

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

3 October 2021, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Marriage

The readings from Genesis and the gospel of Mark speak about marriage as a God-given sacred institution. We are well aware that marriage is not faring well these days. The number of broken homes increases with every passing year. Jesus speaks of marriage as a permanent commitment and this permanency can be a reasonable expectation, no matter how doleful the statistics about broken families. The point is that there are successful marriages and it is clear what makes them successful. We might take incentive from the readings, therefore, to examine successful marriages for the qualities that help them succeed.

For successfully married couples, marriage is not a state of being, but a commitment to a vocation. "Married" doesn't refer so much to what one is, but to what one does. This initial premise about marriage is often overlooked or taken at face value. Some couples enter marriage with the misconception that marital bliss is somehow supposed to happen by itself. Boy meets girl; they fall in love, get married, and somehow live happily ever after. The problem, of course, is that nothing good ever happens by itself. We can be assured, for example, that Olympic champions put in extraordinary efforts preparing for their events. No one gets something for nothing. There isn't a couple we might meet, still married after many years, who wouldn't affirm that *"it takes a lot of work."* It takes work to make any relationship proper.

A second characteristic of successful marriages can be found in the use of a simple pronoun. One thing counsellors sometimes take note of in troubled marriages is an excessive use

Fr Joe Savesi sm—Assistant Priest

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 or phone 04 473 8074

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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

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

They were two in one flesh.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Psalm: 89

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30



Last Week's Collection

Automatic Payments: \$2,340

Total: \$3,490

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Held by Zoom on Sunday 3 October at 3pm.

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260

Passcode: hra2h3

Church and Parish Office

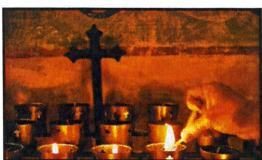
Following instruction from the Archbishop there will be no Masses and all Churches in the Archdiocese will remain closed until Tuesday 5 October when we receive further instruction. Funerals and Weddings can still be held with a maximum of 100 attendees. The office staff are in the office or working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

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Paul Barber, John Casserley, John Patrick O'Brien, Eileen Dysart, Claire Bourke, Mary Crompton

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 James, 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 127

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the lord
and walk in his ways!

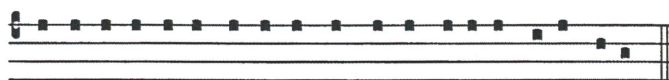
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!



Be-ne-di-cat ti-bi Domi-nus omni-bus di-ebus vi-tae tu-ae.

May the Lord bless thee all the days of thy life

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

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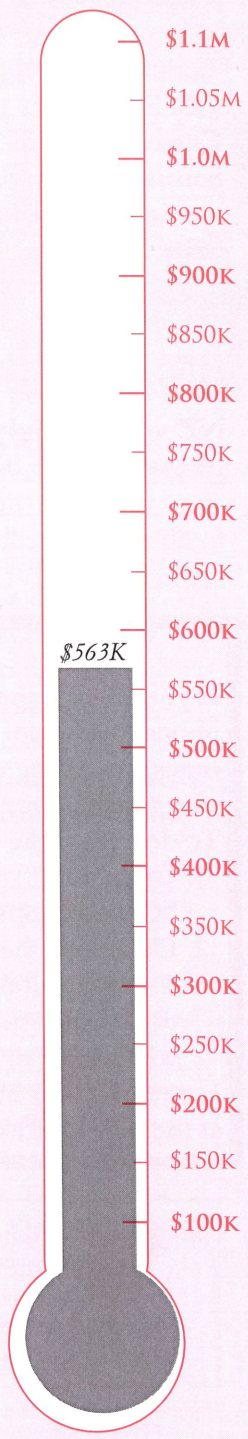
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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



St Mary of the Angels Carpark

The carpark at St Mary of the Angels is now closed to Parishioners from Monday to Friday. If you are interested in renting a secure central city carpark from Monday-Friday at \$75 a week please contact the Church Office on 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smao.org.nz.

The Church carpark will be available to Parishioners during the day on Saturdays and Sundays.

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 (sr.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).

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

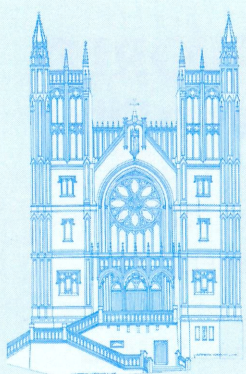
Bishop Steve Lowe (Hamilton) is livestreaming Mass everyday at 9am, this can be accessed by visiting www.cdh.org.nz/livestream

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.

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>



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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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”.

On October 17th 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 the [Archdiocesan](#)

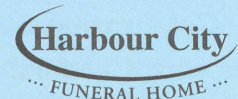
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times, upcoming events and more. You will also have the option to receive

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.

A LEGACY OF FAITH



Remembering St Mary of the
Angels in your will provides
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a statement of your faith and
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