

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

20 March 2022, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Repent and Grow

In this week's Gospel the Fig Tree Parable inspires us to realise our full potential and never stop growing in the social fabric of our lives. Lent is a time to reflect on our behaviour and change what is not good in the way we relate to others. Growing ourselves has twofold benefits – first we grow ourselves as individuals but in doing this we grow in realisation of leaving our footprint on this world and making it a better place. As members of the Body of Christ we are called to strive for cultural, economic and social conditions that will nurture all people in our nation, and wider afield.

Recent events in Aotearoa and throughout the World, remind us that we have great challenges ahead to be Peacemakers. Pope Francis leads us in a simple prayer that can help us on our journey towards peace- 'Lord, grant me the grace to become a good Christian, because I cannot do it on my own.' It could be daunting trying to solve even some of our own social problems in New Zealand, such as the increasing number of New Zealand children born into poverty. However together we can make bigger steps towards creating a society that promotes respect and love of all people, no matter what race, religion, gender affiliation, relationship status, mandate beliefs, or any other defining description of a person.

When we follow in the footsteps of Jesus we are called to listen to others who we may not understand, and not to make judgements. Life is difficult for many in these fragmented times, but being open to others in their fears and anxieties can go a long way in improving their wellbeing.

This week we have taken time for prayer in silence to remember those victims of the Mosque shooting. Some very uplifting themes have evolved since March 15th 2019, including the acceptance that as a very multicultural society, we will be enriched when we open our hearts to those who are different from us. On Tuesday I heard the live broadcast of the adhan (call to prayer) by Gamal Fouda, the Iman of Al Noor in Christchurch- this was eerie but beautiful. I listened to a young Muslim woman, who had lost a family member in the shooting, talk about a movement she is involved in to promote peace, she was inspiring, this was followed by Cat Stevens/Yusef singing the "Peace Train."

As our eyes turn in sadness to the war in Ukraine, we feel helpless but our prayer and giving can help. Our belief in a God of unconditional love, and our willingness to get on board the Peace Train will make a difference.

Over the last few days we have honoured St Patrick and our beloved hard working St Joseph quietly in our own homes. This year life is not as we know it, but out of the barren conditions, with God's love we will receive graces that will revive us. Next week 25th March, marks the centenary of St Mary of the Angels Church, because of the restrictions of the Red traffic light framework, the celebrations have been postponed until a later date. Finally we continue to pray for all those in our Parish family who are affected by Covid and not able to be with us in our Parish of St Mary of the Angels at this time. May they be uplifted by our prayers and care.

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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.

This Week's Readings


First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15
This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9
Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm: 33
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$709
Automatic Payments:	\$2,460
Total: \$3,169	

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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Declan Curley

Anniversaries: Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney, Fr Brian Quin sm, Fr Michael Tomasi

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 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed,
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **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.

St Mary of the Angel's Church Centenary

A reminder that the St Mary of the Angels Centenary is this Friday 25 March, celebrations have been postponed to later in the year once we move out of the red light setting.



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St Mary of the Angel's 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 is 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/

Vacancies for Prison Chaplains

Applications are sought from suitably qualified people for a number of Catholic chaplaincy positions in prisons in Hamilton and Dunedin dioceses of New Zealand. The successful applicants will become a member of a chaplaincy team providing spiritual and religious support to all prisoners. Chaplains work with prisoners as they encounter the challenges of incarceration and separation from loved ones and whānau. Visit here for details: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/vacancies-prisonchaplains/

Marist Seminary – Come and See Weekend

Could God be calling you to be a Marist Priest or Brother? Join the Marist Seminary for a weekend of retreat, prayer, input, and community. The weekend will be held from 8-10 April in Auckland. Please contact 021 025 78466 or vocations@smnz.org.nz for more information.

Caritas Lenten Appeal

A reminder to please take a Lenten Appeal envelope located on the tables in the Churches. This money goes towards work for a world free of poverty and injustice through community development, advocacy, education, and emergency relief.

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 March at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We will also be praying for peace in the world and especially for peace in Ukraine. Included in the hour will be prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Biber Concerts

Free performances of Biber's Rosary Sonatas, 17th Century violin music celebrating the Mysteries of the Rosary during Holy Week at St Mary of the Angels.

- Wed 13 April 7-8pm
- Fri 15 April 7-8pm
- Sun 17 April 7-8.15pm

Played on Baroque instruments by Anne Loeser, violin; Jane Young, cello and Bethany Angus, harpsichord and organ. See Eventfinda for more details.

Rite 2 Reconciliation

Rite 2 Reconciliation will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 6 April at 7pm. All are welcome.

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

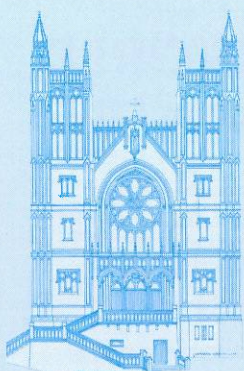
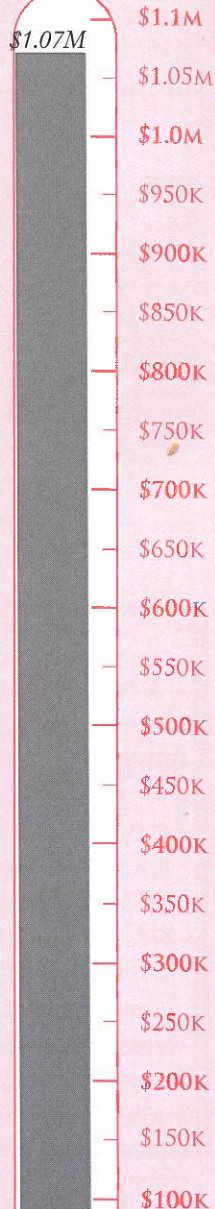
Want to know more about your faith?

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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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.walkerdine@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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