

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Including St Joseph's, Mount Victoria

Church and Presbytery:

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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 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.

23 January 2021, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome Back...

As I sat down to write the front page for the first Angelus of the year the theme song for a 1970's sitcom, "Welcome Back Kottler," kept playing in my head... "Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back..." Indeed as normal routines and schedules resume in our parish it is fitting that we welcome each other back. Speaking of being welcoming, we welcome Fr Frank Bird sm to our community and parish.

Being welcoming is a good theme to reflect on as our parish begins this year. We can reflect on, as a parish, how welcoming of people were we in the year just ended. Did we make the effort to be hospitable to others? Did we introduce ourselves to complete strangers who may have been new to the parish? Were we encouraging each other to get involved more fully in the life of the parish?

In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims that the year of favour is already happening at this very moment, that with His coming the "Year of Favour" is upon us. The year of favour Jesus refers to is not a calendar year but an affirmation that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is now with us and will remain with us till the end of time. We know that Christ is welcoming of all people, no matter what their status in life is, what ethnic group they belong to, or whatever their political views may be. He has a special love and concern for the marginalized of our society, the poor, the sick, the lonely, the imprisoned, and the discarded. If we have to ask, who we are meant to be welcoming to, Christ, whom we follow, has given us the blueprint by His actions and words. To be Christ-like is to be welcoming. In this "Year of Favour" how are we going to be welcoming of others?

"WELCOME BACK, WELCOME BACK, WELCOME BACK..."

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10
They red form the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21
The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Psalm: 70

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31- 13:13

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$1,964
Automatic Payments:	\$2,130
Total: \$4,094	

Covid Alert Level Orange

While we are at Alert Level Orange ALL Masses and Reconciliation times are running as per the normal timetable. At SMOA the 5.15pm Weekday Mass and the 7am Sunday Mass are the only Masses that do not require a Vaccine Pass. All Masses at St Joseph's Church require a Vaccine Pass. You must register for the 7am Sunday Mass by emailing office.manager@smoa.org.nz. Registrations open 3 days prior to each Mass.

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 18

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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 precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

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

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

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock. **R.**

Registrations for Masses that DO NOT require a Vaccine Pass

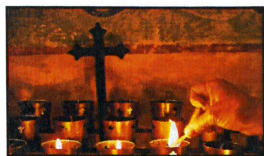
The Archdiocese mass registration service is no longer active. To register for the St Mary of the Angels 5pm Sunday Mass you must email office.manager@smoa.org.nz with the names of those you are registering and a phone number. Registrations will be open from Wednesday 9am until Friday 12pm the week prior to each Mass. A maximum of 50 people can register.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Manuel Joaquim dos Reis, Gafatasi Koleta So'otaga, Bill McLaughlin, Ted Ramsbottom, Shirley Binks, Cath O'Connor, Yolanda Stipkovits

Anniversaries: Alan Shapleski, William Lyons, Virginia Turner, Veronica Reynolds, Patrick Darroch, Joan McGrath, Marianna Grinskis

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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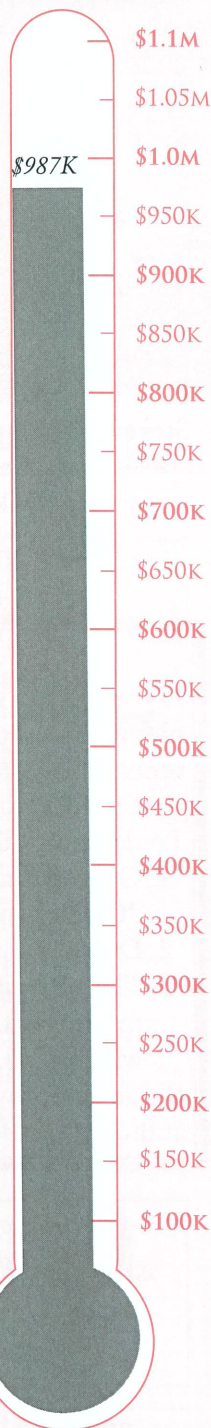
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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



Hi From Fr Frank

Hi everyone. I am delighted to join the Marist community and parish team here at St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's. I have just returned from 9 years working in the Marist Mission Ranong on the Thailand Burma Border. I have enjoyed being involved with Health and Education Programmes for Burmese Migrants children and families. I have been waiting for several months to come home to New Zealand and it is wonderful to finally come to live and work in Wellington. I look forward to supporting parish life and meeting everyone while I also complete a Masters in Education at Victoria University for the next 18 months. Thanks for welcoming me into the parish family.

Fr Frank Bird

Role Vacancy - NZCBC Manager

The closing date for applications for the new Manager role with the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference in Wellington has been extended to 5pm on Wednesday 9 February. Full details about the role and how to apply are here: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-manager-apply/

Results of Raffle

Congratulations to John and Susan Thomson on winning the St Joseph's jigsaw puzzle raffle. Thank you to all who bought tickets to the raffle and contributed to the fundraising efforts towards the Parish Centre project.

St Mary of the Angels Church Centenary

This year we will be celebrating the Centenary of the Consecration and opening of the Church of St Mary of the Angel's. Please keep the weekend of Friday 25 March until Sunday 27 March free for a weekend of liturgy and music to honour 100 years in our church.

Prayer for Parish Centre Project

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, you made us in your own image and likeness.

You gave us wisdom and understanding, grateful hearts and creative minds.

We pray that our Parish Centre will be strengthened against the peril of earthquake through the generosity of parishioners, the community of Wellington and people throughout New Zealand.

We ask, Lord, that you abundantly bless those who have already donated funds, skill and expertise to this project.

May St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre be a symbol of a unified community that will gather to praise and thank you.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.

World Marriage Day and St Valentine's Day

Cardinal John Dew invites you to join in a celebration of love on St Valentine's Day, Monday 14 February at 6.30pm at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria.

Sunday 13 February is World Marriage Day and the NZ Catholic Network of Marriage Educators have arranged an on-line presentation providing inspirational hope and practical tips for building a lasting relationship at 7pm that evening. Take part in this as a 'date night' with your spouse in the comfort of your own home! For details on how to join in, please email Felicity Giltrap at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

World Day of the Sick

Held on 12 February, 2pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion. Join us at the Home of Compassion for an afternoon of pilgrimage and prayer led by Fr James Lyons, followed by a time of hospitality. The afternoon will begin in the Chapel at 2pm and we will then process to the Lourdes Grotto in the grounds of the Home. For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

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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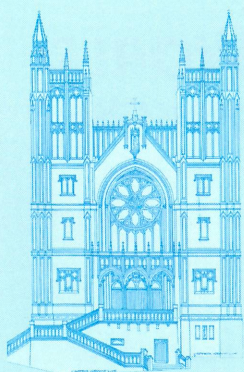
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Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

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 is currently holding the RCIA programme that is run once a year. The next meeting of the RCIA programme will be held on 1 February 2022. Parishioners, please continue to 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

Synod Timing

The bishops believe dioceses and parishes will be welcoming the Vatican's four-month extension for the local phase of the Synod process. The deadline of the first (local) phase of the two-year international synodal process has been extended from next April to next 15 August. NZCBC Secretary Bishop Steve Lowe says the original timeframe was difficult for Southern Hemisphere countries because of our summer holiday period, with the Covid-19 restrictions making face-to-face contact hard. More information:

www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/local-synod-timing/

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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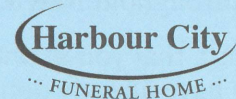
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