

# 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.

**7 August 2022, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Look Afresh at All Around You**

Next weekend we celebrate the centenary of this church. 100 years it has been standing in this place.

To look back and remember just some of the events that have occurred during those 100 years will give us reason to admire the deep and tenacious faith of previous generations – faith which has gifted us this church today: the fire which swept away the original church in 1918 when the First World War was still raging; the great Depression of the late 1920's and early 30's which so scarred a generation of New Zealanders; and then the Second World War, much closer to New Zealand because of the war in the Pacific; the boom years of the 1950's which proved to be a slight respite before the social revolution which washed through New Zealand in the 1960's and 70's, immediately followed by the economic upheaval of the 1980's and 90's. During the 1960's the Second Vatican Council also took place – an event which dramatically shook the catholic world. Much there to ponder!

And in pondering upon these past events we are called to look forward and remember that not one of us living right now will be around when the next centenary is celebrated! That thought alone is a challenge for us: what can we do to ensure, as past generations did, that this church will not be just a pile of stones but something alive and vital in the midst of Wellington? Is our faith as deep and tenacious as theirs?

These past generations, each of them in their own way, ask a question of us: Will I be mentioned at the next centenary? Could it be through my life as a missionary, as a priest, through healing others, through my music, through my writing? What can I do to build up true communion, the communion of faith, amidst such diversity? In short, what can I do to bring life to this church?

I want to encourage you to get to know your church better in the days leading up to the centenary. Wander around, look afresh at all that is familiar. Read the names on the brass plaques, study the statues and the stained-glass windows, reflect on the marble altars, the wooden lectern and chair.

In silence, think and wonder, then pray.

Know your church! Love your church! And then you will want to play your part in handing it on to a generation 100 years from now.

*Fr Kevin Mowbray sm—Parish Priest*



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Wisdom 18:6-9  
*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19  
*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

**Gospel:** Luke 12: 32-48  
*See that you are prepared.*


### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

**Psalm:** 39

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12: 1-4

**Gospel:** Luke 12: 49-53



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$2,469
Automatic Payments:	\$3,192
<b>Total: \$5,661</b>	

### 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

Do it with passion or not at all.

### Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Zenaida Angeles, Mark Crewdson, Pola Mose Tolova'a, Scott Fraser, Kenneth Bates, Ross. Barbara, Rosina Walker, Fr John Goulter sm, Anna Tait-Jamieson, Maria Kasperowicz, Suzanne Judd, Donald Urquhart-Hay, Kraft D'Souza, Vincent Rosario

**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, 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 32

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**



Be- a-ta gens cu-jus est Domi-nus De- us e-jus.-

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.*

### Sunday Miha (Maori Mass)

Miha for Te Kāinga is celebrated at the Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay. Sundays at 11am except the 1st Sunday of the month which is Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 18 August starting at 7:30pm sharp followed by a cuppa. Held in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Intro talk and activity will be on "What can we learn from Joshua OT in Joshua 2022?" If you want to know more ring Steve Ready on 0273569555 email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

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## St Mary of the Angels Church Centenary

Please join the Parish of St Mary of the Angels in celebrating 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. **Please note, there will be no 5pm Mass on Sunday 14 August.** Please see the website [www.smoa.org.nz/100years](http://www.smoa.org.nz/100years) for the programme, or contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) for more information.

## Young Adults - Tuesday Evening Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary's starting around 6.45 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.

## 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.**

## Centenary Mass Morning Tea—Bring a Plate!

There will be a morning tea in the hall following the Centenary Mass on Sunday 14 August at 9am. Please bring a plate along to celebrate this special event.

## Carparks Available

Carparks in the St Mary of the Angel's Church carpark have become available for rent Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz)

## 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.

## XLT (eXaLT) Youth Worship Night

All Year 9-13 students and young adults are invited to a night of relevant worship, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and cool music, food, fun and fellowship! Join us from 7pm to 9:30pm on Friday 19 August at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. (Search XLT August 2022 on Facebook for more details!)

## Catholic Foundation Scholarships

The Catholic Foundation Scholarships for students entering their first year of tertiary education opened on 1 August. For more information please visit their website [www.catholicfoundation.org.nz](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.nz)

## 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)

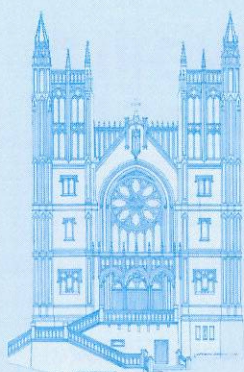
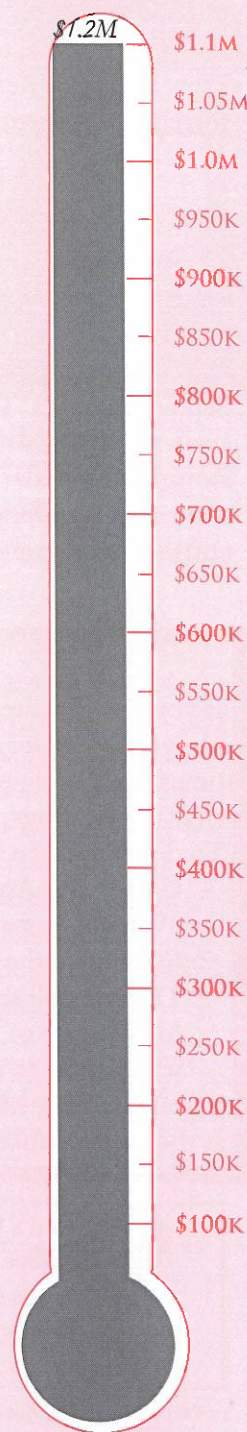
## St Joseph's Men's Book Club

