

# 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; 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.

## 3 April 2022, 5th Sunday of Lent

Every day we come in contact with optimists and pessimists, and traits of both are part of ourselves. The pessimist takes a captive view of the human condition. A captive of the good old days, of what is not anymore and will never be again. The optimist looks to the bright side of things, being creative and dynamic, has confidence in life.

From the outset of this Gospel it is very clear that the Pharisees who bring an Adulterous woman to Jesus are not honest. Jesus bends down and starts doodling on the ground with his finger, indicating that He is bored and not interested in their hypocritical nonsense, very much as we doodle when bored!

This defenceless woman, who is now the centre of attention at the temple precincts is being used by Pharisees setting a real trap for Jesus, quoting the law of Moses. This would mean that such a woman should be stoned to death. Which would have been for the woman herself a lighter sanction than to be exposed to shame and degradation like this. If the matter were left to her choice instant death by stoning would have been more preferable. Why take the trouble of dumping her at Jesus' feet for Him to make her clean as He knew how!

The Scribes and the Pharisees were scheming to use her case as a trap to trip Jesus up when they asked Him, "What do you say". If Jesus' answer had of been, "Have mercy on her spare her", they would have quoted clearly that it was against Moses' law. If Jesus said, "go ahead and stone her". They would have come back and said, you are not as you present yourself to be after all, merciful. Either way they would have found fault with Jesus.

Jesus answer was, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her". One by one they departed. Perhaps they had all committed adultery without being caught.

The last little bit between Jesus and the woman, "Go I will not condemn you." God is a God of Love, Forgiveness, Compassion. Caring, Reaching out and Merciful. Have faith in Him.

We are all sinners, how easy it is to judge others and be ready to condemn them. We need to look into our own lives. There are opportunities for us to do so in preparation for Easter, Reconciliation here each day at SMoA, and Communal Reconciliation at St. Joseph's church on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. We are all invited to attend. These times and places are in the Angelus. Please take one home.

*Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker*



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43: 16-21  
*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3: 8-14  
*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

**Gospel:** John 8: 1-11  
*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50: 4-7

**Psalm:** 21

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2: 6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 22:14- 23:56



### 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](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 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying the seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

### Rite 2 Reconciliation

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

### 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 St Mary of the Angel's Church.



### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently deceased:** Dave Hegglyn, Mikeshen Gounden, William (Bill) Allen

**Anniversaries:** Lucie Halberstan, Fr Mark Beban sm, Fr Jim Beban sm, Hyland.Margaret, Gerard O'Brien, Birja Nand

**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, Joe Haddow



*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 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.

### Faith Rosaries

We sell rosaries in the Parish Office designed and hand made by Ngaire Greger from Faith Rosaries. If you are looking for a rosary as a gift or for yourself, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in.

### 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](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz).

### 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](mailto: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 new 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.

### 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)

### 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

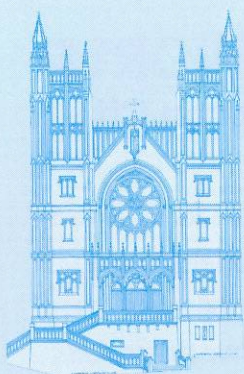
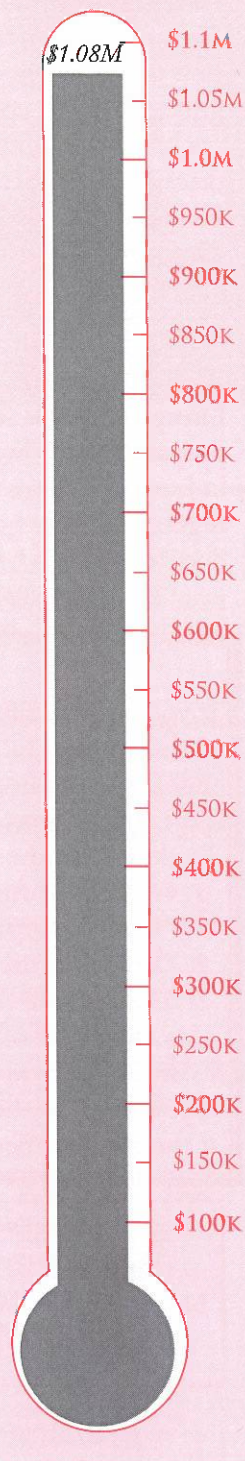
• What Catholics Believe

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## PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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

Name:

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

I would like to make a one-off payment of:

\$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.

### Bank Account Details:

SMOA - Parish Centre Upgrade  
02-0536-0003242-50

BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington

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.



## Women's Voices – A Synodal Response

*How are we as women called to participate in the mission of the Church? As Catholic women, what are our hopes and dreams for a truly inclusive Church?*

At a recent conference, Synod Undersecretary Sr Nathalie Becquart said that Catholic women need to encourage and support one another for the realization of the inclusive Church they dream about - one that values everyone's gifts, promotes collaboration and listens to the Holy Spirit. **Register today** for an opportunity to participate in the synodal journey and share, listen and discern with other Catholic women in our Archdiocese.

Held on Wednesday 20 April at 7pm on Zoom **OR**

Thursday 21 April at 7pm at St Joseph's Mt Victoria

Contact Lucienne Hensel at [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 04 496 1715

### 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/](http://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/)

### Living in Colour

Affected by an abortion experience? Make *Living in Colour* - An 8 week course a step towards healing. Find out more Email: [hopeandhealing4u@gmail.com](mailto:hopeandhealing4u@gmail.com) or Call: 021 2317954

### 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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