

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
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Ko Hāna Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Aua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

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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 - 6.30pm

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.

25 September 2022, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Building the future begins today” (108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2022).

Building a better future involves us wrestling with the connection between wealth and mercy. Wealth is not necessarily the problem, rather how it is created and shared. Comfort and injustice are themes of both the prophet Amos and the Gospel of Luke this Sunday.

Amos, who was a shepherd and orchard worker, became deeply distressed with the way the poor were being treated. Amos describes a time when Israel was financially successful and peaceful; wealthy people were ‘lying on their comfortable couches, eating lamb, listening to music, drinking wine and anointing themselves with the best oils’. Yet they did not seem to notice many of their brothers and sisters in great need.

Luke gives us a ‘judgment parable’ with the story of the Rich man and Lazarus. There was a mysterious blindness to the reality of the poor, hungry, and sick man lying at his gate. Interestingly, the rich man does know him by name and tries to command him to help: ‘send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue...’ However, during his life he had ‘dressed in purple’ (a sign of wealth), ‘ate magnificently every day’ and not extended his heart to the poor man lying at his gate. What is the real cause of our blindness and inaction? Where am I in this message of Amos and the parable of Lazarus? Will I be open to move from comfort to compassion, to charity, to justice?

Today Pope Francis is inviting the whole church to take a special look at the global challenge of migrants and refugees. We are invited to reframe our thinking: migrants and refugees are not numbers and problems; they are people with enriching gifts. He uses a striking image of the new Jerusalem prophecy of Isaiah: “Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut so that nations shall bring you their wealth’ (Is 60:11). We are called to build a bright future with migrants and refugees and recognize the wealth of culture and personal giftedness they bring as we build the future together. Pope Francis ends with a thought and a question: The future actually begins today. What decisions need to be made immediately here and now? What decision do I need to make to build a better future? Perhaps the rich man in the parable continued to think about it. Time and ultimately in his death he was caught not having made any decision. Jesus urges us to act now before it is too late.

Fr Frank Bird
Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings


First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7
You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16
Obeys the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4
Psalm: 94
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17: 5-9

	Last Sunday's Collection
	Sunday Collection: \$1,909
	Automatic Payments: \$3,271
Total: \$5,180	

Joshua Wellington One Day Retreat

Joshua Wellington Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 29 October 8.30am to 5pm. The theme is on 'Peace, hope and healing through Jesus for our brokenness'. Brendan Malone, Director of LifeNET NZ is retreat leader. If you want to know more ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Thought for the Week

The only person who never makes mistakes is the one who never does anything.

Responsorial Psalm 145

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.



Lauda á-ní-ma me- a Dó-mi-num.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Children's Sacramental Programme

Children from St Mary of the Angels including St Joseph's are invited to join the Sacramental Programme to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion. Children can enrol if they are already baptised and are currently in Year 3 or above. The first parents' meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at St Thomas More Church, Wilton. You can enrol your children by emailing office.manager@smoa.org.nz for the registration form that you will submit along with their baptismal certificate before the programme starts.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Barbara Stairs, Br Dan Connell SM

Anniversaries: Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty, Norma Burns

Prayers for the Sick: Henry Prendergast, 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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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.

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 September 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. Our celebrant will be our newly ordained priest Fr Alfred Tong. All are welcome.

Parish Social Justice Group Meeting

Parish Social Justice Group meeting will be held in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's, Mt Victoria, from 6-7pm on Wednesday 5 October. All welcome. Any enquiries contact Marie Kearney on Ph. 384 9891 or 0212152746.

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Mass

Due to Monday 26 September being a public holiday there will only be one Mass held at 9am.

Tuesday Evening Mass Cancelled

There will be no 5.15pm Mass held on Tuesday 27 September.

RCIA Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program will commence again on 20 October for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This program runs for around 7 months (October to May) 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 or Fr Joe Savesi on dennys4life@hotmail.com

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:

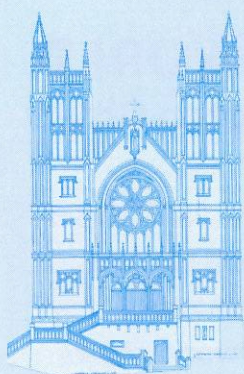
Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 30 December 2022 until 8 January 2023! You can register at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration or find out more at our website or on our social media.

Healing Service

A Healing Service with Fr John Rea will be conducted at St Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt on Thursday 6 October beginning at 7.30pm. This is the first we have been able to have since Covid struck. Please invite and bring with you all those in need of healing. Contact: 022 639 0240.

Free Online Event—Te Kupenga

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding a free online event, "No hope in hell: How a real Gospel view of the afterlife can make us better missionaries" on Thursday 13 October at 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. The speaker is Cameron Surrey of the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy. Come along with your whanau and friends. Find more details on how to register by visiting the Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College Facebook Page



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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 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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