is your generosity. We will honour the arrangements currently in place for delivery or pickup - but as of today we are unable to accept any new offers.

If you still wish to make a contribution, there is an ongoing and pressing need for suitable housing, if you can help please contact our community facilitator Paul Alsford at [Refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:Refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz). Any financial donations will also be welcome and can be made by going to our website <https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/>

As the families arrive in Wellington and begin settling in we will try to update you on how your gifts were applied and the difference they have made in the lives of the Afghan people making a new life here in NZ.

Once again thank you!

Kia tau te rangimarie kia koe

The team at Catholic Social Services

John Feeney/Susan Johnson- Social Justice Group

[johnsonfeeney@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonfeeney@gmail.com)

### 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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