

# 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

22 May 2022, 6th 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.

We believe that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church into an ever more fuller understanding of the divine mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Jesus himself tells us as much: *the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.* It is in the heart of the Church that the Holy Spirit continues his work of reminding and teaching. And it is only in the heart of the Church that can we be sure of resting in the single fountain of divine truth.

Our secular New Zealand culture is at odds with this claim. For many people, there are multiple, equally legitimate, truths. Different conflicting religions, moral systems, and ideologies are all equally valid and people arbitrarily choose whatever 'truth' tickles their fancy. But when we give up the possibility of a shared 'continent' of Truth, we are left with a number of disconnected 'islands' of little truths.

This subjective mentality can creep into the Church too. Catholics can drift away from the heart of the Church and strand themselves on little islands of extreme 'conservatism' and 'liberalism'. I believe that Pope Francis was (and is) concerned about the growing fragmentation and polarisation within the Church and instituted the Synod on Synodality to help restore visible unity.

For our secular culture, the solution to resolving conflict appears to be a sort of managerial dialogue. We visit each other's islands like tourists and try to appreciate 'the other side.' The end goal of the dialogue is merely 'getting along' while minimising violence and vitriol. However, because our ideological islands are all that are stopping us from drowning in the sea of nihilism, this sort of dialogue can never really criticise; the criticism of a particular ideology becomes an attack on someone's very identity. This explains the intolerance and 'cancel culture' which tries to shout down differing positions. The solution is not 'dialogue' per se, but a return to the shared search for Truth.

The danger is that we too dialogue and listen to each other, but never budge from our isolated little islands. The Synod, or any discussion within the Church, is not about shouting our own rhetoric or even about simply getting along, but about trying our best to stay at the heart of the Church, which we believe is guided and nurtured by God Himself. It is only attached to the vine of Christ's body that we will bear fruit. It only united to the New Jerusalem that we will have peace, a peace the world cannot give.

Fr. Hayden Powick sm

Assistant Priest

## This Week's Readings

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

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

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

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

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

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 1: 1-11

**Psalm:** 46

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53


## Responsorial Psalm 66

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**



**Last Sunday's Collection**

Sunday Collection:	\$1,900
Automatic Payments:	\$2,613
<b>Total: \$4,513</b>	

**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.

**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

**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

**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)

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Frank O'Keefe

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Fogarty, Mary Davidson, Maxwell Fernie, Paul Guerin, Colleen Pocock, Arthur Freeman, Robert Bell, Brian Bennett

**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, Marie 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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## 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)

## 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

## 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

## 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).

## 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)

## Prayers for Phil Bawden

We ask the Parish to keep Phil Bawden in your prayers. Phil is from Melbourne, Australia and has been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer for which, at the moment, there is no cure. Phil, his wife and his friend Maureen Hyland are grateful for any prayers.

## Lamb of God Community Seminar

The Lamb of God community in Wellington is holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS) on 23-24 July 2022 at St. John's Anglican Church in Johnsonville. Please register via this link—<https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPg7E8TiCb6>. For more information please contact [lifeinthepirit.log@gmail.com](mailto:lifeinthepirit.log@gmail.com)

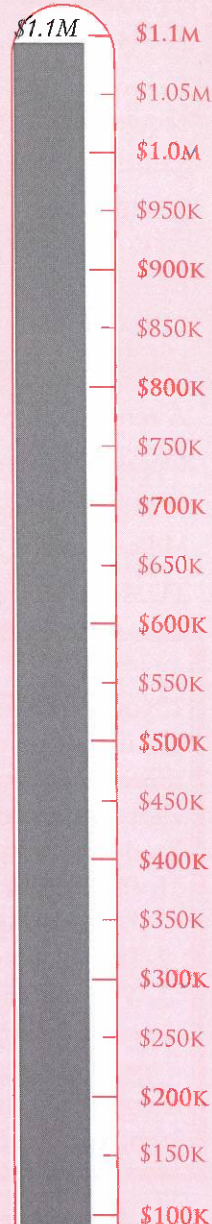
## Adoration

The Sacred Heart Cathedral parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 8.30 am until 7 pm. Please contact Sr Marie Gore if you would like to participate on a regular basis and commit to one hour, or just pop in for a visit for few minutes. [mariegore023@gmail.com](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)

## Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 May 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.

## 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.

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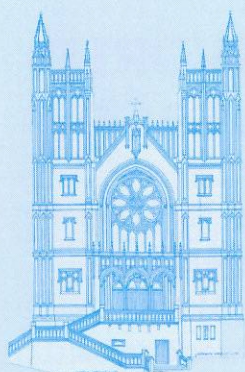
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Please return your completed slip following your donation to ensure we have your details to issue a receipt.

### 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.



## St Patrick's College Open Day Tours – June 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa

It is with pleasure that I invite you to register to attend one of our Open Day Tours which are to be held on Tuesday 14 June between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and again on Thursday 16 June at the same times. s

To make a booking please either email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see a drop down menu labelled 'Enrol' and if you click on that and scroll down you will see a tab for Open Day.

Open this section and click on the Blue button – book here.

Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time.

A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

Open Day is a chance for parents to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9 to 13.

Mike Savali

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### 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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