

# 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*

15 May 2022, 5th Sunday of Easter

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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 on 3rd Sunday of each month.

Please arrange through Parish Office.

Jesus in John's Gospel today requires us to show a proof of our identity as disciples, not through a legal document, but by our love for one another. Not just any kind of love but one patterned after His love.

How then are we going to share the love of Jesus? First, we have to be with Him because he said "Abide in me, as I abide in you." I am the vine you are the branches; those who abide in me, and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." Being with Christ (communion) leads to becoming like Christ (formation) and living for Christ (service/ministry).

Our true identity as disciples is anchored in the awareness of being chosen and loved by God through Jesus. In God's eyes, we are his children, so our identity is in Him and kept by Him. In Isaiah 49, He said "I have carved your name on the palm of my hand." Our self worth then depends on the ONE who chose, blessed and gifted with life. Only God's love in Christ provides the centre of our identity, not wealth, power and fame. Discipleship should not mean losing or giving up something but finding SOMEONE, beyond compare who loves us unconditionally.

God permeates our depths like a light shining within that awakens us to our true self and causes change to occur from inside. Thomas Merton calls it a journey in which we discover ourselves in discovering God and discover God in discovering our true self hidden in God.' Henri Nouwen adds "We become strangers to ourselves the more we act strangers to God. We become most ourselves when we are most like God. I am hidden in God and I have to find myself in that relationship."

This rootedness of our inmost being in God enables us to relate with others in terms of WHO we are, only secondarily, by what we do. St John Paul 11 said that in our time, we need witnesses from the richness and authenticity of our lives. loving in this sense is no longer merely doing but becoming the embodiment of love itself. Jesus is first in this regard, the embodiment of the Father's love as the Word made flesh. Intimacy with God leads to mission and service. The clearest proof of true discipleship is when one becomes a loving and caring person.

*Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker*

### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 14:21-27  
*They assembled the church and gave account of all that God had done with them.*

**Second Reading:** Revelations 21:1-5  
*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35  
*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

**Psalm:** 66

**Second Reading:** Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23

**Gospel:** John 14: 23-29



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,424

Automatic Payments: \$5,540

**Total: \$8,964**

### Covid Alert Level Orange

While we are at Alert Level Orange ALL Masses and Reconciliation times are running as per the normal timetable. There is no need to register for Masses.

Vaccine Passes are no longer required.

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

### Life in Spirit Seminar

Held on 4 May - 15 June 2022, 7 Consecutive Wednesdays 7.30 pm to 9 pm. Held at St. Thomas More Church, 30A Worcester St, Wilton. Registration is required, please send an email with your details to [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Responsorial Psalm 144

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

### Rental Home Enquiry

Lovely family of 6 young adult siblings (aged 16, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 23) are looking for a 3 bedroom flat to rent. They are all at school or studying English. Originally from Ethiopia. Excellent reference from Fr Kevin. Please call John Kennedy-Good 027 246 0885 or Amanda Calder 0274 432391 (Refugee Family Reunification Trust).

### SMAYACs - Theology on Tap - A Missionary Life of Love and Service

Fr Frank will share the story of how he felt called to volunteer for the international mission in the Society of Mary, the experience of being a missionary on the Thailand Burma Border for the past 10 years, and how living among Burmese Migrants has changed his life forever. Saturday, 21st May, 6pm at SMOA Parish Hall. For more information, visit the Facebook event page or contact us on our socials.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Tony White (at the request of Jacqui Papesch), Sister Kathleen Crean

**Anniversaries:** John Smith, Brian Flynn

**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, Mari Stacey, Mary Schultz

*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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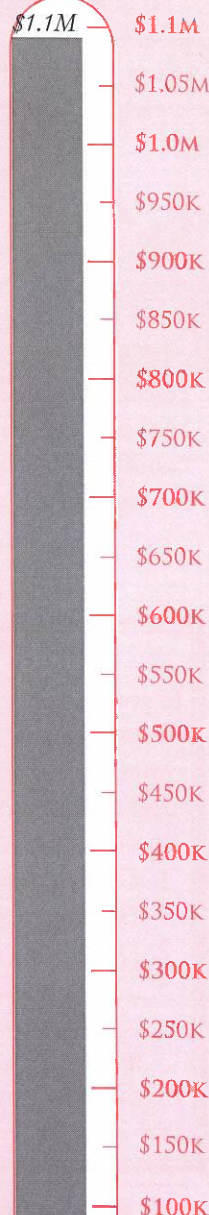
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# PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## Parish Centre Official Opening

You are invited to the official opening and blessing of the new Parish Centre on Sunday 29 May at 10am. Following the blessing you are welcome to take a look around our new office and Parish facilities. We want to thank Nick Bevin, Architect, and L.T. McGuinness for all their time and hard work strengthening and renovating the space for our Parish. All are welcome.

## Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 19 May starting 7.30pm followed by a cuppa. Held in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Activity: Small group study. If you want to know more ring Steve Ready on 027 356 9555 email [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

## Seasons for Growth

For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences. Held on 5 June, six consecutive Sundays, 2pm-4.30pm (participants to attend all six) in Wilton (venue on application). Cost: \$40. Registration by email closes Monday, 23 May: [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz). For more information, please contact Katrin Eickhorst on (04) 385 8642 or 021 374 405

## Downtown Community Ministry (DCM) Foodbank Appeal Saturday 28 May

DCM Food Appeal is back, hoping to restock their shelves ahead of winter. St Josephs parish is one of the faith communities that have supported these appeals by providing volunteers to help with the collection of donations at supermarkets. This is an open invitation for six volunteers (2 per hour) based at New World Willis St Metro on Saturday 28th May, from 9.30am to 12.30pm (in one hour slots). If you would like to help please phone/text Stephanie Kozyniak on 021 0222 3572

## Marist Messenger

Marist Messengers are available to purchase for \$6 from the back of the Church. Details on subscriptions are available inside each book.

## Tax Receipts for 2021-2022

We have finished preparing the planned giving tax receipts for the 2021-2022 financial year. Many of you will have received your receipts by email if you had informed us you preferred them to be delivered by email. If you have not received your receipt by email your receipt will be available at all Masses on Sunday.

St Joseph's Church parishioners will only receive a receipt for the donations made following the move to St Mary of the Angels Parish. Catholic Parish of Wellington South will send their receipts out separately. When submitting your receipt you must use St Mary of the Angels as the Charity Organisation name.

If you did not receive your receipt by email or it wasn't in the Church please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz)

If there are any issues with your receipt, please contact the Parish Office and we can help you with this.

Many thanks to our loyal Parishioners for your continued support of the Parish.

## Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre

Winter Film Series—"Born in the Shadows: A Spirituality for Living in Today's World", 5 Monday evenings beginning 6 June OR 5 Thursday evenings beginning 9 June. For further information and/or to register, please contact Brian Cummings SM at [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

## Carpark Available

A carpark in the St Mary of the Angel's Church carpark has become available for rent Monday-Friday for \$75 + GST a week. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.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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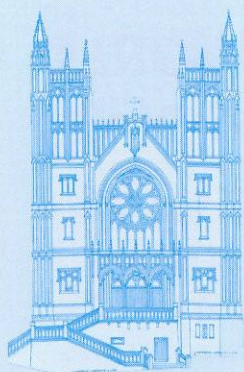
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Please return your completed slip following your donation to ensure we have your details to issue a receipt.

### Change in Bank Account Suffix

The suffix has changed on the Parish Centre Fundraising account. Please deposit donations into: **St Mary of the Angels Parish** 02 0536 0003242 24. Please provide name and address in the reference for a receipt.



## Online Seminar: Hauropi Mariana – Marian Integral Ecology

On Tuesday 24 May at 7.30-8.30pm Fr Peter Healy will introduce a developing Marist ecological spirituality linking Mariology, sustainable gardening practices and care of our common home. For registration please email Lisa Beech [l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz) for registration. A Zoom link and some background reading will be forwarded before the online seminar. This seminar is hosted by the Integral Ecology Committee of the Archdiocese of Wellington Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. All welcome

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Parish resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are now available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website. The Week is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, so this year's Week is from 29 May to 5 June. The resources are also handy for individuals, especially the Eight Days of Prayer section. The chosen theme for 2022 is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him," and is based on Matthew 2:2. Click here for the full resources: [www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022](http://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022)

## 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.

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Remembering St Mary of the Angels in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

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