

# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Including St Joseph's, Mount Victoria

Church and Presbytery:

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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.

11 September 2022, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A Fathers Love

Last Sunday we celebrated "Father's Day" and we hear of a father's love for his two sons in today's Gospel reading. The parable of the prodigal son is one we are all familiar with. We know it as the parable of the prodigal son, but a more fitting title for this parable would be "A Father's Love." It's a story of God's love for us. With both sons, the father proves how much he loves them both by his words and actions.

The Scribes and the Pharisees who would have been listening to Jesus as he told this parable, would have very much disapproved of the actions of the father. They would have pointed out that the father should never have allowed his younger son to take his share of the family inheritance, and go away. But the father does allow his son an incredible freedom to go his own way, and to make his own mistakes.

According to Jewish law and customs, the father made another mistake when he welcomed his son back so lovingly and celebrating his return with a banquet. The older son can feel rightly aggrieved at how his father has welcomed back his younger brother, and yet the father comes out, once again showing his fatherly love by reassuring him that all that he has is his.

What happened to the two sons after their encounters with their loving father is not known. The parable does not answer that scenario because it's the wrong scenario to reflect on. What Jesus wants us to ask is: where is the father at the end of the story? "The Father" is not to be found in the place of honour, but outside, still seeking his rebellious sons and daughters.

The Church takes us back to this parable of Jesus of its importance. We heard it during the season of Lent, to be read so that we might reflect more deeply in our preparation for Easter. We need to be reminded at all times that we often search for God in the wrong places. He is with us in our darkness and anger, seeking us out and telling us: All that I have is yours.

*Fr Joe Savesi sm*

*Assistant Priest*

### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
*The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
*Christ came to save sinners.*

**Gospel:** Luke 15: 1-32  
*There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.*


### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Amos 8:4-7

**Psalm:** 112

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel:** Luke 16: 1-13

	<b>Last Sunday's Collection</b>	
	Sunday Collection:	\$2,734
	Automatic Payments:	\$5,976
<b>Total: \$8,710</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

Face the light and the shadows fall behind you.

### Responsorial Psalm 50

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**



Surgam, et i-bo ad patrem me-am.

*I will arise and go to my father.*

### Sunday Miha (Maori Mass)

Miha for Te Kāinga is celebrated at the Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay every Sunday.

### 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](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Barbara Stairs, Br Dan Connell SM, Fr Brian Cummings, Peter Aldridge, Joy Gaisford, Patricia O'Rourke

**Anniversaries:** Pip Baxter, Noeline Stewart, Francis Renouf, Peter Feenan, Gillian Lescher, Joan Lynch, Helen Havasi

**Prayers for the Sick:** Denis O'Neill, Noreen Kirwan, Geoff and Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Barbara Jones, Mary Buchanan, Joe Haddow, Joan Wolland, William Sia, Kay De Barnardo, Bernadette Coup, Margaret Such



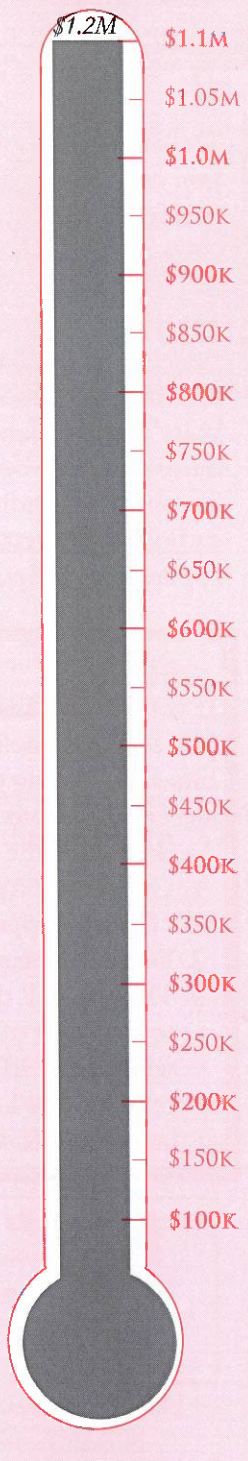
*Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the parish office.*

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# PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



## 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 2023, 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/>

## St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust AGM

On Sunday 25 September 2022 the St Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust will hold its Annual General meeting.

The Trust receives donations and bequests to provide a fund for supporting work that needs to be done for the Church and the Presbytery/Parish Hall buildings.

The Trust was a major contributor to the recent strengthening and modernisation work done on the Parish Centre.

The AGM will be held in the Hall immediately after the 11.00am Mass. These AGMs are brief. All Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

The Trust Annual Report and audited financial statements are available on the SMOA website.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

## Tuesday Evening Adoration

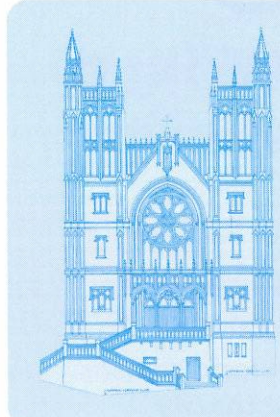
The Young Adults Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary's starting around 5.45 pm after the 5.15 pm Mass. Reconciliation will be available during Adoration. We will go to the crypt afterwards for a light supper. All are welcome.

## 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 on [francisbird@gmail.com](mailto:francisbird@gmail.com) or Fr Joe Savesi on [dennys4life@hotmail.com](mailto:dennys4life@hotmail.com)

## St Joseph's Men's Book Group

All welcome. Held on Tuesday 13 September at 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members with our guest Anand Satyanand on the book The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. Phone John Dalgety on 027 338 3576 for enquires.



## 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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 The suffix has changed on the Parish Centre Fundraising account. Please deposit donations into: **St Mary of the Angels Parish 02 0536 0003242 24**  
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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](http://www.maristmessenger.co.nz), email [secretary@maristmessenger.co.nz](mailto:secretary@maristmessenger.co.nz) or phone 04 499 6546.



## Catholic Social Services Vacancy

Wellington Catholic Social Services is looking for a creative social worker to join our team in developing a practice model for 2022 and beyond. This is an exciting time to join us. Do you have a commitment to Te Tiriti O Waitangi, Mātauranga Maori and Te Ao Maori? Do you understand bi-cultural and multi-cultural environments? Have you (ideally) worked with issues of family harm and protection of children? Are you looking to work more actively at the community level? Are you an active networker who thrives in collaborative models? Do you have a social work degree (ideally) with 1- 2 years' work experience -or are a mature graduate? Yes- - Then let's korero! Sure, there will be the usual processes to follow – but we like to korero kanohi ki te kanohi first. Either email [reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz) or phone 04 385 8642. Closing date for applications is 3pm, Friday 30 September 2022.

## 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.

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