

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, 5.45pm - 6.45pm

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.

4 September 2022, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is not an easy religion that Jesus sets before the "great crowds" that accompanied him on his way. "Great crowds", this doesn't mean the religious people, but the ordinary people who over time have been ready to follow Him to the end. The majority have found His gospel an admirable book, full of divine wisdom and moving human tenderness. But what can be said about the blunt language demanding radical change? To prefer nothing to the love of Christ, not even the most legitimate bonds of affection, to take up one's cross and renounce everything in order to be His disciple, is that really reasonable?

Certainly not! But if we wish to be reasonable we shall never have any of those evangelical deeds of daring which mark the true disciple of Jesus. In fact, a world dominated by practical materialism, by contemporary idols of power, sex, money, there is often need of heroism just to be a Christian. It is good to rediscover then, with the gospel, the price of grace: Grace that costs dearly' and not that cheap grace, sold at a discount, with which we so easily content ourselves.

Jesus lays down clearly the conditions of becoming his disciples. He demands that we love him above everyone else and above anything in this world. In another Gospel text, he firmly teaches that we cannot serve two masters. We cannot serve both God and wealth, for we will love one and despise the other. Is it not true, however, that many people are trying to serve and love God and their wealth? God and their selfish ambitions? Some use God in order to attain material prosperity. Some preach so well that they can convince people to turn over to them a significant portion of their wealth. In practice, there are lukewarm disciples who might love Jesus but not whole heartedly. They are still attached to themselves and their prized possessions. They love Jesus but just a little, for fear of having to lose themselves and the things they most value. They end up by building their own kingdoms and not the kingdom of God, which Jesus zealously proclaimed in word and deed, even to the expense of his own life. The lukewarm love of disciples towards Jesus makes it difficult for them, if not impossible, to carry their own crosses to follow him. We know for certain that those who are unwilling to suffer and die with and for Jesus cannot hope to share in his everlasting glory in heaven.

Is there a person, relationship, or anything in this world that seriously hinders my total giving of self in love to Jesus? Lord Jesus, give me the grace to love and follow you faithfully with an undivided heart.

*Sister Frances Gibbs
Pastoral Worker*

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18
Who can comprehend the will of God?

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalm: 50

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

	Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:	\$2,340
	Automatic Payments:	\$5,299
	Total:	\$7,639

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 live ourselves forward and understand ourselves backward.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Br Dan Connell SM, Fr Brian Cummings, Peter Aldridge, Joy Gaisford, Ivan Kasocvich, Patricia O'Rourke

Anniversaries: Judith Mary Balir, Carmel Pledger, Shan Fonseka, Marie McWilliams, Fr Regis O'Reilly, Gerry Zucollo

Prayers for the Sick: Denis O'Neill, Noreen Kirwan, 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, Margaret Such



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 89

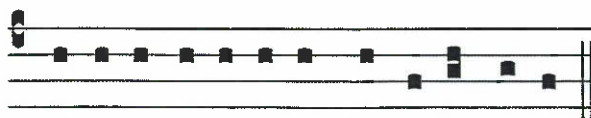
R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

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.



Domi-ne, re-fu-gi- um fac-tus es no-bis-

Lord, thou hast been our refuge.

Joshua Wellington Men's One-Day Retreat

Held at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 29 October from 8:30am to 5pm. The theme is 'Peace, hope and healing through Jesus for our brokenness' Brendan Malone, Director of LifeNET NZ will be leading the retreat. If you want to know more contact Steve Ready on 027 356 955 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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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.

Pilgrimage to World Youth Day

The Council for Young people is inviting young Catholics (and all other young people) to join a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon next year. The Council has published a draft itinerary for Kiwis wanting to attend the Lisbon event. It's a very full itinerary of 24 days leaving Auckland on 15 July for Paris, then on pilgrimage to such places as Lyon and Lourdes, and Fatima for six days, before reaching Lisbon on 31 July. Lisbon will host many official events from 1 August to World Youth Day itself on Sunday 6 August, which climaxes with a Mass that Pope Francis is expected to celebrate in person. Read more and download the itinerary here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wyd-lisbon2023-itinerary/>

Symbolon - Faith Formation Programme for Adults

Join us for our sixth Symbolon session at 6pm in the St Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall on Tuesday 6th September at 6pm. In this session, we will explore: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus's Death & Resurrection. 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.

Tuesday Midday Mass Cancelled

The midday mass and reconciliation on Tuesday 6 September has been cancelled due to a funeral.

Child Safeguarding Week

We're getting involved in Child Safeguarding Week 2022, 4-10 September to raise awareness on what you can do to safeguarding and protect children from abuse and neglect! Find out more at www.childsafeguardingweek.org.nz.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 15 September starting from 7.30pm sharp followed by a cuppa. Held in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. The talk will be "As for me and my house..." followed with prayer ministry: Michael Powell. If you want to know more ring Steve Ready on 027-356-9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Social Justice Meeting

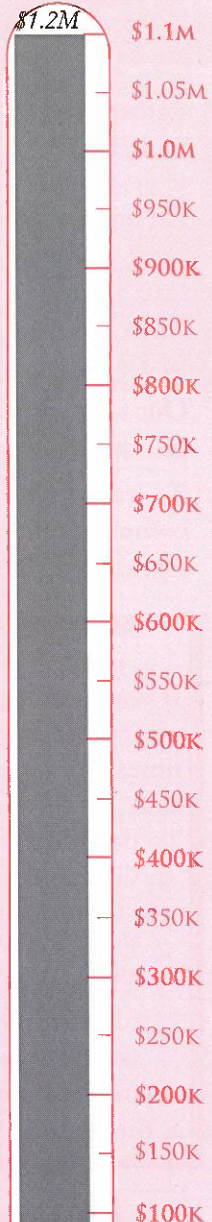
The Parish Social Justice Group meeting will be held in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's, Mt Victoria, from 6-7pm on Wednesday 7 September. All welcome. Any enquiries contact Marie Kearney on Ph. 04 384 9891 or 021 215 2746.

XLT Youth Worship is back in September!

All youth and young adults are invited to join us for a night of relevant worship, adoration, reconciliation, fun and fellowship! Come and get inspired, encounter Jesus and hang out with some awesome young Catholics from around Wellington!

If parents and adults want to support the young people in your community, please spread the word and invite them to XLT. Don't underestimate how your invitation can impact their faith. Friday 16 September, 7pm, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria.

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



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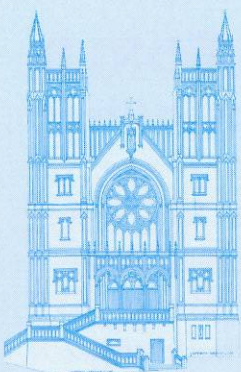
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Catholic Enquiry Centre/Catholic Discovery Fundraiser

Father Stu Movie Tuesday 6 September 6pm at Light House Cinema Petone. Tickets (\$20 + processing fee) can be securely purchased online at www.catholicdiscovery.nz/stu or call the CEC office (04) 385 8518. An improbable transformation. From small town boxer to being a struggling actor living in Los Angeles, Stu Long's life drastically changes when he miraculously survives a motorcycle accident. Stu aspires to use his second chance to help others find their way, and comes to a surprising realisation that he is meant to be a Catholic priest.

Our tour with Father Stu, the movie, returns to Petone, Lower Hutt. After two successful screenings we have decided to extend the tour.

To learn more about the movie, you can access a preview which includes comments made by our audience members on YouTube at https://youtu.be/Qj0m_iv5NvI.

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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