

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

27 March 2022, 4th Sunday of Lent

100 Years of St Mary of the Angels Church

One hundred years ago, on Sunday 26 March 1922, Archbishop Francis Redwood blessed the newly completed St. Mary of the Angels Church and celebrated Holy Mass. While we have decided as a Parish community to postpone the Centenary celebrations of the present St. Mary of the Angels, it is appropriate this week to discuss the history of this iconic Church.

The Church blessed by Archbishop Redwood replaced the Church seriously damaged by fire in 1918 - which had been built in 1874. Initially, the concrete interior of the new 1922 St Mary of the Angels Church was mostly unadorned. Over the next decade or so, stained-glass windows were added to the original Crucifixion window. These windows were inspired by scriptural themes of Christ's Parables and Miracles, as well as devotional panels for the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, incidents in the life of Joseph, saints connected with Ireland, France, Oceania, and other Missions. A couple of smaller stained-glass windows that survived the 1918 fire were re-used in the Sanctuary area of St Joseph's Chapel. The largest window at the back of the Church is associated with Music: St Cecilia and many angels - commonly called a 'rose window' - like the petals of a flower. The motif of 'angels' pervades the aesthetic of the Church: according to my count there are 93 angelic images in the Church.

On a personal level, I have a long association with St. Mary of the Angels. I was baptised, an Altar Server and ordained as a priest at St. Marys. Several years ago, I had the joy of celebrating my 50th Jubilee. Many things have changed in this time.

An annual feature till Vatican II, I recall, was the celebration of the 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration - with the Monstrance enthroned above the tabernacle and countless candelabra with lighted candles and multitudes of flowers. Lots of preparation for the devotional highlight. Often, on the first Sunday of the month, evening devotions featured a Eucharistic Procession around the Church - down Joseph's aisle, under the Choir loft and then along the Mary's Chapel aisle... sometimes with primary school girls tossing flower petals, Vincentians carrying a Canopy over the Blessed Sacrament, and servers with thuribles and candles. An impressive event.

I am grateful for the place of St. Mary of the Angels in my own life, principally for the graces received, Sacraments celebrated, and the friends I have made. I pray also for the Parish community of St. Mary of the Angels and St. Joseph's at this time.

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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; 2pm on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month

St Joseph's Church

Baptisms; 2pm on 3rd Sunday of each month.

Please arrange through Parish Office.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12
The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm: 125

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14

Gospel: John 8: 1-11



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$1,874
Automatic Payments: \$4,567
Total: \$6,441

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: Mikeshen Gounden

Anniversaries: Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport, Anita Rae

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 James, Bill Carroll, Barbara Jones, Mary Buchanan, John Moore, Ellis Meachen, Dave Hegglun



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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Responsorial Psalm 33

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

St Mary of the Angels Library Books

Please help yourself to the books from the old St Mary of the Angels Library. They will be at the back of the Church this Sunday.

Rite 2 Reconciliation

Rite 2 Reconciliation will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 5 April at 7pm. All are welcome.

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.

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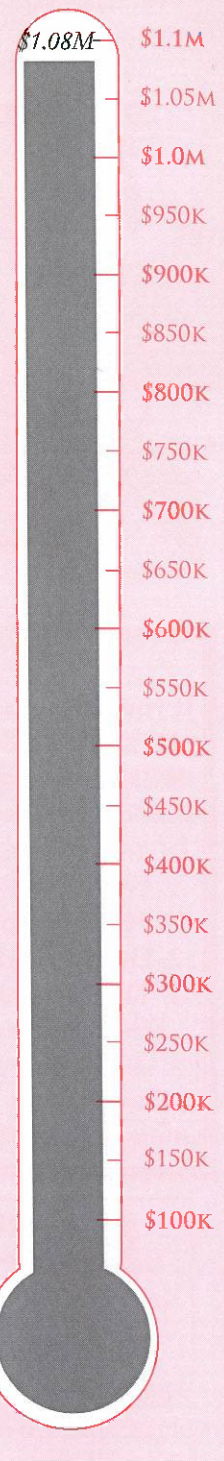
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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



St Joseph's Working Bee - 9am Saturday 9 April

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Easter. Many hands make light work! Please bring garden tools - hedge trimmers would be especially welcome, as are vehicles to help take refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to.

St Mary of the Angel's Parish Office has Moved But Remains Closed to Visitors

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.

Movie Night - WellCath - Young Adults

WellCath is a social group for Catholic young adults in the greater Wellington region. Our next event will be a movie night in St Mary's hall at 5pm on Saturday, 2 April. Dinner will also be provided. We will do a vote for what movie we want to watch early next week on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/wellcathyoungadults. Newcomers welcome.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes for the next financial year are available for collection at the back of the Church.

St Mary's Parishioners: Please check that your planned giving envelope is the same number as last year.

St Joseph's Parishioners: As your previous envelope numbers were connected to Wellington South Parish, you have been allocated new envelope numbers.

Tax Receipts will be prepared following the end of the financial year. Once these are prepared they will be available in the back of the churches for collection on Sunday's.

St Mary of the Angel's Church Centenary

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

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

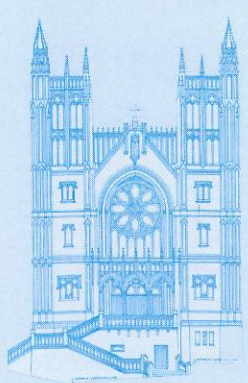
Played on Baroque instruments by Anne Loeser, violin; Jane Young, cello and Bethany Angus, harpsichord and organ. See Eventfinda for more details.

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



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

I would like to help preserve the St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre.

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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/



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/

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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