

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.

14 August 2022, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Centenary of the Church of St Mary of the Angels

In January 1843, Father O'Reily, a Capuchin Franciscan, arrived in Port Nicholson and became the first resident Catholic priest of Wellington. The first Catholic church was built on this site later that same year. It was called the "Church of the Nativity" since Bishop Pompallier had celebrated the first mass ever in Wellington on Christmas Day in 1840.

For most of the rest of Fr. O'Reily's life he lived in a little adobe (mud) hut near the Mount Street cemetery. Daily he walked between his house and the little church, up and down the steep path we know as the Church Street Steps. They were then known as Jacob's Ladder.

In 1874 Fr. O'Reily built a new church in wood which was quite impressive. It seated 400 and cost 1,500 pounds. As was the Franciscan custom at the time, he named the church "St Mary of the Angels" after the church in Assisi in Italy in which St. Francis had experienced his conversion. Fr. O'Reily died in 1880 and is buried in Mount Street cemetery. He was much loved by all Wellingtonians of the day – he cared for them all and even conducted services for the Presbyterians at St. John's when their own minister was away. O'Reily Avenue, the little street next to the church, is named after him.

The second church which Fr. O'Reily built was destroyed by fire in 1918. The Marist Fathers and Brothers (Society of Mary) have had care of the parish since the 1870's and, by the time of the fire, Fr. Stan Mahoney was parish priest. He set about building this church designed by F. De J. Clere. In fact, he often ran out of money, since then, as today, the priest depended on the generosity of the people week by week. Sometimes he had nothing to pay the workers on Monday, so he would join the building team himself! That is why on the present foundation stone there is inscribed S. Mahoney sm, "parochus et aedificator," pastor and builder.

The church is presumed to be the first gothic style church in the world to be built in reinforced concrete. It was opened and blessed by Archbishop Redwood on Sunday, the 26th of March, 1922.

Pause your reading – and pray for a moment. Give thanks for the deep faith and the good works of many committed men and women who have bequeathed us this church. Thank God and praise Him for, though all your life you are in the presence of God, in this church God is present to you in a special way.

Fr Kevin Mowbray sm

Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Revelations 11: 19, 12:1-6, 10
I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon beneath her feet.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26
As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56
The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalm: 116

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-630



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$1,915

Automatic Payments: \$6,095

Total: \$8,010

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

If you are irritated by every rub, how will you become polished?

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Arnel Galvan, Alvin Louis Meo

Anniversaries: Robert Teh, Pauline Hastings, Noel Galvin, Anna Zanotto, Rita Dewey, Kathleen McCready

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 James, Bill Carroll, Barbara Jones, Mary Buchanan, 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 44

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**



As-ti- tit Re-gi-na a dextris tu- is in ves-ti-tu de- aura-to.-

The Queen stood on thy right hand in gilded clothing.

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.**

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

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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.

Social Justice Week

Sunday 4 September to Saturday 10 September, focuses on the topic of racism in Aotearoa New Zealand. *Vhakakāboretia te kaikiri. Kotahi anō tātou i roto i te Karaiti / say no to racism. We are one in Christ.* The NZ Bishops want us to reflect on the question, 'How are we becoming one in Christ?' Log into www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week to look at and download the material.

Social Justice Week Racism Workshop

The combined Social Justice group of SMOA and CPWS invites you to the workshop on 'Recognising racism and taking personal responsibility'. Held on Sunday 4 September from 2pm until 4.30pm in the St Anne's Hall. Our presenter Danielle Webb is a former Archdiocesan staff member and member of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. To enrol contact CPWS office on 04 934 4099, John Feeney on 04 3864956, Elizabeth Julian on 3892553 or see them after Mass. You can also turn up on the day but an indication on numbers attending will be helpful.

Sacramentality & Sacraments of Initiation Workshop

Sacramentality is one of the pillars of our faith. Become more aware of the sacred in your daily life. Held on Wednesday 17 August from 7-9pm in Sacred Heart Church, Petone. Email Chris to register at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

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

RCIA Program

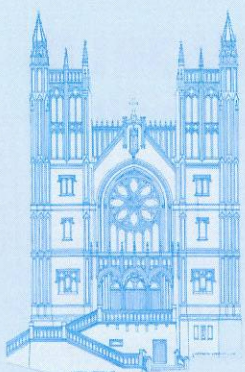
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program will commence again in September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This program runs for around 7 months (September to April) and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone 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. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz

Symbolon - Faith Formation Programme for Adults

Join us for our fifth Symbolon session at 6pm in the St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall on Tuesday 16th August at 6pm. In this session, we will explore: Who Is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives? You don't need to have gone to the other sessions to come - all are welcome. Each session involves watching a DVD on a certain topic and then having a group discussion based on the content presented in the DVD and finishing off with a shared supper. The sessions are free but koha is strongly encouraged. Please RSVP to Abby, our Parish Manager at office.manager@smoa.org.nz for catering purposes.



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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Marist Messenger

A monthly magazine of Catholic Spirituality in the Marist Tradition. Available for purchase at the back of the church. Subscription: \$60 a year 11 monthly issues posted to your letterbox. Catholic Spirituality, Daily Scripture Reflections Visit www.maristmessenger.co.nz, email secretary@maristmessenger.co.nz or phone 04 499 6546.



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
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5pm, Friday 9th September 2022

Seasons for Growth

For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences. Held on 4 September, six consecutive Sundays, 2pm-4.30pm (participants to attend all six) in Wilton (venue on application). Cost: \$40. Registration by email closes Wednesday, 23 August: seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz. For more information, please contact Katrin

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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Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Phone (04) 473 8074.