

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

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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.

5 June 2022, Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost

Fire is an essential element of our daily lives. We use it to keep us warm, to cook our meals, to provide light in the darkness. Without it we would struggle to survive as a human race. It is also very much an essential element in the life of the Church. It emphasises that Jesus Christ is our light and it is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. That is what we are celebrating today; the sending of the Holy Spirit, in the form of fire, to dwell within us, in order for us to continue Jesus' mission which he handed over to us before he ascended into Heaven.

The Easter season now draws to a conclusion. The liturgy has proclaimed the Easter joy, but has gradually taught the need to live joyful lives, proclaiming that Jesus is Lord. The celebration of Pentecost recalls two events, one of which flows from the other: the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginnings of the Church's public life. While our readings from the Acts of the Apostles recalls the gift of the Spirit, the Gospel passage addresses the mission of the post-Easter Church. Disciples are commissioned for their task, and provided with their guide and teacher: the Holy Spirit.

The Church has indicated, by the choices made for the Gospel readings each Sunday throughout the Easter period, that the Christian repeat the loving life that marked the life of Jesus. Such an insistence seems a utopia, or even a blind alley in our hard-nosed world. Indeed, the way of Christian love always has been difficult, and always will be. For a Christian such love is not guaranteed. In imitation of Jesus, we Christians must "learn" the way of love.

To make this possible, we have been sent a teacher: the Advocate, The Holy Spirit. The Spirit sent by the Father is the ongoing presence of Jesus in the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit acts as "a thorn in the side" of Christianity, ceaselessly reminding us of the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus on the one hand, and challenging us to look again to these mysteries as the essence of our life and faith on the other.

"COME HOLY SPIRIT COME"

Fr Joe Savesi

Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9
It was names Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel: John 7:37-39
From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm: 8

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,270
Automatic Payments: \$3,955
Total: \$6,225

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

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough".

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Roger Sheppard, Bob Gilmer, Frank O'Keefe

Anniversaries: Vic Valdez, Claire Abbott, Lindsay Haas, Kevin Reeve, Fr John O'Dowd sm, Peter Gilbert, Hilary Proctor, Michael Dunn, Joanna Heemskerck, Nola Griffin, Sharon Cowan, Marie Robinson, Joan Olson, Arie Roskam

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, William Sia



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 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**



Quam admi-ra-bi-le est nomen tu-um in u-ni-versa terra.

How admirable is thy name in all the earth.

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
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Thank you

Thank you to all who attended the blessing and official opening of the Parish Centre last Sunday. We are grateful for all the donations and work from the Parish to get us over the line where we now have a beautiful space available for us all. We would like to especially thank Max Fuhrer from Arobake for providing the cakes and Suliana Savali alongside the Samoan community for the food they prepared and generous donation presented.

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. All welcome. Any enquiries contact Marie Kearney on 04 3849891 or 0212152746.

Matariki/ Mid-Winter Concert

You are warmly invited to our mid-winter concert held in the Bill Pearce Room at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria on Saturday 18 June.

All welcome!

4.00pm Mulled Wine/soft drink esp. for younger folk

4.30pm Concert /Art Share for younger performers

5.30pm Potluck dinner

Post Dinner quiz & older performers

Phone John Dalgety on 027 338 3576 for more info

St Patrick's College Old Boys Association AGM

I would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting which will be held online via zoom on Thursday 16th June 2022 at 7pm. If you would like to attend please email secretary@spcob.org.nz with your name and when you attended either Town or Stream and we will send you an invite to the zoom meeting. Brad Hudson - President SPCOBA



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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

Joshua Wellington

Extending an open invitation to whoever would like to come to a Mass followed by a light supper on Thursday 16 June at 7.30pm at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain will be celebrating. Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Join the choirs and congregations of St Peter's, St John's and St Mary's as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit. Held in St John's Presbyterian Church, Willis Street, 7.30pm on Sunday 5 June

Prayers for RCIA Candidates

The Second Scrutiny for our candidates and catechumens on the RCIA program will take place on 12 June at the 9.30am St Joseph's Church Mass. Please continue to pray for our candidates as they continue on their spiritual journey towards being received into the Catholic community.

