

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

21 August 2022, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go out to all the world and tell the good news.”

Time is precious and it does not stand still. We are caught up in the business of everyday life, so much so that sometimes we just need to stop, breath slowly and appreciate the beauty of the natural world around us, and the people who make up our community.

We are certainly living in a world where there are daily uncertainties, but this is more reason for us to celebrate the diversities within our Church community of St Mary of the Angels Parish, to listen to the voices of others with an open heart, and to be inclusive to all.

Through our Synod workshop discussions last year, it became evident, that although there were several resounding themes, one being more laity involvement in liturgies, we all see the world from different lens. One model or viewpoint does not fit all. But there is certainly a culture for exploring different ways of doing things. The way we justify our reasons for our behaviour, does not necessarily resonate with all. Being open to different possibilities is a key to Parish development.

Getting more people involved in our liturgical celebrations and the seeds that are sown from our community sharing can only make us stronger. Community growth comes from harvesting the gifts of others, using the charisms they offer and building the community into a dynamic living Body of Christ, where the door is open to all. In today's gospel we hear of the narrow door that not all are able to enter. I like to interpret this Gospel, as one challenging us to see how we can open the door to many.

Last weekend our St Mary of the Angels Centenary celebrations, provided an opportunity to remember our ancestors, and to focus on the presence of the Catholic Faith in central Wellington over the last century. It was also a time to focus on the future-how we continue to be relevant today. Recent Covid times, have reminded us that we the people, the Body of Christ, can transcend the need for Church buildings by maintaining a presence of faith filled communities that integrate people from a number of different cultures, sexual orientations, relationship types and sociological backgrounds. As we continue to evolve as the Body of Christ in Aotearoa, we can harness the positive energy of those around us and remember there is room for everyone to have a voice and to be heard.

Jesus has the last word in one sentence that provides us with peace, and helps us navigate the world. **“I am the way, the truth, and the life,”** says the Lord.

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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: Isaiah 66: 18-21
They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-630
From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Responsorial Psalm 116

**R. Go out to all the world;
and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **R.**



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia-

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.

Social Justice Week

Sunday 4 September to Saturday 10 September, focuses on the topic of racism in Aotearoa New Zealand. *Whakakāhoretia 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.

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,450
This week does not include automatic payments
Total: \$2,450

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

When you see a person without a smile,
give them yours

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Patricia O'Rourke, Arnel Galvan, Alvin Louis Meo

Anniversaries: Robert The, Deyls Reed, Noeline Ryan, Br Adrian Kennedy Sm, Bernard Lynch, Kevin Fitzgerald, Dean Gifford, Joan Killen, Peter Aston, Patricia Goulter, Eunice Clarke

Prayers for the Sick: Denis O'Neill, 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, Joe Haddow, Joan Wolland, William Sia, Kay De Barnardo, Bernadette Coup



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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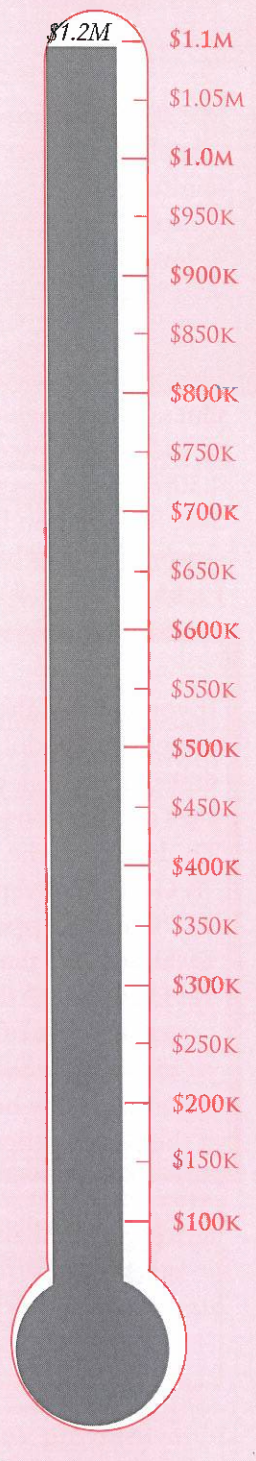
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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



Thank You

This is a note to say a very big thank you to every parishioner who helped make our centenary celebrations and the dedication of the church as the national shrine of New Zealand such memorable events. Without your presence, contribution and time these events may never have happened.

In particular, we would like to mention: the Samoan, Tongan, Fijian and Tokelauan communities who welcomed the icon of St Peter's Panel on the evening of Friday the 12th so wonderfully with their singing and their participation in the liturgy in other ways.

To all who came to celebrate the mass of healing on Saturday morning and so helped remind us of what this church is all about. A special word of thanks to James Young, the organist.

To William McElwee, David Trott the St Mary of the Angels choir, the Korean choir and the other musicians who made the Saturday evening concert such a beautiful and inspiring reminder of how much music is part of the tradition of the church.

To all the parishioners who were involved in the two vigils on Sunday: Anna and the servers, the readers, the ushers and the collectors, the projectionists.

To those from St Mary of the Angels and from St. Josephs who made sure that we were able to offer hospitality to all after the centenary mass, and specially to Robert Bok and Max Fuhrer for the two centenary cakes.

And to all who did the little unnoticed things that helped us in hidden ways. Such support is always appreciated and made our task so much easier.

We, the Pastoral Team, have so much to be grateful for, especially for your support. Without you none of what we shared and experienced over the three days of our celebrations would have been possible.

With God's blessing may the National Shrine continue to flourish for the next one hundred years!

Thank you!

Fr Kevin Mowbray

Parish Priest

Tuesday Evening Adoration

The Young Adults 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.

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

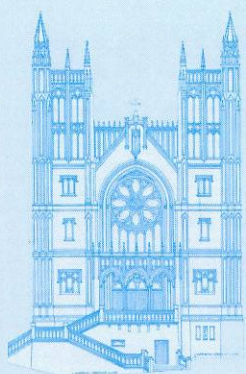
Carparks in the St Mary of the Angel's Church carpark have become available for rent Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 August at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Simon O'Connor - Christianity and Catholicism in the Modern World

Simon O'Connor is returning to St Marys to give a talk on Christianity and Catholicism in the modern world at the next WellCath event. After the talk, there will have time for a Q&A - so bring your questions! Held in St Mary of the Angels Church Hall 6pm, Wednesday 24 August.



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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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-catholicocialservices.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 Eickhorst on (04) 385 8642 or 021 374 405

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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