

# The Angelus

**St Mary of the Angels Parish**

**Including St Joseph's, Mount Victoria**

**Church and Presbytery:**

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**Parish website: [www.smoa.org.nz](http://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*

## **Parish Priest**

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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

### **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**

#### **St Mary of the Angels Church**

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.

#### **St Joseph's Church**

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm.

## 20 February 2022, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Omicron and the Church**

Parliamentarians and all who live and work near Molesworth Street must be wondering how and when the current protests – some of the most determined and provocative seen anywhere in New Zealand in recent years - are ever going to end. Whatever our thoughts about the varied intentions of the protesters the depth and strength of their feelings cannot be doubted. We can only hope and pray that wise heads guide all who are most directly affected in and around Molesworth Street and, consequently, that there will be no incidents or actions, verging towards violence, that give rise to long-lasting animosity and bitterness.

Down the other end of the city centre we are also struggling to come to terms with how the latest version of the Covid virus will affect our parish life. Omicron, as we know, may well be less lethal but it is certainly more infectious than other variants of the virus. We have seen infection rates soar dramatically this past week. Epidemiologists tell us that the statistics for infection will only keep climbing for the foreseeable future. And so, the Government, in order to maintain essential services, most especially our Health system, has continued to insist upon every New Zealander observing certain restrictive guidelines. These guidelines have and will continue to impact our parish life. Three, in particular, I would like to draw to your attention.

Firstly, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our celebrations to commemorate the centenary of the church of St Mary of the Angels. These celebrations were due to take place over the weekend beginning on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, the Feast of the Annunciation. We now hope to celebrate the centenary later this year in August around the Feast of the Assumption.

Secondly, the Archbishop has communicated to each parish guidelines for the celebration of Ash Wednesday and the Easter ceremonies. These guidelines will, hopefully, allow us to celebrate these great feasts while at the same time lessening chances of infection by limiting as much as possible any contact between persons. These guidelines will be communicated in a timely fashion.

Thirdly, we have to prepare for the very real possibility that one of the priests on the staff will become infected with Omicron. If that happens we must all be prepared for an immediate closure of the parish (i.e. no masses, confessions or other sacramental celebrations) because all the other priests, as close contacts, will be obliged to isolate. We ask for your understanding as we do our best to make sure everyone knows if such a closure is necessary.

Some good news to finish with! Our newly renovated and strengthened parish centre is nearly complete. It is looking great and I am very proud of and grateful to everyone in the parish for such a successful project. Thank you many times over!

Kia kaha!

*Fr Kevin Mowbray sm*  
*Parish Priest*

## This Week's Readings

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

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

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

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Sirach 27: 4-7

**Psalm:** 91

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 39-45



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$1,200

Automatic Payments: \$2,555

**Total: \$3,755**

## 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

## Responsorial Psalm 102

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

## Food for Faith

Fr John O'Connor from the National Liturgy Office has set up a website that includes daily reflections, prayer requests, podcasts and much more. Please visit [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

## 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)

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently deceased:** Declan Curley

**Anniversaries:** Fr Ken Scully sm, Rt Hon sir Ian McKay, Imelda Reeve, Thomas Duignan, Richard Bruynel, Marivac Del Rosario, Joan Abbott, Cecilia Dickson, Leslie Kriebel, Pauline Ritchie, Donald McIvor, Janis Horan, Fr Barry Edwards

**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.*

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## Testing Positive After Attending Mass

After moving into phase two of the Omicron outbreak due to the large amount of daily positive cases, contact tracing will not be as reliable as it has been previously. We ask that if you test positive for Covid and you have been to a Mass, church gathering or inside one of the Churches, please let us know so we can act quickly to keep our Parish safe. We assure you that sharing this information will be kept confidential.

## Ash Wednesday Masses—8 March

### St Mary of the Angel's Church

**Masses:** 7.30am, 12.05pm, 1pm and 5.15pm\*

**Reconciliation:** 11am-12pm, 1.30pm-2pm

*\*Mass for those without Vaccine Passes, limited to 25 people.*

### St Joseph's Church

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 7 March, instead it will be held on Ash Wednesday at 8.30am

## 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)

## Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 February beginning at 7.30 pm in the Connolly Hall chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, You Tubed singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction.

## Young Adults – Day Tramp

The young adults of St. Mary of the Angels and St. Josephs are invited to walk the Skyline Walkway on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> (from Makara Saddle to the summit of Mount Kaukau). The walk will take about 5hrs. We will leave from the Makara end at 10am. Please bring lunch and good shoes. Weather and Covid permitting. Contact Fr. Hayden at [haydenpowick@hotmail.com](mailto:haydenpowick@hotmail.com)

## 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 down loaded 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.*

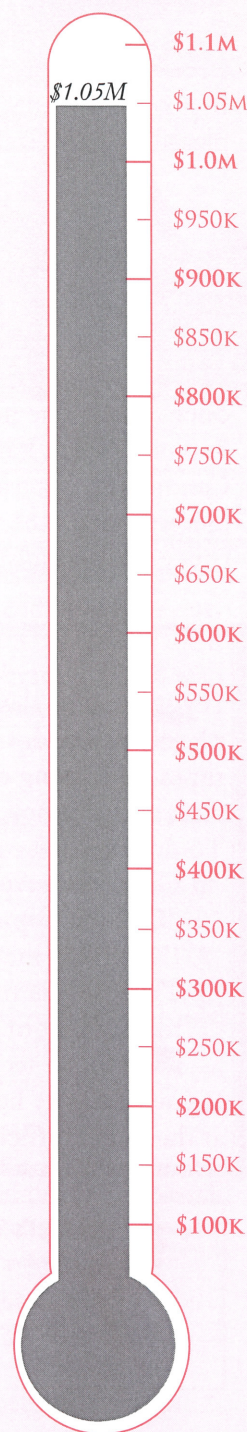
## Want to know more about your faith?

Study a course online anywhere in Aotearoa with the Catholic Theological College. Courses starting soon are:

- Interpreting the New Testament
- What Catholics Believe

For more information contact Ann King [a.king@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:a.king@ctc.ac.nz) or visit our website at [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz)

# PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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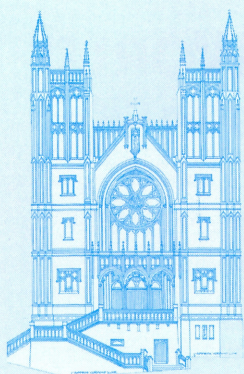
*Please provide your name and address (or Parish Planned Giving/Envelope number) as reference. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.*

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

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\$50,000  \$20,000  \$10,000  \$5,000  \$2,000  \$1,000  \$500  \$200  Other \$  please specify

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



## 40 Days for Life

Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives! 2nd March to 10th April - Monday to Friday - 7 am to 1pm & Saturdays 8 am to Noon. Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting and keeping vigil outside the local abortion facility, Te Mahoe, Newtown, for one hour of prayer with two or three people needed to cover each hour. Be a positive, peaceful and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be her last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. To find out more and to sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) or email [wellington40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:wellington40daysforlife@gmail.com)

## 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)

## 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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