

# 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

29 May 2022, The Ascension of the Lord

## 'I Will Be With You Always'

With his Ascension, the earthly mission of Jesus comes to an end. We can imagine the sadness of Jesus' friends as he prepares to leave them. They now have to realise that he will never eat, pray or walk with them as he used to; that time is over. In an earthly sense, He is gone.

One chapter of Jesus' life is ending but another is just beginning. He now passes his mission onto his friends and followers *in and through His Spirit*. The gospel makes this very clear. Jesus says to his followers; *'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.'*

This ordinary group of men and women are the ones who were chosen by Jesus to be the witnesses of His Resurrection. Through their Spirit-filled words and actions the world and the whole of creation will know that Jesus is alive and more present than ever he was. As Jesus' life and ministry end, theirs begins.

There is always the danger that we think of the men and women who knew Jesus as being different from us – they weren't. We are just like them in so many ways. Today the responsibility of carrying on Jesus' ministry is now ours. Today and every day, Jesus says to you and I, *'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.'* It is now up to each of us as best we can to carry on the mission of Jesus. Through the quality of our daily words and our actions the world will know that Jesus is alive and active in our world.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus we must remember that he has not left or abandoned us. He is always with us - in and through His Spirit. When we pray for each other and when we hear the scriptures proclaimed He is mysteriously with us. Again, when we share His Body and Blood together He is with us. And when we reach out to care for and support each other, when we do our best each day to live as his followers and disciples, He is the One in whom we *'live and move and have our being'*.

Jesus is with each of us today through His Spirit - His Spirit who fills us with the peaceful, joyful conviction that 'all will be well, all will be well and all manner of things will be well'. He has not left us!

Fr Kevin Mowbray  
Parish Priest

### Parish Priest

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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.



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 1: 1-11  
*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23  
*He made Jesus sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53  
*Christ has entered heaven.*


### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 11:1-9

**Psalm:** 103

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:22-27

**Gospel:** John 7:37-39

	<b>Last Sunday's Collection</b>	
	Sunday Collection:	\$2,608
	Automatic Payments:	\$4,705
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,313</b>

### 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

### Thought of the Week

The only time success comes before work is in the dictionary.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Frank O'Keefe

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Doe, Patricia Johnson, Anton Parris, Keith Shirley, Nadja Argus, Bronius Grinskis, Corazon Owen, Fawcett Andrew

**Prayers for the Sick:** Denis O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke, Noreen Kirwan, Peter Aldridge, Geoff and 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, Joe Haddow, Marie Stacey, Mary Schultz, Joan Wolland



*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 46

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**



Ascendit De-us in ju-bi-lo, et Domi-nus in vo-ce tubae.

*God is ascended with Jubilee: and the Lord  
with the sound of the trumpet*

### 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.

### Parish Social Justice Group Meeting

Parish Social Justice Group meeting will be held in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's, Mt Victoria, from 6-7pm on Wednesday 8 June 2022. All welcome. Any enquiries contact Marie Kearney on Ph. 3849891 or 0212152746.

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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)

## Prayers for RCIA Candidates

The First Scrutiny for our candidates and catechumens on the RCIA program will take place on 29 May at the 11am St Mary of the Angels Mass. Please continue to pray for our candidates as they continue on their spiritual journey towards being received into the Catholic community at Easter.

## Father Stu Movie Fundraiser

WellCath - Young Adults invites all parishioners to join us for a private screening of Father Stu the movie. The movie follows the life of Father Stuart Long, a boxer-turned-priest who inspired countless people during his journey from self-destruction to redemption. Tickets cost: \$10 - 20 with all profits going towards the Marist Mission in Ranong - providing support, education and health programmes to Burmese Migrants on the Thai Myanmar Border. Hold at 6pm, Saturday 11 June at Penthouse Cinema & Cafe Brooklyn, Wellington. Purchase your tickets online at WellCath - Young Adults Facebook page. Phone/text: 022 1707 585. Email: [wellcathyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:wellcathyoungadults@gmail.com)

## 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)

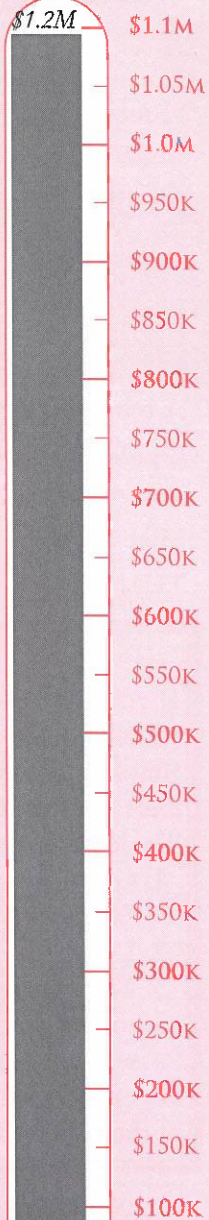
## Celebrating Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, 5 June, is Pentecost Sunday when we remember that the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples in the form of fire and empowered them to share Christ's message so it was heard in many languages. To signify this, parishioners who would like to offer a prayer in a language other than English are invited to contact Sr Frances at [sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com) and she will provide a prayer for you to translate and share in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. For next Sunday parishioners are also invited to wear clothing representing their own culture to symbolise the multicultural nature of Christianity or to wear red, orange or yellow items of clothing to symbolise fire.

## 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



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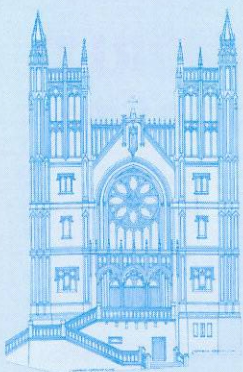
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### Change in Bank Account Suffix

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.

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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.

### A LEGACY OF FAITH



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.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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