

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

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.

27 February 2022, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's gospel reading concludes Luke's account of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, which we have been hearing over the past two Sundays. This is similar to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. As a man on a mission – to reveal God to us - Jesus would have repeated the same message to the different crowds who gathered around him in various places. He wants us to see God's intention and desire for our lives.

The blessings and the woes in the first part of the sermon, show Jesus' care for all as he calls the rich to practice justice and the poor to have hope. In the second part last Sunday, we heard how we should strive to love as God loves – "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you". This seems too hard because we are human, but we know that God is merciful and forgiving of our human failure. Jesus tells us, and it is comforting to know, that being merciful and forgiving ourselves is a good place to start.

The sermon concludes this week with Jesus' caution about criticizing the faults of those around us, without being aware of or while denying our own. The protest at parliament over the past two weeks has highlighted that the meaning of 'the log in our eye' can be broader than this. Ironically, the information overload of our modern times can lead us to become more narrow-minded. We must therefore always seek information from reliable and authoritative sources and be aware of the influences behind our thinking and world view. Today we are much more aware of the reality of 'unconscious' bias. The gospel calls on us to actively work to correct for this in our perceptions and interactions with others. We must try to understand the other's point of view even if we don't agree with it, to have any hope of building bridges across the divide.

It all boils down to what is in our hearts – that deepest center of our lives and consciousness and action. What or who does it belong to? If it belongs to God, if we have God at our center, then we have hope and love and wisdom. Everything falls into the right order.

Anna Kozyniak

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7
Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Victor has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45
A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Psalm: 90

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$1,576

Automatic Payments: \$3,128

Total: \$4,704

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, apart from Ash Wednesday where there will be no Mass for those without Vaccine Passes. Ashes will be available at the 5.15pm Mass on Thursday 3 March.

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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Declan Curley

Anniversaries: Fr Michael O'Meehan sm, Edward Hunt, John Morris, Nelson Nunns, Mary O'Brien, Jack Wills, Aileen Gallagher, Jan Tuinman, Richard Mansor

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, 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 91

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing sap when they are old, still full sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Lenten Reflection

If you are interested in taking part in this years Caritas Lenten Reflection programme as part of an online group please email johnfeeney57@gmail.com to join the group. The theme this year is "we are called to be peacemakers". You can also download an online copy of the Caritas Lenten Reflection material by going to caritas.org.nz/resources and looking up Lent, Parishes, Booklet ... to complete programme on an individual basis. Ph John Feeney on 04 386 4956 for more information.

Guardians Needed

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office on 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz

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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—2 March

St Mary of the Angel's Church

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

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

The 5.15pm Mass on Ash Wednesday will be a Mass for those with Vaccine Passes. Ashes will be available at the 5.15pm Mass on Thursday 3 March for those without Vaccine Passes.

St Joseph's Church

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 1 March, instead it will be held on Ash Wednesday at 8.30am

Communications Assistant Vacancy

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is looking for a communications Assistant. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. We are looking for a Communications Assistant to join our team here in the Caritas Office in Wellington. This role supports our communications with donors, parishes, schools and tangata whenua communities. For a copy of the role description please contact Roger Ellis, Engagement Manager – rogere@caritas.org.nz or call 021 526 264.

Experienced Social Worker

Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to join our dynamic team in Wellington. This full time role is 37.5 hours per week. For a copy of the job description or additional information please contact us on 043858642. Please email your CV and covering letter to reception@wn.catholic.org.nz Applications close 3pm, Wednesday 16 March 2022.

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

Congratulations to Mineke and Hank Rood

Congratulations to Mineke and Hank Rood, Parishioners of St Mary of the Angels Church, who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this Thursday.

Inspiring Women

A free concert celebrating International Women's Day with Organists Judy Dumbleton and Dianne Halliday. Held on 8 March, 12.15pm at St Peter's Church, 211 Willis Street.

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

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 or visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz

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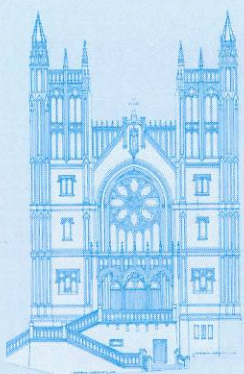
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40 Days for Life

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 or email wellington40daysforlife@gmail.com



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.



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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