

# 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 on 3rd Sunday of each month.

Please arrange through Parish Office.

## 10 July 2022, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few years ago, Pope Francis used our Sunday's Gospel of the 'Good Samaritan' as the basis for a pastoral letter on the care for the terminally ill. The Pope's letter has taken on practical relevance in our own country with euthanasia and assisted suicide now legal possibilities.

In the Gospel, a priest and Levite both pass by a severely wounded man. In Jesus' time these men were religious representatives of the wider Jewish culture. Precisely, those who *should* have cared for the wounded and vulnerable man are the ones who distance themselves. This speaks of a deeper problem than the individual moral failure of the priest and Levite. In the same way, New Zealand's 'End of Life Choice Act' is only the tip of the iceberg; underpinning our legislation is a wider ethical and cultural sickness.

I have often wondered if the wounded man was conscious enough to reflect on the behaviour of the priest and Levite. He may have condemned their actions (rightly) and augmented his physical suffering with loneliness and bitterness. He may have forgiven them and found peace. Or perhaps he may have thought to himself: "If the ones who *should* love me deem my life unimportant, then perhaps it isn't?" Perhaps the wounded man sees the priest and Levite prioritising quality of life, reputation, and financial security over any sense of the God-given dignity of life and *agrees* with them. It would not be surprising if the wounded man searches for a way to hide the shame of being alive, to hasten his death in some way.

It is a basic human truth that beyond our most fundamental needs, our desires are mediated and imitative. We learn what to want by looking at what others want, particularly those we trust such as role models, family, and friends. For this reason, the temptations of euthanasia and assisted suicide can arise in the context of such relationships. If such people consider temporal things as more important (even in an unspoken way), then those things must be more important. If we resent the time taken up by a dying person or show undue preoccupation with the financial cost of treatment, we become like the priest and Levite. I wonder how many times the cry "I want to end my life" is the reflection of a hundred little moments of others saying: "I wish you were dead." If we hear it and see it enough times, we may start to believe it.

Pope Francis rightly saw the Christ-like love of the good Samaritan as emblematic in our approach to our wounded and suffering neighbour.

The Good Samaritan, who puts the face of his brother in difficulty at the centre of his heart, and sees his need, offers him whatever is required to repair his wound of desolation and to open his heart to the luminous beams of hope.

These 'luminous beams of hope' are nothing other than belief that life is precious because God made us and wants to bring us to Himself. Let us take up the opportunities to show care, love, and patience to our wounded brothers and sisters, so that may they have hope in God's love for them too.

*Fr. Hayden Powick sm*

*Assistant Priest*

### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1: 15-20

*All things were created through him and for him.*

**Gospel:** Luke 10: 25-37

*Who is my neighbour?*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 18: 1-10

**Psalm:** 14

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1: 24-28

**Gospel:** Luke 10 38-42



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,021

Automatic Payments: \$6,345

**Total: \$9,366**

### Covid Alert Level Orange

While we are at Alert Level Orange ALL Masses and Reconciliation times are running per the normal timetable. Vaccine Passes are no longer required and masks are encouraged to be worn.

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 for the Week

Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.

### Responsorial Psalm 68

**R. Turn to the lord in your need, and you will live.**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love I kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**



Justi-ti- a Domi-ni rectae,- laeti-fi-cantes corda.-

*The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts.*

### Save the Date—SMOA Centenary

This year we will be celebrating the Centenary of the consecration and opening of the church of St Mary of the Angels which was previously postponed due to Covid. Please keep the weekend of Friday August 12 until Sunday 14 August free for a weekend of liturgy and music to honour 100 years in our Church.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Harry Lampen Smith, Margarita Maria Gonzalez-Roberro, Vic Stairs,

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Ayling, Ngavaine Goodwin, Gillian Wills, Maria Blue, Fr Gerard Mills sm, Patricia Smyth, Paul Sparnaay, Rt Hon Bill Young, Peter Hansen, Peter Schmidt, Maureen Swensson

**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 Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Barbara Jones, Mary Buchanan, John Moore, Joe Haddow, Joan Wolland, William Sia, Shirley O'Brien, Kay De Barnardo

*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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## No Midday Mass Thursday 14 July

There will be no midday Mass on Thursday 14 July at St Mary of the Angels. The Church will remain open for visitors.

