

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 Sundays of the month at 2pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

21 November 2021, Solemnity of Christ the King

Christ the King

"I came into this world for this: to bear witness to the truth."

Christ the servant leader gave up his life in the ultimate sacrifice when he faced death and was crucified for the redemption of humanity.

In today's Gospel when Pilate asks Jesus "Are you the King of the Jews", Jesus says, "Yes I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

This raises the question for me as to whether I am prepared to seek the truth or accept complicity rather than speak out for justice and the common good of all. The truth appears to be found in all that is inherently "good", in following the path of truth we are actively contemplating our relationship with Christ our King and this means changing our misguided behaviours. How can we turn what is bad into good. Christ through his earthly life showed us a very different way to view leadership and to model our lives on his way.

The image of sovereignty that Jesus presents to us is one of servant leadership.

A leader who is happiest seeking company with the unloved, and sharing food and the basic needs of life with those people who have been treated as "outcasts in our society".

A leader who speaks out for those who have experienced injustices, who visits and comforts the sick.

A leader who can be found at the prisons helping support prisoners re-integrate into society.

A leader who questions power structures that are corrupt.

There are many ways that Jesus has challenged us to reflect on what true leadership means.

The "Truth" Jesus speaks of, conjures visions of us being guided by the Spirit to understand the meaning of Jesus's words and the message of his life to us in 21st century Aotearoa. If we allow the Holy Spirit to be within us, we will open ourselves to truly walk in the footsteps of Christ the King.

When we reflect on the Kingdom of God we are drawn to an awareness of a God of eternal love, a place of everlasting peace, and the Spirit of truth represented by all that is good.

As we gather together as the Body of Christ may we be a witness to Christ the King-our Servant Leader.

Mary Crewdson—St Joseph's Church Office Manager

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

You say that I am a king.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm: 24

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$749

Automatic Payments: \$2,578

Total: \$3,327

Change of Sunday Mass Time at St Joseph's

From 28 November, the 1st Sunday of Advent, the Sunday Mass time at St Joseph's will change to 9.30am.

Covid Alert Level 2

While we are at Alert Level 2 ALL Masses and Reconciliation times, except the 5.15pm Weekday Mass, are running as per the normal timetable.

Numbers are restricted to 100 people.

The following is still in place:

- ♦ Communion under one kind only, therefore no Precious Blood is to be distributed
- ♦ No physical contact at the Sign of Peace
- ♦ Communion on the hand only

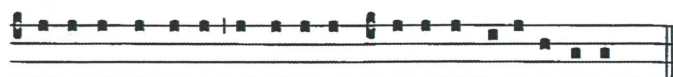
Responsorial Psalm 92

**R. The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R.**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**



Domi-nus regna-vit, indu-tus est Domi-nus forti-tu-di-nem.

The Lord hath resigned, the Lord is clothed with strength.

Book Presentation & Discussion

All Welcome. "Searching for Rewi Alley: A communist in the family". Author & parishioner Elspeth Sandys with questions from Brian Lynch & others. Held on **Tuesday November 23 at 7.30pm.** Bill Pearce room. St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Relevant covid rules will apply.

Makara Cemetery Visit—POSTPONED

The annual Makara Cemetery visit that was postponed last week will be going ahead sometime in early next year. We will advertise in the Angelus once a date has been confirmed.

St Joseph's Tuesday Mass has Resumed

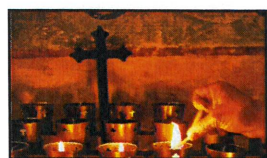
The 8.30am Mass held weekly on Tuesday has resumed.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Fr Barry O'Connor sm

Anniversaries: James O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Nora Johnson

Prayers for the Sick: Denis O'Neill, 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, Barbara Sullivan



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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Sunday Masses

We have been given the all clear to go ahead with Sunday Masses by using a registration system provided by the Archdiocese to keep numbers to 100 maximum. Please visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/mass-registrations/ and complete the form to register for the Mass of your choice. Registrations are open from 9am Wednesday to 12pm Friday. If your preferred Mass is full this system allows you to see other Masses with spaces available in the area. If you do not have access to the Archdiocese website or are having trouble you can call the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 to book.

