

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 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.

30 January 2021, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greetings everyone. I thank everyone for the warm welcome this week and I look forward to gradually meeting people at both the St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's Parish.

I was at a meeting this week and someone started the meeting with a prayer: "Thank you God for this difficult time....". I was a bit surprised as I hadn't heard many people be 'thankful' for this time of Covid. It is creating lots of difficulties for our daily lives. But this person shared an attitude of turning challenges into opportunities. God is at work and can lead us through all our challenges. Busy lives can slow down. Time spent in travel can become available for stillness and prayer. People sharing their needs with us can turn into opportunities for compassion and building community. Covid can enable us to become mindful of what is really important. We can journey from anger to understanding; and from fear to faith.

As people may make choices to stay at home or work from home, let's not allow covid to make us feel distant from God, the Church and each other. Perhaps we can use this opportunity to create a sacred place and space in our homes or work places. Arrange a chair in a special place for prayer. Clear a table and create a space with a candle and bible or prayer book. Grow a desire to encounter meeting with Jesus in the Word. Listen to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our desires through journal writing or drawing. Learn to pray for each other and those we miss being with.

As we again enter into restrictions of numbers for Sunday Masses, let us continue to understand the need to care for each other by choosing to follow health guidelines. And as Pope Francis shares with us, these challenging times are an opportunity for the Church to 'be a light' in the darkness. Let us continue to be a prayerful community of St Mary of the Angels and St Josephs actively aware of people who may be suffering around us and offer them any support we can.

Fr Frank Bird

Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

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

I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

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

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm: 137

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$1,641

Automatic Payments: \$4,943

Total: \$6,584

Covid Alert Level Red

While we are at Alert Level Red ALL Masses and Reconciliation times are running as per the normal timetable. At SMOA the 5.15pm Weekday Masses 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 all Sunday Masses by visiting www.wn.catholic.org.nz/mass-registrations. Registrations are open from 9am Wednesday until 12pm Friday. If you are having trouble registering, please email the Parish Office. 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 70

R. I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:

pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,

a mighty stronghold to save me;

for you are my rock, my stronghold.

Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,

my trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth,

from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice

and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth

and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

My mouth shall shew forth Thy justice.

World Marriage Day - St Valentine's Day and Waitangi Day Mass CANCELLED

Unfortunately due to the move into the Covid-19 red light restriction these Masses are no longer able to go ahead. Mass on Waitangi Day Holiday, Monday 7 February will be at 9am only.

St Joseph's Church Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday 8.30am Mass will resume on Tuesday 1 February.

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: Sandra Moran, Anthony Ford, Br Luke Paget sm, Brian McKeown, Stella Brown, Joan Shanahan, Sophie Robison, Matthew Barnett, Catherine Symes, Fr Gordie Kerrins sm, Adolf Eibl

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, 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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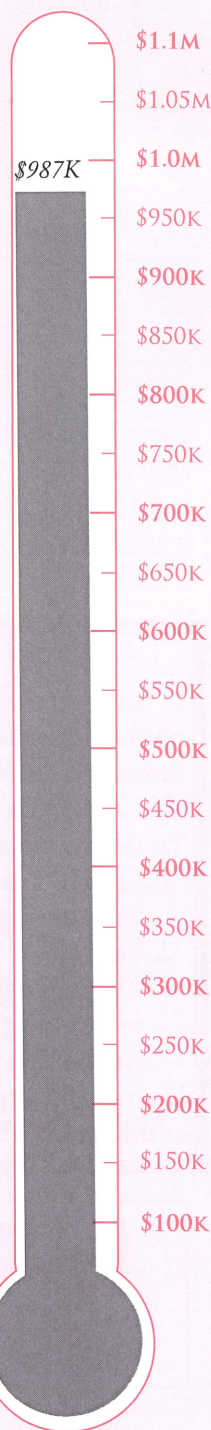
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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



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.

Parish Offices Closed During Red Light Restrictions

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

Volunteers Urgently Needed

We are in urgent need of volunteers to assist us with checking vaccine passes before the weekday masses at St Mary of the Angels Church. We are also needing volunteers to assist with checking registrations and passes at the Sunday Masses. If you are able to help please email office.manager@smoa.org.nz or phone 04 473 8074.

Collection at the End of Mass

During the Red Light restrictions the collection basket will be available by the exits. Please place your envelopes and donations into the basket on your way out, this is to avoid the basket being passed through many hands.

Tonga Relief Appeal

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has mobilized prepositioned supplies to be of immediate assistance, and will continue to work with Caritas Tonga to best assist those in need. We have also pledged a solidarity grant to go immediately to assist with the response to the disaster. If you would like to donate to the emergency relief work of Caritas in Tonga, Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund (www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) or via our bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 - please include your first & last name and put 'Tonga' as the code. Alternatively, you can donate by credit card over the phone by calling 0800 22 10 22.

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 at 6pm on 1 February at St Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria. 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

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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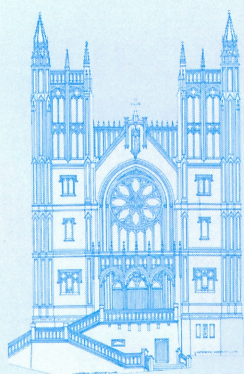
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Role Vacancy - NZCBC Manager

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/

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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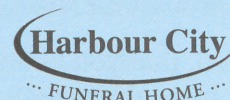
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