

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Including St Joseph's, Mount Victoria

Church and Presbytery:

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Wellington Central

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Parish website: www.smoa.org.nz

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 9.30am

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.

28 November 2021, 1st Sunday of Advent

St Mary of the Angels Summarised Financials for Parishioners

It will be no surprise to our parishioners that the Church has been closed for many weeks as a response to the Covid-19 outbreak. This has had a dramatic effect on our ability to worship together and on the parish finances as the cash and envelope contributions from Mass collections have been absent over the lockdown period.

The St Mary of the Angels Finance Committee have been working very hard with Father Mowbray to reorganise our budget for the 2021-2022 year covering the costs associated with financing the church and keeping the essential parish pastoral activities going.

We have made several changes, with the approval of the Parish Pastoral Council, to try to make ends meet in the coming year. You will note from the enclosed financial report and budget that, at the moment, it is looking like we will make a \$40,000 loss. There are some strategies we have put in place to minimise the loss, but the longer the Covid-19 restrictions go on, the tighter our finances will get.

As always, we are so grateful for the financial contributions our parishioners make and, with God's blessing, we face the year ever hopeful.

Warm regards from the Parish Finance Committee.

Stephen Lucy

Chairman

St Mary of the Angels Finance Committee

As we are entering in to the new Liturgical year, this is the time where we put up the Advent wreath and we use the colour purple, the colour preserved royalty in ancient times, indicating that our time to remember the arrival of our King is near. The Choir sings festive hymns and everyone has a hint of excitement as summer is almost here and Christmas is near. Advent has a way of bringing out our feelings of nostalgia. We remember the traditions we grew up with, we watch Christmas movies, we listen to carols, and we put up our Christmas trees. All this invoking in us nostalgic feelings of peace and excitement. As we come to celebrate another Christmas in an environment changed by COVID we hope that as a Parish we can come together within the restrictions and still make this Advent one to celebrate. From next Friday, 3 December, the use of vaccine passes will be in play for those Masses that require them. If you need help getting your vaccine pass please pop into the office with identification during the week and one of the Parish staff can help set you up. We understand these next few weeks will be a learning time for all and we hope we can work together within the government guidelines to continue God's work.

Abby Cummins—Parish Manager

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

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

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

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

Your redemption is near at hand.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalm: 125

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,629

Automatic Payments: \$2,620

Total: \$6,249

Change of Sunday Mass Time at St Joseph's

From today, 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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Fr Barry O'Connor sm

Anniversaries: James O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Nora Johnson, Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley, Veronica Rigby, Marjorie Feitsma

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.

Responsorial Psalm 24

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

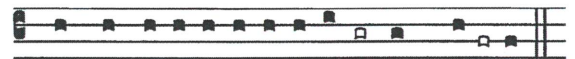
The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**



Ad te Dómi-ne le-vá-vi á-ni-mam me-am.

To thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

Masses not requiring Vaccine Passes

From December 3 when New Zealand enters the new Traffic Light system the **7am Sunday Mass** at St Mary of the Angels will be a Mass where Vaccine Passes will not be required. Those attending this Mass will need to register attendance on the Archdiocese Mass registration website. We understand a maximum of 50 can register.

Also on December 3, the **5.15pm Weekday Mass** will resume and will also be a Mass where Vaccine Passes are not required. There is no need to register for this Mass.

5.15pm Mass to Resume on 1 December

On 1 December the 5.15pm Mass will resume. From 3 December this Mass WILL NOT require a Vaccine Pass.

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Sunday Masses

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.

Social Justice Hui

What are the needs of our combined St Mary's and St Joseph's city church communities? What is our mission? Come along and listen to a short presentation from a range of groups in our church community. Join in discussion and reflection to better identify the needs and our role in supporting each other and especially the vulnerable in our community. Held in the Bill Pearce room at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 11 December from 4pm to 6pm.

Christmas Jigsaw Raffle

In the Year of St Joseph a jigsaw to please the whole family. Have fun together dismantling and reassembling the jigsaw. Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. All proceeds to the Parish Centre Project. Tickets on sale after each Sunday Mass in the Season of Advent.



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 on **Tuesday 4 December at 6pm** in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome. Parishioners, please invite someone whom you know may be interested in our Catholic Faith and pray for the RCIA Candidates, Sponsors, and Leaders. If you would like more information please contact the parish office at 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz

Food for Faith

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

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

St Joseph's Working Bee

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Christmas. Many hands make light work! We would be particularly grateful for as many trailers, utes, trucks and station wagons as possible to help take garden refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to. Held at 9am on Saturday 4 December.

