

# The Angelus

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

## 9 October 2022, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus taught against the unjust Jewish association of moral depravity with sickness and disability. The lepers had done nothing to *deserve* the physical and social suffering that leprosy enjoined. At the same time, Jesus would often join the spiritual healing of sins with physical healing. The most famous example is the healing of the paralysed man (Matthew 9:1–8, Mark 2:1–12, and Luke 5:17–26). This suggests that leprosy can be taken as an *analogy* for sin.

As the Gospel indicates, the physical suffering of leprosy was compounded by the social exclusion prescribed by the Law of the Old Testament. Most certainly, the ten lepers would have been tempted to break the Law and draw close to their loved ones. But the lepers follow what the Law prescribed. Neither does Jesus approach the lepers. He too follows the Law (Lev 13:49; 14:2–4) and tells them ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ This indicates that, just as leprosy corrupted the body of the individual and excluded them from community, so too does sin corrupt the soul of the individual and remove them from communion with the Church. Every sin is a failure to love God *and* neighbour. Sin is not merely a private falling-out with God, but a communal rupture with our brothers and sisters.

The deliberate choice to commit grave sin is a self-excommunication. We separate ourselves from the Church by our sins. And yet, though we stand some way off like the lepers, we cry out to Jesus: ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ Christ responds with the same words: ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Just as the lepers are restored to communion according to the Old Covenant, it makes sense that in the New Covenant Jesus forgives our sin through the communion of the Church.

One of the common objections to the Sacrament of Confession is: “I just confess my sins to God.” Obviously, it is a good thing to ask God for forgiveness; it is God who forgives, not Fr. Hayden sleeping in the confessional. But the priest acts in the person of Christ to restore sinners to the Body of Christ (John 20:23 – “Those whose sins you forgive are forgiven, those whose sins you retain are retained”). Forgiveness is not private. Yes, it is uncomfortable and embarrassing but the Risen Christ instituted the Sacrament of Confession for our healing. Let us not be ashamed, but go to the priests.

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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.



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5: 14-17  
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2: 8-13  
*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

**Gospel:** Luke 17: 11-19  
*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*


### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:8-13

**Psalm:** 120

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

**Gospel:** Luke 18:1-8

	<b>Last Sunday's Collection</b>
	Sunday Collection: \$2,191
	Automatic Payments: \$4,441
<b>Total: \$6,632</b>	

### Funeral of Paul 'Budgie' Jacobsen

The funeral of Paul Jacobson will be held on Monday 10 October at 1.30pm. The Vigil will be held on Sunday 9 October at 7pm. Both are to be held in St Mary of the Angels Church

### Joshua Wellington

Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 20 October 2022 at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul. Laurence Benson will be giving his testimony "Discovering the Light of Christianity"

### Thought for the Week

Patience can be bitter, but her fruit is sweet.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Paul 'Budgie' Jacobsen, Lalelei Feleti Setefano

**Anniversaries:** Sidney Hall, Leo Buchanan, Bill Maher

**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



*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.*

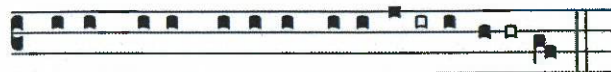
### Responsorial Psalm 97

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R.**



No-tum fe-cit Dómi-nus sa-lu-tá- re su- um:

*The Lord hath made known his salvation.*

### 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.

### Electronic Waste Collection

On Saturday 29 October (Rain postponement Saturday 5 November) at St Mary's College (Netball Courts) from 9am – 2pm. No whiteware or car batteries. Cost per item from \$2 - 10. Cash only. Please see Church noticeboard for pricing.

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## Mission Sunday

Held on 23 October, donation envelopes will be available in the Church from this week.

## St Joseph's Men's Book Club

All Visitors Welcome. Held on Tuesday October 11 at 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members. Contact John Dalgety on 027 338 3576 for more info or a zoom option.

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

## Tuākana Gap Year Programme 2023

Applications for the Archdiocese's Tuākana Programme 2023 are now open! If you know any amazing young Catholics within your Parishes or communities who are looking for a new opportunity, please encourage them to apply! To apply and for a copy of the job description, visit: [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/tuakana-application-form/](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/tuakana-application-form/). Contact Louise at [youth@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:youth@wn.catholic.org.nz) for more information.

## 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 Programme

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence again on 20 October for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme 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 programme, or would like to support as a leader or sponsor in this programme, 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)

## 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

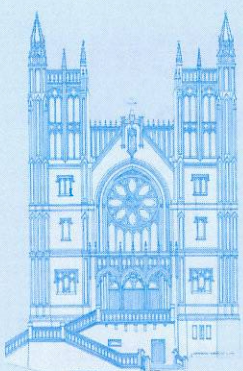
Urban is located at 2 Manners Street, just over the road from St Mary of the Angels Church. Urban has a variety of beautiful food for breakfast and lunch—at a great price! Head on over and support our local small business.

## 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.

## 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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## 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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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