## St Joseph's Men's Book and Discussion

All visitors welcome. Held on Tuesday July 12 at 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members. For enquires phone John Dalgety on 04 3828788. Note the meeting will go ahead face to face under the following conditions

- Masking on arrival
- Keep a social distance of 1 meter  
(please contact John if you would prefer a zoom option)

## Findings from Synodal Gatherings

The findings from the Synodal gatherings held in early June are now available. The document can be found at [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Wellington-Synthesis.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Wellington-Synthesis.pdf)

## Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 21 July starting 7:30pm sharp followed by a cuppa. Held in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Activity: "What can we learn from Joshua OT in Joshua 2022?" If you want to know more ring Steve Ready on 027-356-9555 email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

## Fr Brian Wysocki Ordination Anniversary

The 9am Mass on Sunday 17 July will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Fr Brian Wysocki sm.



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## RCIA Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program will commence again in September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This program runs for around 7 months (September to April) and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in joining this program, or would like to support as a leader or sponsor in this program, please make contact with Fr Frank [francisbird@gmail.com](mailto:francisbird@gmail.com)

## DISCOVERY Youth Retreat for Teenagers

The Wellington Young Church is running DISCOVERY Youth Retreat this school holidays. The camp is for teens aged 13-17. We will explore our Catholic faith and have fun! Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th July at Forest Lakes Camp, Otaki. Cost: \$110. Visit our social media @adwyoungchurch for more information.

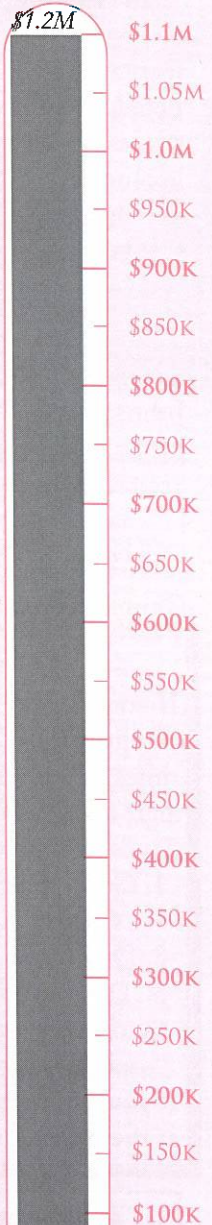
## Community Facilitator

This is a permanent part-time position  
Part-time role 30 hours  
(4 days per week)  
Creativity with a little bit of chaos are a given as our organization rises to meet the challenges of a different future. We are collaborating to build effective partnerships with other organizations and diverse groups of people. Wellington Catholic Social Services (CSS) is looking for a resourceful, persistent and energetic human to join our team to take on and develop the role of Community Facilitator. For a copy of the role description, please email: [reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)

## Meals On Wheels Drivers Needed

Got an hour to spare on a week day around midday and have your own vehicle? No deliveries weekends or public holidays. Please call 04 918 6014

## PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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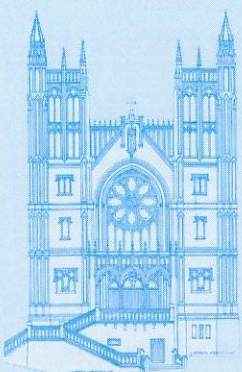
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### Change in Bank Account Suffix

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

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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 [lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com](mailto:lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com)

## Marist Messenger

Marist Messengers are available to purchase for \$7 from the back of the Church. Details on subscriptions are available inside each book.

## 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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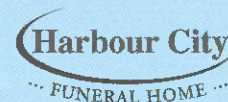
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