

# 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.*

**13 February 2022, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **The Beatitudes**

There is no human being in the world who does not want to be happy. There is only a difference of opinion about what happiness is and how to attain it. Happiness implies that certain desires are being satisfied; and since our desires are never fully satisfied, a happy person trusts, has hope, for more to come. Happiness is beautiful, but it always prompts the question; what about tomorrow?

There are people who want instant happiness. "I am only young once; let's live it up!" Others search for happiness in an affluent life. What about getting old and facing the end? Many want happiness - even if necessary at the cost of destroying the well-being of others.

We should see the Beatitudes in today's reading as a challenge to perfection directed to all who seriously search for happiness. "Blest are the poor... Woe to the rich." It is true that the poor feel the insufficiency of the human condition, hence the felt need for God, more so than the rich.

Jesus himself is the message of happiness. The blessed of the kingdom starts today, it is both present and is to come. It reaches us already in the person of Jesus Christ, in the poor, the persecuted. He took to himself the cause of all unhappy ones of this world. In the midst of sufferings and privations the followers of Christ can rejoice and be happy.

We live in a world today which is divided not only between rich and poor nations, but where divisions are found between every nation and society. Today's poor are happy not because the prospect of coming wealthy, but because the kingdom of Heaven is promised to them, their hope is in the Lord.

More than ever today, the Church must welcome to itself people from every continent and island, the crowds of the poor. She must remain open to all in need; she offers them union with Christ, provided they offer themselves to God and accept His ways and values.

*Sister Frances Gibbs*

*Pastoral Worker*

### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17: 5-8  
*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20  
*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 17, 20-26  
*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Psalm:** 102

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 27-38



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$1,656

Automatic Payments: \$5,763

**Total: \$7,419**

### 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, Ellis Meachen



*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.*

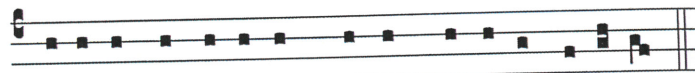
### Responsorial Psalm I

**R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**



Be-a-tus vir cu-jus est nomen Domi-ni spes e-jus.

*Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord.*

### 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)

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## Marist Messenger

Marist Messengers are available to purchase for \$6 from the back of the Church. Details on subscriptions are available inside each book as there is unfortunately no promotion this year due to lockdowns. If you can't make it into the Church please contact the Parish Office and we can send it out to you.

## 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

During the Red Light restrictions the collection basket will be carried around by the collectors. Please place your envelopes and donations into the basket on their way past, this is to avoid the basket being passed through many hands.

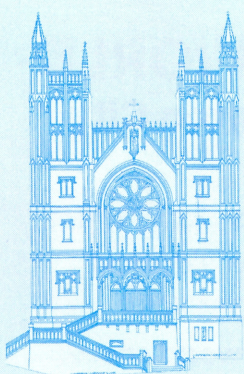
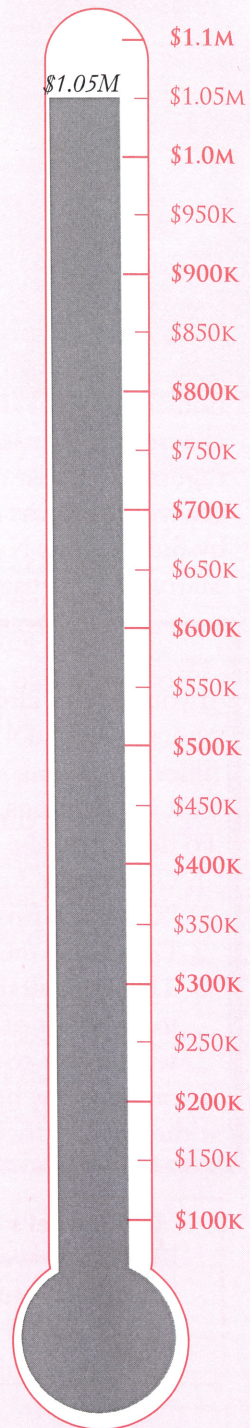
## Lenten Reflection Group

Each week during lent we will hold an online group working through the Caritas Lenten Reflection material based on the Sunday Gospels. The theme for the program this year is "Called to be Peacemakers". The reflection material can be downloaded directly from the Caritas website and used for individual personal study. Booklets can also be purchased for \$2 each. If you would like to take part in an organised group which will be held using a zoom format beginning Tuesday 1st March please email John Feeney at [Johnfeeney57@gmail.com](mailto:Johnfeeney57@gmail.com).  
*Parish Social Justice Group.*

## WellCath Shared Picnic - Postponed

Due to a forecast of heavy rain we have moved the picnic to Saturday 19 February. 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 on Saturday 19 February at 12pm outside St. Mary of the Angels on the lawn. Please bring a plate to share. If you have any questions please contact us on 022 1707 585 or message our Facebook page.

## PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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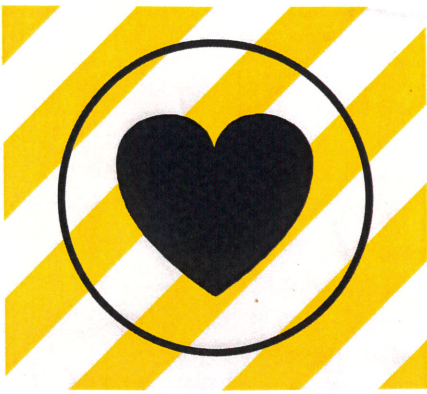
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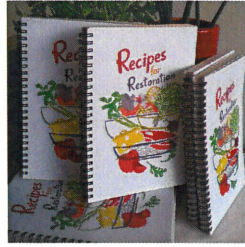
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### Cook Book Fundraiser

Copies of **Recipes for Restoration** are still available for purchase in the Church. This book is a 'must have' for every parishioner's kitchen, and a great gift idea. The cost is \$15 and payment can go into the St Theresa donation box in the back of the Church.



### 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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