

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

24 July 2022, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

The first reading this Sunday does sound a bit like a Brit satirical sketch on social media or TV, where Abraham is standing before God negotiating about how many good people may actually still exist in Sodom and Gomorrah. It sounds comical. The truth is we are as deeply immersed in social defects in our day as they were then. Today we are in what the Americans call The Culture Wars, that are leading to the implosion of democracy as we know it. The Culture Wars, as Arden says frequently, are alive and well in New Zealand; just recall the Christchurch Mosque massacre. The Culture Wars happen when different classes no longer tolerate each other, become alienated and start hating each other. It is when women hate men and men hate women. It is when people who are pro-abortion and anti-abortion start warring. It is when someone from one race hates someone from another. It is when pro-gun and anti-gun fight. It is detesting someone who is gender fluid or LGBTQ+. It is what James K Baxter once called "Labour mum and National dad, left to howl and grumble, growl and fight, the love they kill won't let them rest, two birds that peck in one fowl nest."

The Catholic Church teaching [Gaudium et Spes 39] is clear, that our universe is evolving to a new heaven and a new earth. For zillions of years before us and zillions after us, all the universes will have evolved to be more like God, from which they come. But there are still nasty and sordid people in the world, even Christians, who are deeply and uncritically immersed in The Culture Wars, who oppose this evolution to something better taking place. They just want to cling what suits them best.

One big thing for us believers to remember is that in the end God will make sure everything will be bought to perfection. As Jesus suggests in this Sunday's gospel, better to turn to God and ask for help not to be nasty. Maybe there will only be 50 or just 10 of us who do. Who knows? But at least we will have likely filled the gaps between us with respect, kindness, friendship and hospitality in our day. Which is the Jesus way. The Kiwi way.

Fr Jeff Drane sm

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm: 89

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,949

Automatic Payments: \$2,857

Total: \$5,807

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

Even if you are on the right track you will get run over if you just sit there!

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jean Scanlon, Pat Belgrave, Concepcion Drupals, Harry Lampen Smith

Anniversaries: Fr Bob Lee SM, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Veronica Nolan, Agnes Mora, James Healy, Mary-Rose Keller, John Gordon, Marion Alexander, Jadwiga Kolaczynska

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.

Responsorial Psalm 137

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before our holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**



In qua-cumque di-e invo-ca-ve-ro te, ex-audi me.

In what day so ever I shall call upon thee, hear me.

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.

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Youth and Young Adult Mass

Please join us at the end of the month to get together for Mass and a meal afterwards at Capital Market! If you would like to serve at Mass, please get in touch via the SMAYAC's Facebook page—
www.facebook.com/smayacs1. See you there and God bless!

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

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SMOA Church Working Bee

St Mary of the Angels Church is having a working bee on 6 August from 9am to prepare the Church for our Centenary celebrations. All are welcome.

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 July 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, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



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St Joseph's Church

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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

Carparks Available

Carparks in the St Mary of the Angel's Church carpark have 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

Hearts Aflame Catholic

Summer School:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 30/12/22 until 8/01/23! You can register at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration or find out more at our website or on our social media.

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL

\$1.2M

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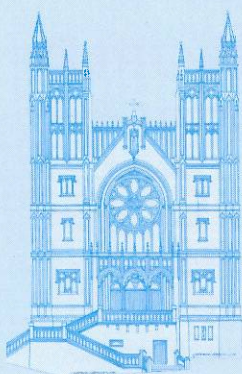
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Wellington Winter Lectures in Science and Christian Faith Presented by New Zealand Christians in Science (NZCIS)

The relationship of contemporary science and faith can be both intriguing and challenging – especially in an Age of Misinformation.

You are invited to an exciting day of lectures and discussion on topics related to Physics and Ethics. Held on Saturday August 6, 9am to 3pm at St Johns Presbyterian Church, Willis St, Wellington. Cost is just \$10 and that includes lunch!

Science and Faith in an Age of Misinformation

Speakers:

Prof. Jeff Tallon, 'Seeing the Invisible – black holes, the universe and our place in it', Dr. Greg Liston, 'Spirit, Time and Transformation', Dr. Gray Manicom, 'What the Mysteries of Mathematics Reveal About the Creator', Plus the NZCIS director Nicola Hoggard-Creegan will be there, speaking on the importance of ethical reflection, 'From Hiroshima to Recombinant DNA'.

To register, go to the [NZCIS website](http://www.nzcis.org.nz)

or visit *Eventbrite* and search "Science and Faith in an Age of Misinformation"

Facebook event <https://fb.me/e/3CgwX8RYH>

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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ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Please join the Parish of St Mary of the Angels to celebrate the centenary of the consecration and opening of the Church. There will be a weekend of liturgy, music and events from Friday 12 August 2022 until Sunday 14 August 2022.

