

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

10 October 2021, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome Back!

It is so good to be able to write those two small words – “Welcome back!” It seems such a long time since we have been able to congregate, to assemble in St Mary of the Angels as a community and worship God together.

We are not quite there yet, of course. Masses, adoration and confessions have started again only on weekdays – from Monday to Saturday inclusive. But there is the strong hope that we will be able to gather together again on Sundays starting from October the 17th.

But all these prayerful ways we have of thanking God for his great gifts to us, celebrating his mercy and love towards us, will take place with restrictions. It is important that we comply with Government guidelines, as best we can, in our gatherings so that we minimize the risk of contracting or spreading the virus. The easy way the virus spread to the Waikato in recent days is a warning to us all.

And so, we are asked to register before coming to church so that we don't have more than 100 people at mass on any one occasion. We will enter only through the main doors so that we know how many are inside. We can only sit in certain areas of the church. We are asked to wear masks when we join in masses and celebrate other sacraments here at St Mary of the Angels – not just outside the church but inside as well. Perhaps most importantly of all we are asked to receive communion only in the hand; there will be no exceptions allowed. As well, the other guidelines we are already familiar with will continue to be in place: no holy water to bless ourselves; disinfecting our hands upon entry into the church; no physical touching at the Kiss of Peace.

Such restrictions impact on everyone, some more than others. And we may chafe at such restrictions, wonder at the wisdom of them. But we can turn this unusual and unwelcome way of being together to our spiritual advantage and growth! How? I suggest by reflecting on the deeper meaning of the communion we receive.

When we receive communion we do not receive it for ourselves alone. Receiving communion is not a private act of devotion. It is a gift given to be shared. We are called through our communion to go out to others. And there, in church, we can already begin to go out to others by being aware of and acting for the common good – what is best for everyone in this strange Covid world we find ourselves in. The restrictive guidelines, with which we must comply, help us to serve the common good.

Welcome back! Welcome back to our communion with one another. Welcome back to a strange, new world in which we can, once again, rediscover very practically what it means to be one in Christ, in communion with one another!

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St Mary of the Angels Church

MASSES

Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm
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

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: Wisdom 7: 7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm: 32

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45



Last Week's Collection

Automatic Payments: \$5,825

Total: \$5,825

Church and Parish Office

We can resume our Monday -Saturday Masses. At this stage there are to be **NO SUNDAY MASSES**. At St Joseph's Church there will only be the Tuesday Mass at 8.30am. At St Mary of the Angels Church the only Masses are Monday- Saturday 7.30am and 12.05pm, and the 11am Saturday Mass. Reconciliation will also resume Monday – Friday 11.30am-12pm, 12.30pm-1pm & 4.30pm-5pm, and 10.30am-11am Saturday. Please note there is **NO 5.15PM MASS MONDAY-FRIDAY**. The Church will stay open for visitors between 6.30am and 5pm Monday-Saturday. **THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS**. We ask that if you feel unwell to please stay home. To be able to stay open we must abide by the following guidelines in order to keep us all safe:

Responsorial Psalm 127

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing of joy!**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

*We are filled in the morning with Thy mercy,
and we have rejoiced.*

St Mary of the Angels Carpark

The carpark at St Mary of the Angels is now closed to Parishioners from Monday to Friday. The Church carpark will be available to Parishioners during the day on Saturdays and Sundays.

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are available to purchase from the Parish Office during the week for \$12

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Held by Zoom on Sundays at 3pm.

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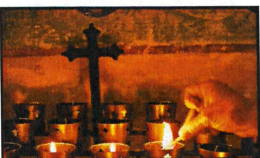
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Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Brendan Gilmore, Shan Fonseka, Simon Lai

Anniversaries: Sidney Hall, Leo Buchanan, Bill Maher

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, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Barbara Jones, Mary Buchanan, Bill McLaughlin, John Moore



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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**St Joseph's Men's Book &
Discussion Group Meeting**

Visitors Welcome. Held on Tuesday October 12 at 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce Room - St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. First half is Mike Gourley content and writing of his Memoirs. Second half is book(s), magazines, websites etc from members. For more info phone John Dalgety on 027 338 3576. Note the meeting will go ahead face to face under the following conditions: scan or sign in on entering St Joes, use hand sanitiser, keep a social distance of 2 metres, no food nor drink and mask wearing is recommended. If you are unwell please stay home.

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

Sunday Masses Being Livestreamed

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.

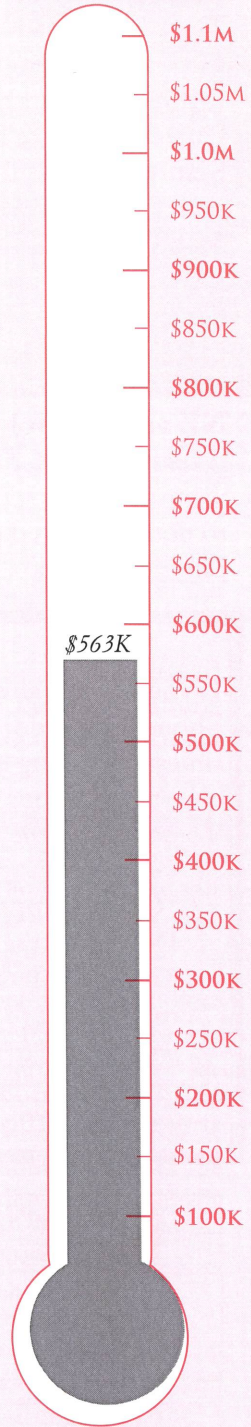
Fr Tony from Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga intends to live-stream each Sunday at 10.30 am until we can gather again at LEVEL 1. The link to these Masses is <https://www.tributes.co.nz/ViewMyTribute.aspx?id=16621>. If you missed the Mass (or any future ones they are available if you chose the link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

Marist Messenger

Marist Messengers are available to purchase for \$6 from the back of the Church. Details on subscriptions are available inside each book as there is unfortunately no promotion this year due to lockdowns. If you can't make it into the Church please contact the Parish Office and we can send it out to you.

**PARISH
CENTRE
APPEAL**



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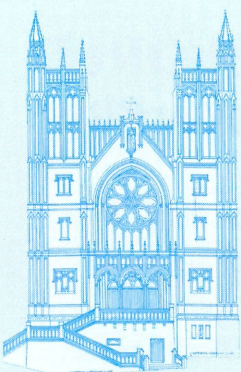
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We pray for vocation to the priesthood. Help Support also their formation. So many young men are willing to be priests! Pope Francis appeals to them. They are in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Oceania. The Pontifical Mission Societies (MISSIO) assists those seminarians. **Currently, there are 25,115 Major Seminarians and 44,928 Minor seminarians being supported by MISSIO this year, 2021.** MISSION-NZ helps in raising funds for them. Since we do not use cheques anymore, MISSIO-NZ's campaign for them has dropped more than 50%. **Would you please help MISSIO-NZ and the Holy Spirit form future priests? PRAY, DONATE.** www.missio.nz/donate or call 09 489 6549 to donate by credit card or email info@missio.nz

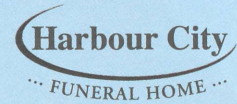
Global Synod –

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 website](#) and our [Social Media page](#).



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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.

A LEGACY OF FAITH



Remembering St Mary of the Angels in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details.
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