

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

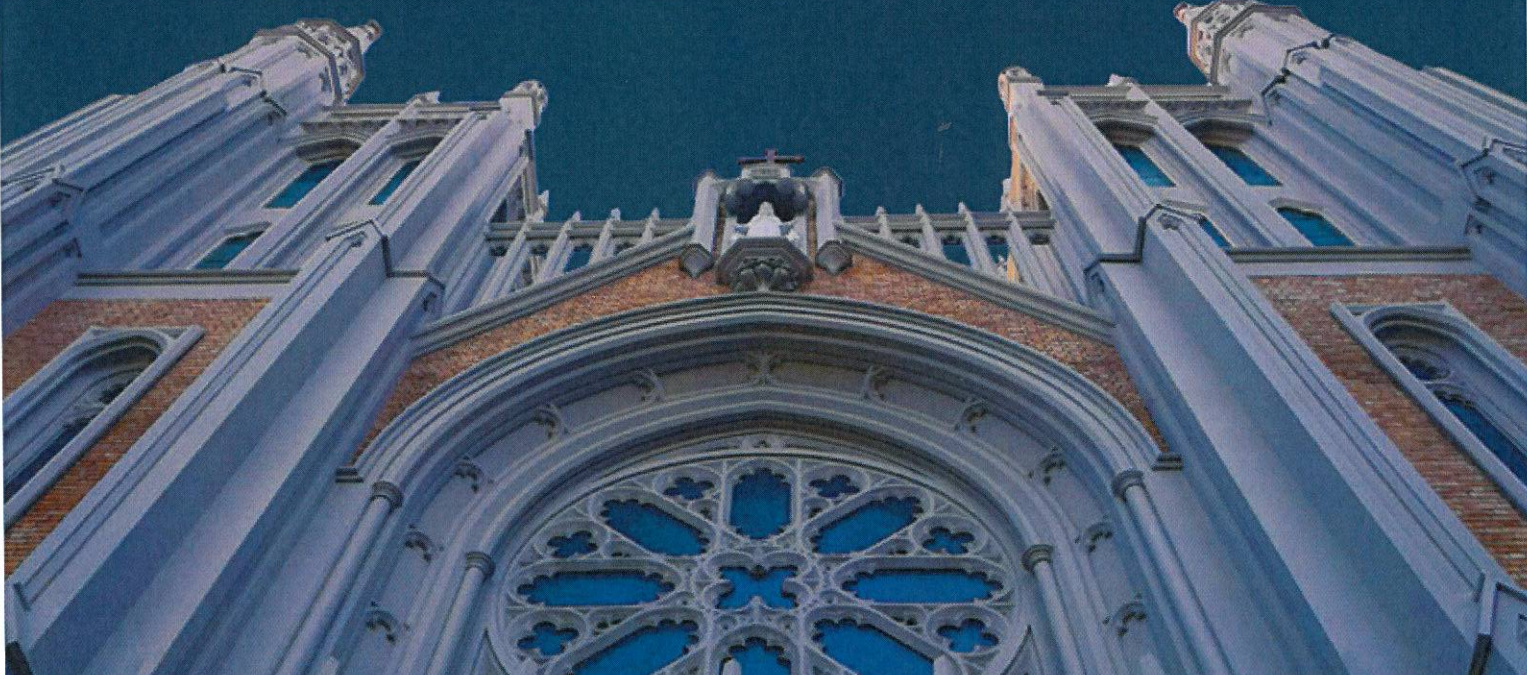
- 5.30 PM Mass of St. Peter Chanel, proto-martyr of the Pacific, Marist connections to SMOA: preacher - Fr Mervyn Duffy SM.
- 7.00 PM Mother Mary Aubert - her connections to SMOA: a talk by Jesse Munro, her biographer (in Parish Hall).

Saturday August 13

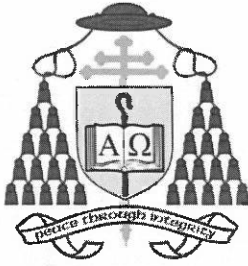
- 11.00 AM Mass of Healing: preacher - Fr John Rea SM.
- 7.30 PM Concert: SMOA choir, school choirs and soloists, including Fr Chris Skinner SM. Entrance by koha.

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/>



Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

19th July 2022

Dear People of God of the Archdiocese,

Greetings and all good wishes and blessings to you all.

I am sure you do not need me to tell you that Covid 19 has been and continues to be a difficult and challenging time.

I am most grateful to parishes and communities for all that they have done and continue to do to keep the community together and to be in touch with parishioners during the various lockdowns. I have very much admired the creative ways that people helped one another to pray and particularly to reflect on the Scriptures in different ways.

Recently at a meeting of the Archdiocesan Board of Administration the members of the Board suggested, and I willingly agreed, to write and thank you all for your continued financial support of your parish. It has become very clear that parishioners generously continue to support parishes financially and then of course also helps the Archdiocese. I therefore wish to thank you all for the ways that you continued financial support in difficult and challenging times for everyone. It is much appreciated by me and by the Board of Administration.