Final Young Church Mass 2021

On Sunday 21 November at 5pm, Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay. All young people are welcome!

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Held by Zoom on Sundays at 3pm.
Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260
Passcode: hra2h3

Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Perhaps you know someone who is curious about the Catholic faith? The Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which adults are gradually introduced to the Catholic faith and way of life. St Mary of the Angels Parish will be holding an introductory evening for those interested. Parishioners, please invite someone whom you know to be interested in our Catholic Faith and pray for the RCIA Candidates, Sponsors, and Leaders. If you would like more information or wish to enrol please contact the parish office at 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz.

Passionist Family Group

Mixed 4's PFG is having their November gathering in the courtyard at St Joseph's - a shared BBQ on Tuesday 23 November at 6pm. We will adjourn inside if the weather is inclement - so we'll be there rain hail or shine! Looking forward to seeing everyone. Mary-Ellen (maryellenleen@icloud.com)

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

Weekday Rosary Group

The rosary is said at 11.30am Monday-Thursday, and after the midday Mass on Friday. All are welcome to join.

Catholic Responses to the End-of-Life Choice Act

With the End-of-Life Choice Act coming into effect on 7 November and NZCBC issuing guidelines for ministering with people contemplating assisted dying, we are running an online event entitled "Catholic Responses to the End-of-Life Choice Act" held on Wednesday 1 December from 6pm-7pm presented by Dr John Kleinsman (Director of the Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics) and Rev Dr Mervyn Duffy (CTC Degree Programme Head). Please visit the Nathaniel Centre Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/TheNathanielCentre to find details to register.

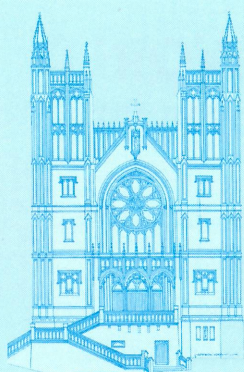
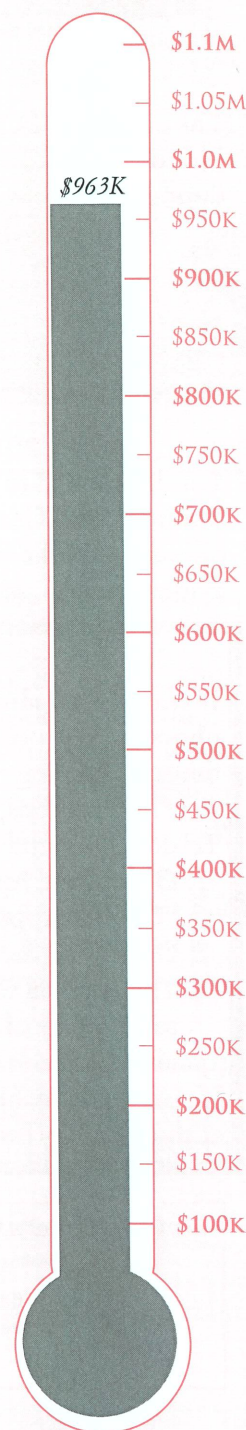
Food for Faith

Food for Faith offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

Columban Calendars

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

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

I would like to help preserve the St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre.

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Senior Social Worker

Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to join our dynamic team in Wellington. This full time role –is 37.5 hours per week. For a copy of the job description or additional information please contact us. 04 385 8642. Please email your CV and covering letter to reception@wn.catholic.org.nz. Applications close at 3pm on Monday 10 January 2022.

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.

Everything Blessed - Just Launched!

To bless all homes with beauty. Everything Blessed is a Christian Kiwi Youth initiative that is passionate about art and artist all over the country. All artwork is professionally imprinted into quality German Etching paper. Please visit www.everyblessed.co.nz

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 November at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be recorded hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction.

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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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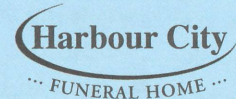
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