

# 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.

## 6 February 2021, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### “Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.”

This is one of the more famous quotes attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. The quote intimates that our witness to the Gospel is more effective when our behaviour is congruent with what we believe. We probably know Christians who are loud about the doctrines and morals of the Church but are far from living them themselves. So far so good.

The only trouble with this quote is that it subtly sets up a dichotomy between preaching the Gospel with words and our moral behaviour. It may lead us to believe that only those who are already perfect have ‘earned’ the right to witness to the Gospel. Or even worse, to believe that our faith can be reduced to good behaviour. After some digging (and with some relief), I discovered that St. Francis never said this.

If we consider Jesus Christ's calling of the Apostles and disciples, we see that he doesn't select perfect men and women. Before meeting Christ, those who will come preach the Gospel are often not known for their good behaviour. Peter is aware of his unworthiness to be sent on mission and falls at the feet of Christ: *‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’* Christ reassures Peter, that despite his sinfulness he shouldn't be afraid to be a ‘fisher of men’.

This accords with the Prophet Isaiah's felt unworthiness to be a messenger for the Lord: *‘I am a man of unclean lips,’* he cries. The Lord reaches down and purifies his lips with a live coal, both acknowledging Isaiah's sinfulness and rendering him worthy to preach.

For Peter, Isaiah, and us too, it is God who purifies and sends out to preach. In this line, St. Paul in his Letter to the Corinthians outlines our role as preachers of the Gospel.

I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

While it is good to be conscious of our own sinfulness, this shouldn't stop us from *preaching the Gospel*. The truth of the Gospel, despite our personal failures, still has power to save.

One of the silver linings of the Covid Pandemic is that discussions of a deeper nature often arise in work and family situations. These may be opportunities to share our hope in eternal life through the death and resurrection of Christ.

“Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words, they are necessary.”

Fr Havden Powick sm—Assistant Priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6: 1-8

*Here am I! Send me.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

*They left everything and followed him.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17: 5-8

**Psalm:** 1

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 17, 20-26



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,364

Automatic Payments: \$3,772

**Total: \$6,136**

## 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](http://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

## 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:** Graham Townsely, Patricia Lockhart QSM, Olive Drane, Richard Wright, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Grady

**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.*

## Responsorial Psalm 137

**R. In the sight of the angels  
I will sing your praises, Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.

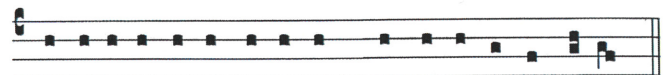
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**



Confi-tebor ti-bi Domi-ne in to-to corde me-o.

*I will praise thee O Lord with my whole heart.*

## Cancelled Events

Unfortunately due to the move into the Covid-19 red light restriction the below events that have been previously advertised are cancelled:

- World Marriage Day— St Valentine's Day on 14 Feb
- Waitangi Day Mass on 7 Feb
- World Day of the Sick on 12 Feb

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## WellCath - Young Adults Shared Picnic

WellCath is a social group for Catholic young adults in the greater Wellington region. Our first event of the year will be a shared picnic in the park. Meet us at 12pm on Saturday, 12 February outside St. Mary of the Angels Church on the lawn. Please bring a plate so we can all share some kai. If you have any questions please call or text us on 022 1707 585 or message us on our Facebook page.

## 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](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) or phone 04 473 8074.

## Guardians Needed

We are looking for two Guardians to fill spots on Thursdays, one for 1.30pm-2.30pm and 2.30pm-3.30pm. We also need one Guardian for Sunday 3pm-4pm from mid February. If you are interested, please phone Glennis on 027 169 1213, or email [posch@actrix.co.nz](mailto:posch@actrix.co.nz)

## Altar Servers Meeting

After the 11am Mass on Sunday 13 February there will be a short meeting for all men interested in serving at the 11am Mass. We will meet on the lawn area outside St. Mary of the Angels directly after the Mass. New comers most welcome.

## Adult Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

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 online at 7pm via Zoom 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](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:st.josephs.office@xtra.co.nz) or phone 04 385 0915

## 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.

## Adoration

Please join St Mary of the Angels Young Adults as they kickstart the year with their first Eucharistic Adoration event on Tuesday 8 February, straight after the 5.15 pm afternoon mass at SMOA. This will be followed by fellowship and dinner. We are a group of students and young professionals striving to live out and grow in our faith, and we would love for you to journey with us! New comers are very welcome. For more information, visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults](http://www.facebook.com/SMOAYoungAdults)

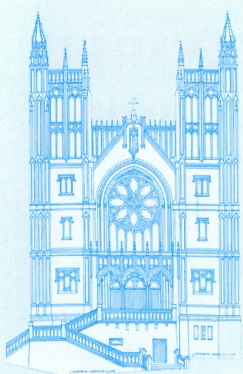
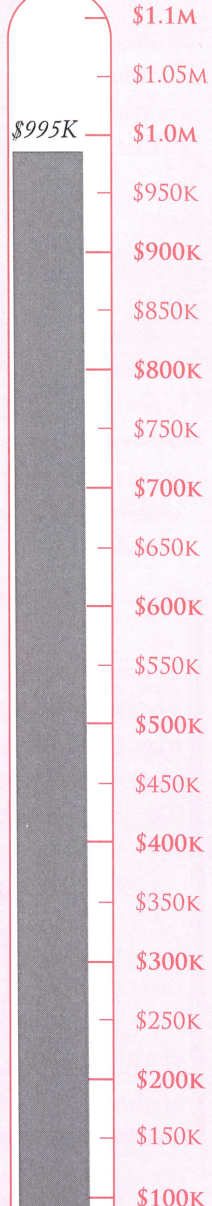
## St Joseph's Men's Book & Discussion Group Meeting

All Visitors Welcome. Held at 7.20pm on Tuesday February 8 at 7.30 pm at 32 Ellice St -adjoining the St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members. Phone John Dalgety on 04 3828788 for more info.

*Note the meeting will go ahead face to face under the following conditions:*

- Masking on arrival
- Show vaccine pass
- Keep a social distance of 1 meter

## PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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## Catholic Therapist

We are looking for recommendations of Catholic Therapists in Wellington. If you are someone, or you know someone who is a Catholic Therapist and has availability to take on new clients. Please contact the Parish office by phoning 04 473 8074 or email [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz)

## 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/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-manager-apply/)

## World Marriage Day

**Held on 13 February 2022 at 7.30 pm.** Save the date! "Building a Love that lasts!" Book in some intentional time as a married couple to enrich your relationship...right from the comfort of your own home! Grab some wine + cheese and tune in at 7.30 pm for a live talk by Megan and Nahum Kozak of Lighthouse Relationships. **Registration is free! Please visit [www.cdh.org.nz/events](http://www.cdh.org.nz/events)** for more info. This a nationwide event sponsored by the Catholic Network of Marriage Educators and promoted by ADW Marriage Ministries.

## 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.

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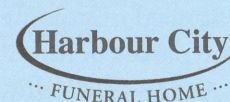
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