With sincere thanks for all you have done to keep in touch with other parishioners and to support your parish and the Archdiocese in these challenging times.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Your sincerely in the Lord

John Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington

The Angelus

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Including St Joseph's, Mount Victoria

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Parish website: www.smoa.org.nz

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

31 July 2022, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Storing Up Treasure

In today's Gospel Jesus finds himself in a situation where he is asked to make a judgment in what we would in nowadays call a civil case. He refuses such involvement. In fact, in the time of Jesus, there was no distinction between various facets of the law. The Rabbi was expected to be able to provide answers in all cases. Jesus' refusal to play the role of the judge, in this case, indicates that his interest lies somewhere beyond what possessions can offer.

Jesus refuses to be drawn into this question because his life, death and resurrection take place to draw us all away from placing our trust in the things we own. He has come to establish a new situation among men and women where God reigns. The beauty of this dream of Jesus is that it rings so true. Is he not right when he says that our lives are not made secure by what we own, even when we have more than we need?

The parable of the unwise rich man drives this point home. The power of the parable comes from the truth that each one of us can readily identify with the rich man. Are not his plans to ensure a happy and comfortable future through the careful investment of his goods also our plans? In our own way, have we not dreamt of being able to say: *"I have plenty of good things laid up for many years to come. I will take things easy, eat, drink and have a good time."*

Fool! exclaims Jesus both to the man in the parable...and the reader of the parable. Indeed fools we all are. We never seem to learn from the reality of death that surrounds us every day. God is the Lord of all history, and all that is beyond history. There will eventually come a time when there will be no "tomorrow" to provide for. When our everlasting tomorrow is in God, our true riches will not depend on "things we own."

Once again a parable of Jesus shocks us, as it strikes at something very dear to us: our comfort and the material care of our families. Jesus has no desire to say that we must not live by working hard and enjoying the fruits of our work. He does warn us, however, of the danger that the only thing that matters in life is the steady accumulation of wealth. The old adage remains true: you cannot take it with you!

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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: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
What do people gain by all their work?

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21
To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm: 32

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,179

Automatic Payments: \$5,040

Total: \$7,219

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

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations

Responsorial Psalm 89

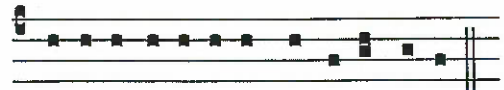
R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**



Domi-ne, re-fu-gi- um fac-tus es no-bis-
Lord, thou hast been our refuge.

St Mary of the Angels Church Centenary

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Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory, John L'Estrange, Zita Outtrim, Joan Ciurlionis, Aiden McLean, James Baird, Paul Veltman

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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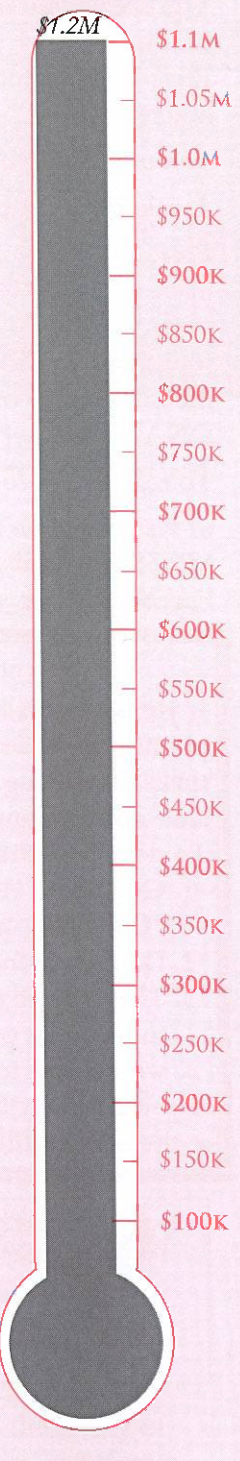
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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



Monday 15 August—Feast of the Assumption

A reminder that in New Zealand the Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on Sunday 14 August. There will be **NO MASSES ON MONDAY 15 AUGUST.**

Young Adults - Tuesday Evening Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary's starting around 5.45 pm after the 5.15 pm Mass. Reconciliation will be available during Adoration. We will go to the crypt for tea and biscuits afterwards. All are welcome.

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St Joseph's Church Social Housing Project

There will be an information and question session following the Mass on Sunday 31 July to give an update on the St Joseph's properties. All are welcome.

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

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.

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

The Wellington Christian Life Community invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life. The retreat is open to all and will be held at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. – 7, 14, 21 and 28 August, and 4 September 2022. The cost (including materials) is \$50, but sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending. **Attendance via Zoom is now also a possibility.** To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424 or email christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com

Memorial Mass of Fr Donald Morrison

Memorial Mass for Father Donald Morrison celebrated in St Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, Featherston on Sunday 14 August at 10.30am.

Hospital Chaplain Vacancy

We seek a qualified person to work as a member of the Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy Team. The Catholic Chaplaincy provides for the pastoral, spiritual, ethical and religious needs of patients and staff at Wellington Hospital. For more information or to send a cover letter, and CV contact Kamau Holland at reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz
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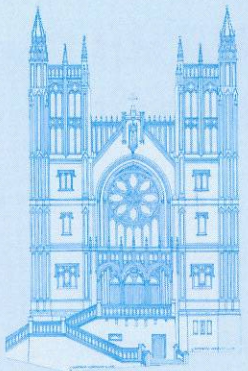
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Wellington Winter Lectures in Science and Christian Faith Presented by New Zealand Christians in Science (NZCIS)

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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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