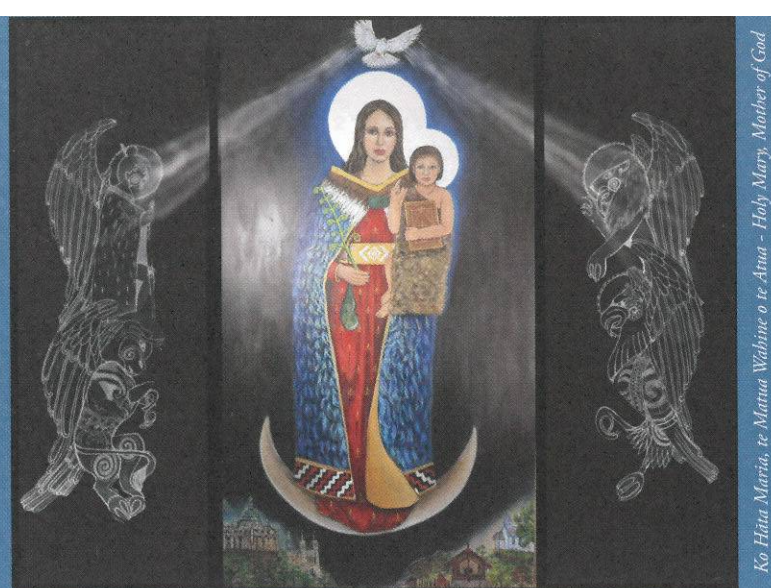


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

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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.

## 2 October 2022, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**O Lord, how long shall I cry out for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?**

Sometimes do you feel your prayers have not been answered, or perhaps not in the way you would have hoped for.

Sadly though, so many of us bring prayer to the forefront only when we have problems. We may then ask ourselves, 'What is prayer?'

Prayer can be personal or communal, reflective, meditative, a form of thanksgiving, and confirmation of our relationship with our God of infinite wisdom, and unconditional love. When our tangata whenua offer karakia, they are witness to their connections with their spiritual world. Taize prayer and the Rosary both offer simple forms of meditative worship. Our grace before meals reflects our appreciation of the blessings we have received through the love of those who have grown, and those who have prepared the food. Our Mass is a wonderful time of reflection and commemorative prayer.

A wise kuia has said, prayer is not only taking time out to reflect and talk with our loving God, but our actions can also be interpreted as prayer, when our intentions are focused on following in Christ's footsteps in our daily lives.

Faith allows us to actively pray, and to believe and trust in our relationship with God.

Every waking moment is an opportunity to be mindful of our relationship with all we meet. Even in our darkest moments we can see the light of Christ around us, as we are called to love one another and to love ourselves.

This Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is a national celebration for the Venerable Meri Hōhepa-Suzanne Aubert. Through the life of Suzanne Aubert, we see her spirituality and good works as prayer in action.

When we come together as the community of St Mary of the Angels' Parish, our bond is cemented by our faith, even if our faith is the size of a 'mustard seed', our faith will enable us to follow in the footsteps of Christ, and grow as a community of faith. We pray that we will make time to be at peace with ourselves and our God of infinite love.

Mary Crewdson

St Joseph's Church Administrator



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4  
*The just will live by faithfulness.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14  
*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

**Gospel:** Luke 17: 5-9  
*If you had faith!*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5: 14-17

**Psalm:** 97

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

**Gospel:** Luke 17: 11-19

### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,307

Automatic Payments: \$5,615

**Total: \$7,922**



### Symbolon - Faith Formation Programme for Adults

Join us for our eighth Symbolon session at 6pm in the St Mary of the Angel's **Parish Hall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. In this session, we will explore: The Mystery of the Catholic Church. *Though Jesus saves us as individuals, he calls us to live out our salvation as members of a communion of believers. But that can be hard if we don't understand what the Church is and what it is meant to be.* You do not 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.

### Thought for the Week

To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.

### Responsorial Psalm 94

**R. If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R.**



Ho-di- e, si vo-cem e-jus audi- e-ri- tis,



no-li-te obdu-ra-re corda vestra.

*Today if thou shalt hear his voice,  
Harden not your hearts*

### Social Justice Group (The October Meeting is Cancelled).

The next meeting of our group will be Wednesday 2nd November at 6pm at St Joseph's church. All welcome. Ph John Feeney 04 386 4956 for more details.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Anniversaries:** O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyons, Miriam Wilkins, Paul Barber, John Casserley, John Patrick O'Brien, Eileen Dysart, Claire Bourke, Brendan Gilmore, Mary Crompton

**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/>

## Refugees and Support from Sisters of Mercy International

On Sunday 25th September we were reminded there are now 20 million refugees and over 200 million displaced people. The sisters of mercy international have put out a wonderful publication about the work they are doing worldwide to support refugees. Details of advocacy actions for government are also included. This is a very informative and easy read. Follow the link below to download the document. John Feeney. Social Justice Group <https://www.mercyworld.org/newsroom/breaking-boundaries-a-mercy-response-to-people-on-the-move>

## Sunday Miha (Maori Mass)

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

## 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](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) for the registration form that you will submit along with their baptismal certificate before the programme starts.

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

## Caritas seeking Executive Assistant

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is based in Thorndon, Wellington and we are looking for an experienced Executive Assistant to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although part-time candidates could be considered (30 hrs minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships. Questions to [enquiries@twoticks.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@twoticks.co.nz). More details available at <https://tinyurl.com/caritasEAjob>

## Urban Café

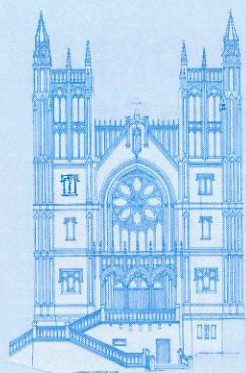
Urban is located at 2 Manners Street, just over the road from St Mary of the Angels Church. Urban has a variety of beautiful food for breakfast and lunch—at a great price! Head on over and support our local small business.

## 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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## Marist Messenger

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## Support Palliative Care

NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but have to fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost. Bishop Steve says: "When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End of Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation". Full details online here: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/)

## 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.

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