

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

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.

6 March 2022, 1st Sunday of Lent

Lent

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ. As a journey that will last for about six and half weeks, the Lenten season presents to us the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. It exposes us to other dimensions of life, and thus, equips us for the glory of Easter.

The first reading begins with a very brief account from Moses about how God delivered His chosen people Israel from bondage in the land of Egypt. Therefore, this reminds us of our own salvific journey. This Lenten season, we are on a journey to our salvation, and the hope of this salvation must sustain us throughout this season and beyond.

The second reading presents another dimension to this journey towards salvation. It presents faith as a necessary tool that must be manifested through our confessions. Without faith, it will be practically impossible to reach our destination. Faith in this case is the energy that motivates us as we march on. If along this journey this season, we become weary, turning to Jesus is the best option available to us. If we call upon Him in faith, we shall find the strength to continue. We cannot prevail in this journey by our own strength alone.

This season therefore, we are to be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as our Lord was tempted today by the devil in the Gospel. It is important to note that the tempter is always looking for a point of contact or weakness. This was why, once he realized that Christ was very hungry he felt it was an opportunity to use Him. However, the good news is that the devil was wrong, because Christ did not give him the chance to use Him. Hence the devil cannot succeed with us too if we do not open avenues for him in our lives.

Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, this season, God is absolutely ready to do for us what He did for our fathers in faith in ancient times. So together with the psalmist today, let us unceasingly implore the Lord saying...

"Be with me, O Lord in my distress."

Fr Joe Saveasi sm

Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
The confession of faith of the elect.

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13
The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalm: 26

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17- 4 :1

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

	Last Sunday's Collection
	Sunday Collection: \$1,793
	Automatic Payments: \$5,222
Total: \$7,015	

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 90

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Declan Curley

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, 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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St Mary of the Angels Parish Office has Moved But Remains Closed

The St Mary of the Angels parish office has now moved back into the new Parish Centre. The office will remain closed to visitors while we are in the red light setting. If you need to speak to the office please phone 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz.

Lent Liturgies

With Lent having begun, the National Liturgy Office has a page featuring a page of preparation for liturgies for each Sunday in Lent. The page will be updated regularly. Please go here for the details: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/

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

All Visitors Welcome. **Tuesday 9 November at 7.30 pm** in the Bill Pearce Room - St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members. 15 mins towards the end of mtg to discuss Phil Hickey's idea. John Dalgety 027 338 3576.

Young Adult Adoration

Please join St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's Young Adults for their monthly Eucharistic Adoration event on Tuesday 8 March, 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 the St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Facebook page.

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.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington will hold a ZOOM meeting on Thursday 17 March 2022 starting at 7:30pm until 8:30pm. If you're not already receiving Joshua emails, contact Steve Ready 027-356-9555, for Zoom details.

Online Seminar:

Living Laudato Si' in Lent

2022 Thursday 10 March, 7.30-8.30pm

The Wellington EJP Commission's Integral Ecology Committee is offering an online seminar in Lent to assist individuals and families who would like to live more simply by reducing their carbon footprint part of Lenten practice. All are welcome. Presenters: Estelle and Stuart Henrys and Mgrs Gerard Burns. Please contact l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz to be emailed the online meeting details.

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

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.

Want to know more about your faith?

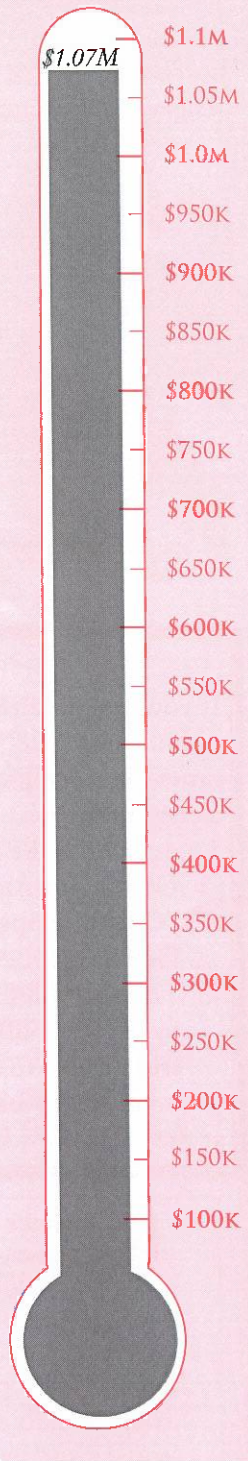
Study a course online anywhere in Aotearoa with the Catholic Theological College.

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

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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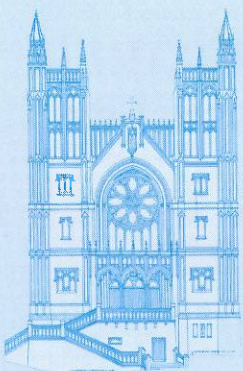
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Communications Assistant Vacancy

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.



Towards a Synodal Church

Church Mission is offering Zoom sessions for those who have not been able to join a Synod group in their parish. Registrations essential, l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz

Monday 21 March 11.00am-12 noon,
Tuesday 22 March 2.00pm-3.00pm
and Wednesday 23 March at 7.00pm

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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