Projector Operators Needed

We are in need of volunteers to operate the laptop for the 7am and 11am Sunday Masses at St Mary of the Angels. Full training will be provided. If you are available please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or office.manager@smoa.org.nz

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL

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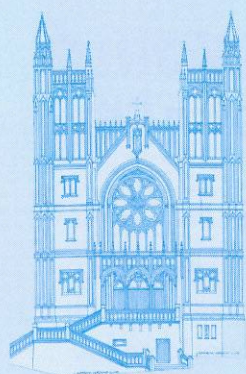
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ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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

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The suffix has changed on the Parish Centre Fundraising account. Please deposit donations into:

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Saints Peter and Paul's Church, Johnsonville 100 Year Celebration

When: Sunday 26th June 2.00pm

Where: Sts Peter and Pauls Dr Taylor Tce Johnsonville

Mass with Cardinal John Dew presiding. Followed by afternoon tea in the church hall. We will have displays to bring back memories.

Read about our faith journey

We have produced a book to commemorate this occasion. Books will be available from 26th June. It may be purchased on the day for \$20 cash, no eftpos. You may pre order it at bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz, Payment into parish account -02-0524-0203642-00

The book may be picked up on day or posted. [Please include Name and postal address]. Extra \$5 for postage and handling [\$25 for book and postage].

We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there.

St Catherine's College Kilbirnie Open Day

Held on Wednesday 8 June. Book a tour at either 2pm or 6pm on www.stcatherines.school.nz All welcome.

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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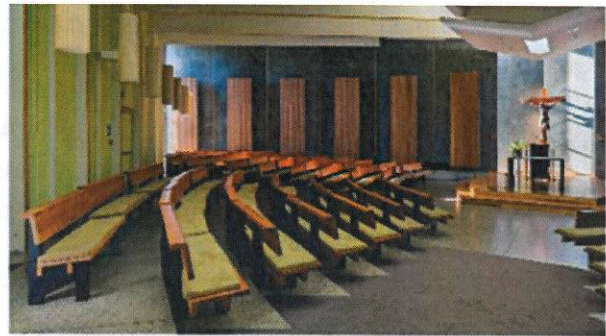
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Update from Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

May 2022



St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's – a shared history and a new future together.

Kia ora katoa,

Much has happened in our world since our last Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting – not least of which are the celebration of the Easter season and most recently, the return of singing at our liturgies. It isn't always easy to gather the whole complement of the PPC group together for meetings and our meetings tend to cover, in an orderly way, a wide range of topics. What follows is an update from the discussion at our May meeting.

Update on the Synod. Since the latter part of last year, the Synod process has demanded much of our attention. The submission process is now concluded. Representatives from across the Archdiocese have met to prayerfully consider the submissions, which now join the prayers and experiences, hopes and dreams of every other parish community throughout the world.



In the meantime, the Synod has allowed us to consider which of our own prayers and experiences, hopes and dreams need to work their way to reality. Here's a quick update on a couple of current projects involving each end of our parish:

1. **St Joseph's community – social housing project.**

The St Joseph's precinct includes properties which are currently being considered for their suitability as part of a social housing project. It is not a straight-forward proposition, nor can it be a foregone conclusion to proceed, once the project is fully explored. The standard of the housing and the maintenance required to ensure the properties are suitable for long-term tenants, the support offered by Government agencies for projects of this nature and the conditions which the same agencies impose have to be completely understood before a proposal can be presented to the wider parish community for consideration. Alongside this planning activity, is consultation with *mana whenua* who bring an additional focus on how this meets the needs of our people – so there is still plenty to do.



The opportunity of providing a social housing solution in a time of housing shortage is certainly worth exploring and we are grateful to those who are working on a proposal for the parish to consider. You will be hearing more about this in due course.

2. **St Mary of the Angels Centennial Celebrations and the installation of *Te Ara a Maria*.**

Over the weekend of Friday 12 August, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August, a series of events is to be held, including stories, music, prayer and thanksgiving, concluding with a Mass to welcome back and formally install the pilgrim image of Our Lady: *Te Ara a Maria*.

It is fitting that the centennial of our current St Mary of the Angels Church is to be celebrated alongside the return of *Te Ara a Maria* and there will be ample opportunities over the “Feast of the Assumption weekend” for people to share with each other, their gifts of hospitality, friendship and faith.



As ever, please keep these and all the works of love that are active in our parish, in your prayers.

Any information for the PPC can be submitted through Abby Cummins at the parish office:
office.manager@smoa.org.nz

Faithfully,

Suzanne O'Rourke
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council