All Visitors Welcome. Held on Tuesday August 9 at 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members. Includes Focus on Brian's memoirs. Contact John Dalgety on 027 338 3576 for more info.

## 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](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)  
**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5pm, Friday 9th September 2022**

## PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## 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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## 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](mailto:christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com)

## 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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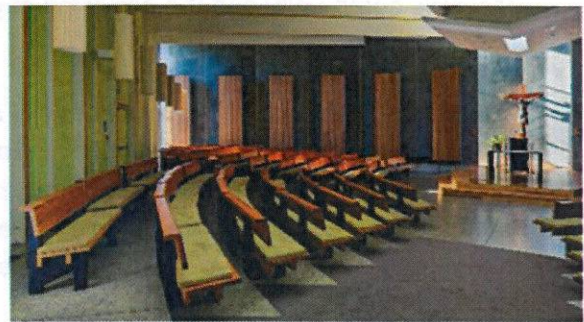
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# Update from Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

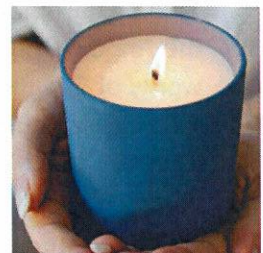
## August 2022



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

### PPC – setting aside time for Reflection and Spiritual Formation

With the impact of winter busy-ness, the conclusion of the Archdiocese Synod process and absences for various reasons, it has been several weeks since the PPC have been able to gather. At the end of July (most of us) were able to meet for an afternoon of reflection and spiritual formation. We all know it is important to set time aside for prayer; to listen for the prompting of the Spirit and as a faith community, we all do this already – in the Mass or in private prayer. To 'retreat' for a deliberate time of reflection is an ancient practice and one that is thoroughly recommended to anyone active in the service of our Parish. As a group which holds the pastoral care of our parish people very much at heart, this recent experience for our PPC gathering was certainly nourishing – and will have its reward.



So – refreshed for the journey ahead, here is what is top of mind:

- **St Mary of the Angels Church Centennial and a welcome back for *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 the pilgrim image of Our Lady: *Te Ara a Maria*. Look out for the programme in the Angelus and via the App.
- **Our incorporated Parish – one year old**  
The Incorporation of St Joseph's and the formation of the extended St Mary of the Angel's Parish is officially just one year old – as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. There is much to celebrate when we think about all that connects us and a sense of gratitude in knowing we are looking at the future together.



- **Housing Project.**

At the St Joseph's end of the parish, the work to explore how the parish might be involved in the provision of social housing continues. This is a work of some complexity and we are grateful for those who are carefully working through each stage. Consultation with the St Joseph's community and the provision of periodic updates is in progress.

- **Looking beyond COVID**

While COVID and winter ailments are still a presence with us, we are optimistic about how we look to our future. There is plenty going on – activities with our young adults, spiritual formation and sacramental programmes, committed prayer and ministry groups. Our numbers attending Mass are somewhat reduced on pre-COVID levels, as are visitor numbers to the capital. What this might tell us, is how important it is to keep in contact with those we don't see as often.

"Beyond COVID" is likely to be a key theme for some time to come. In the meantime, please keep these and all the works of love that are active in our parish, in your prayers.

**And finally.....**

This post from the Sisters of Compassion Facebook page is worth looking at. Both St Mary of the Angels Church and the St Joseph's community have a strong connection with the life and works of Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhepa. As part of the centennial celebration of St Mary of the Angels church, there is an opportunity to hear directly from Aubert's biographer Jessie Munro. It's an event not to be missed. Pass it on!

**Sisters of Compassion - Ngā Whaea O Pūaroa**

TALK BY JESSIE MUNRO

The largest funeral for a woman in Aotearoa took place in 1926. It was the funeral of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, held at [St Mary of the Angels Wellington](#), where thousands of people gathered to bid her farewell.

Someone who knows about the history of that event is Jessie Munro, author of the award-winning biography 'The Story of Suzanne Aubert', who will be speaking on Friday 12 August at 7pm in the Parish Hall at St Mary of the Angels.

Jessie Munro will share some fascinating details about Suzanne and explore other aspects of her life and her connections to St Mary of the Angels. Everyone is welcome.

<https://smoa.org.nz/100years/>



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

Faithfully,

Suzanne O'Rourke  
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council