National March for Life will be ONLINE

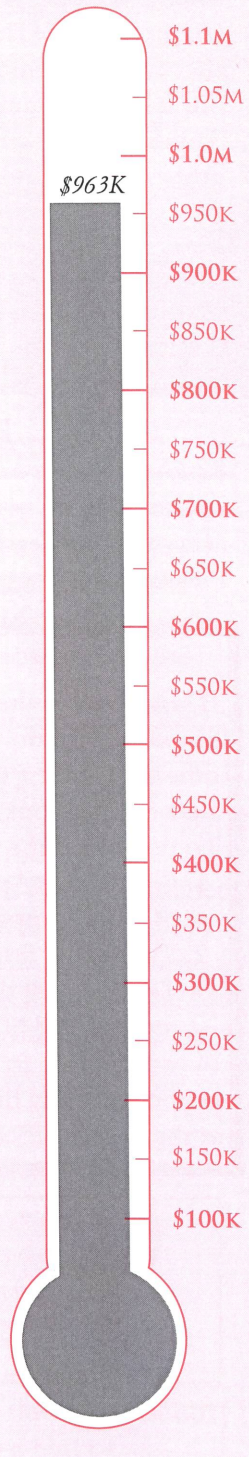
This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, our National March for Life is going to look a little different. Instead of coming together to March at Parliament on Saturday 4 December, we're asking you to be a voice for the voiceless at your home AND to join us online for an exciting, motivating event. Depending on your local COVID-19 regulations, join up with family and friends to take part wherever you are. This means more people can participate than ever before! **Saturday 4 December at 2pm.**

www.marchforlife.nz/online

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

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

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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I would like to make a regular payment of \$ to be paid each month year for 2 years.

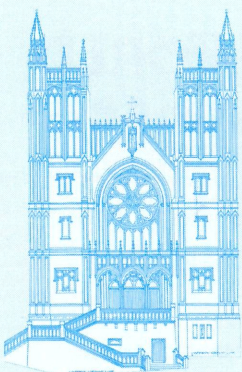
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Please return your completed slip following your donation to ensure we have your details to issue a receipt.

Bank Account Details:

SMOA - Parish Centre Upgrade
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Kotahitanga Annual Appeal

The KOTAHITANGA Annual Appeal is an invitation to join with one another and Catholic Social Services to support our local communities through the actions of Kotahitanga – unity, togetherness, and collective action. Working together with local groups and individuals to address community needs is the best way forward and has been proven by the success of our initiatives in 2020/2021. Please consider helping us to help our local communities by making a donation to the Kotahitanga Annual Appeal. To donate online, please visit:

<https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate?src=nav>

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

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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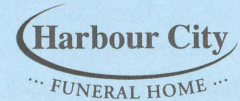
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St Mary of the Angels Parish

Year ended 31 March 2020	Year ended 31 March 2021		Budget Year ending 31 March 2022
		Income	
\$292,460	\$248,049	Sunday collections	\$285,490
\$7,679	\$4,774	First Friday collection	\$6,000
\$49,925	\$48,540	Donations - Church Maintenance	\$47,140
\$3,450	\$44,668	Donations - Parish Deficit/General Expenses/Other	\$7,000
\$32,131	\$20,171	Votive Candle Income	\$29,000
\$21,125	\$13,760	Parking	\$27,000
\$16,050	\$8,680	Funerals, weddings	\$8,330
\$15,600	\$15,600	Flat Rental	\$2,400
\$8,341	\$6,255	Hall Hire	\$2,070
\$7,950	\$1,750	Church Hire for Concerts	\$1,750
\$12,000	\$0	Bequests	\$0
\$0	\$11,230	Covid-19 Wage Subsidy	\$0
\$9,322	\$5,641	Other	\$3,848
\$476,032	\$429,117		\$420,028
		Expenses	
\$153,143	\$125,237	Archdiocesan levy (contribution to clergy fund, etc)	\$145,902
\$64,119	\$75,200	Insurance	\$83,654
\$64,790	\$60,768	Salaries for administration	\$70,192
\$33,378	\$32,588	Music / Choir	\$35,298
\$25,757	\$25,844	Rates	\$29,306
\$21,117	\$18,922	Repairs / Maintenance (including fire, security, lift)	\$21,324
\$22,568	\$27,650	Repairs / Maintenance - Church	\$15,000
\$10,122	\$10,697	Printing Expenses (including Angelus, photocopying)	\$12,337
\$12,107	\$10,873	Light, Heat & Gas	\$12,000
\$5,486	\$7,124	Votive Candle Expenses	\$7,135
\$4,746	\$3,090	Car expenses	\$4,860
\$11,796	\$8,630	Depreciation (cars, computers)	\$2,027
\$25,074	\$25,435	Other expenses	\$20,972
\$454,205	\$432,058	Total Expenses	\$460,008
\$21,828	(\$2,941)	(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$39,980)

NB: The above figures do not include St Josephs' church.

The full audited financial statements for the Parish are on the Parish website and also on the Charities Services website.