Friday August 12

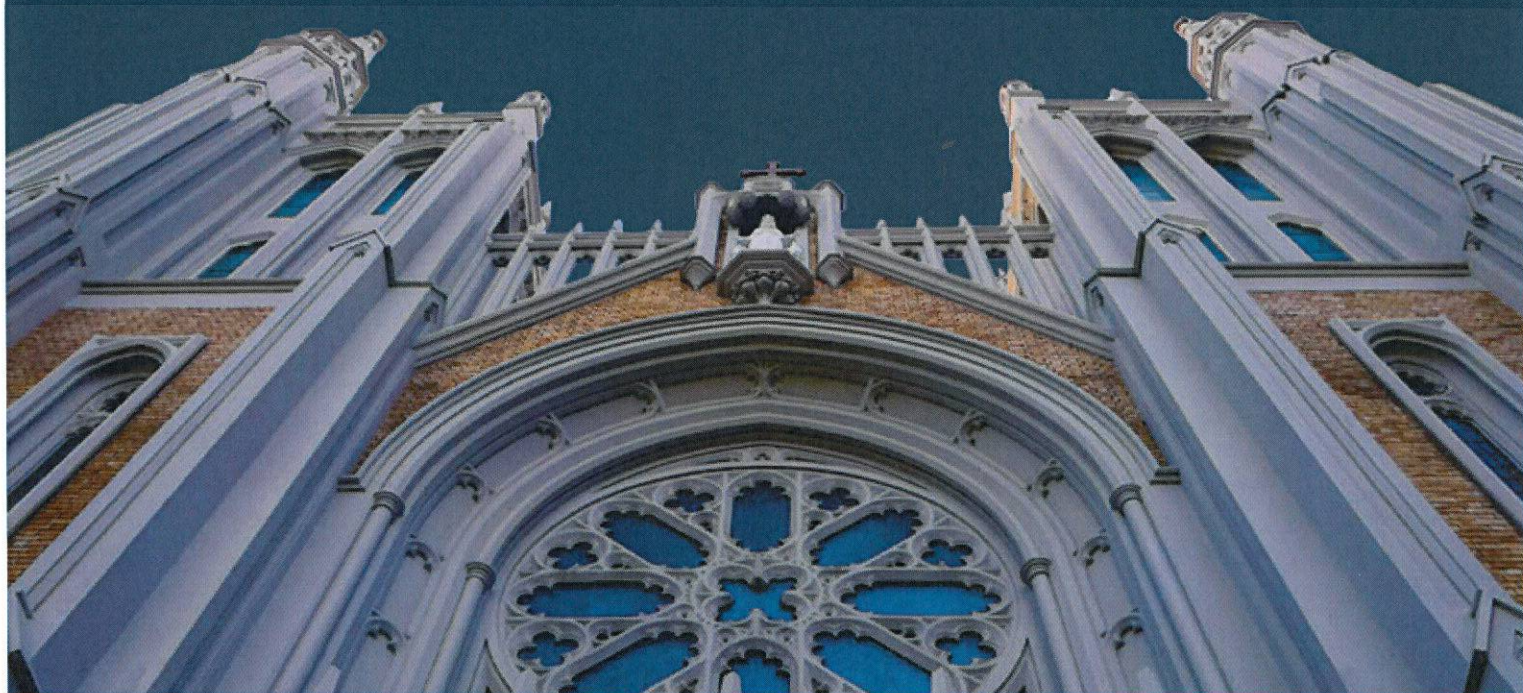
- 5.30 PM Mass of St. Peter Chanel, proto-martyr of the Pacific,
Marist connections to SMOA: preacher - Fr Mervyn Duffy SM.
- 7.00 PM Mother Mary Aubert - her connections to SMOA:
a talk by Jesse Munro, her biographer (in Parish Hall).

Saturday August 13

- 11.00 AM Mass of Healing: preacher - Fr John Rae SM.
- 7.30 PM Concert: SMOA choir, school choirs and soloists,
including Fr. Chris Skinner SM. Entrance by koha.

Sunday August 14

- N.B. 9.30 AM (at St. Joseph's) and 11.00 AM masses cancelled.*
- 9.00 AM Centenary Mass, with Archbishop Paul Martin SM.
- 2.00 PM Dedication of St Mary of the Angels Church as the
National Shrine of New Zealand with the NZ Bishops.



visit our website for all event details
<https://smoa.org.nz/100years/>