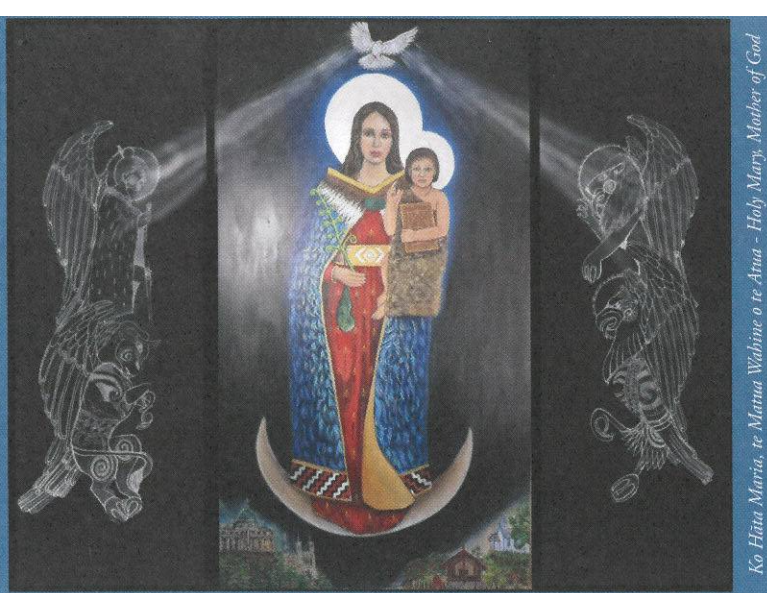


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

13 November 2022, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anxiety or the King?

War in Ukraine, troubling political elections in America and Brazil, floods in Australia and the Philippines, war in Myanmar, drought in Kenya and the Horn of Africa, on going conflict in the Palestinian Territories, political upheaval in Great Britain, an energy crisis throughout Europe particularly but the world as well. The list seems endless – and dispiriting! Then, here in New Zealand, inflation is soaring, mortgages are becoming increasingly burdensome, there is talk of increasing unemployment, ram raids and street violence seem to be daily news, the covid virus is still hanging around. No wonder, we might think, there is so much talk of anxiety, depression, of mental health issues. What is there to give us hope? Is there a future for us, for the world?

My answer to this troubling, disturbing question is a call, a challenge: “Look to the King!”

Just to be clear, I’m not talking of King Charles who recently acceded to the throne of England upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth, who for so long had been a steady presence in an unsteady world. Charles is too distant, too ambiguous, too human to be an answer.

I am talking of Jesus Christ - Christ the King. This is the feast we celebrate next Sunday. On the last Sunday of the Church’s year, the Sunday before we begin the season of Advent, the Church turns our eyes to the future to reassure us that our present moment will pass. God’s plan is mysteriously unfolding and all will be well. Christ, at some unknown point in a hidden future, will bring all Creation home to the Father.

Go back to the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis, the very first book in the Bible. In those chapters we read two different stories of how Creation unfolded. The first tells us in a measured and repetitive way, so calming and reassuring, that God created everything for a purpose. And this purpose is good. The second story is comforting and consoling. It reveals God to be lovingly solicitous for his people. In ways unimaginable He is a constant companion, never abandoning us.

Jesus’ coming amongst us reveals this. His journey to the cross and beyond, into the depths of Hell, is the sure sign that he will not abandon us when life is burdensome beyond bearing. More, he shows us the way forward, the way of Salvation. Christ has conquered the powers of darkness. He is King of Creation. Even now, amidst all the complex, depressing mess of our present-day world, there is purposeful goodness mysteriously at work. We profess this to be true. But do we believe it?

Perhaps we could enter into the spirit of this feast of Christ the King and, at the same time, prepare for the birth of our King by reading and re-reading the first two chapters of the Book of Genesis and so hear more deeply its drumbeat of hope: “He saw that it was good ... He saw that it was good”.

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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: Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

	Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:	\$3,104
	Automatic Payments:	\$5,193
	Total: \$8,297	

World Youth Day Mass 2022

Come together with the Youth of Wellington to celebrate all that's happening in the Young Church! Join us for Young Church Mass and an evening of fellowship and celebration for World Youth Day 2022. Held on Sunday 20 November 2022 at 5pm at St Mary of the Angels.

Invitation to Join 9am Singing Group

Singers! You are invited to join the Singing Group at 9am Mass at St Mary's. We lead the hymns and sing the psalm. Please contact Director of Music William for more details.

Thought for the Week

In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends.

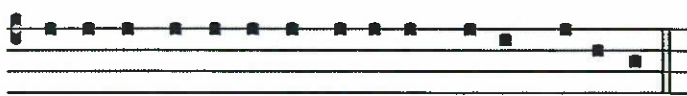
Responsorial Psalm 97

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **R.**



Domi-nus ju-di-ca-bit popu-los in aequi-ta-te.

The Lord will judge the people with fairness.

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are available to purchase from the Parish Office during the week for \$12

Mass of Remembrance

The Mass of Remembrance to celebrate all who have died this year and our relatives and friends who have passed on will be held on Saturday 19 November at 11am in St Mary of the Angels Church. All are welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation rehearsal is being held at 3pm, Saturday 19 November, St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, 301 Karori Road, Karori.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Paul 'Budgie' Jacobsen, Lalelei Feleti Setefano, Judith Mendoza

Anniversaries: Joan Welch, Catherine O'Regan, Brendan Kirwan

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, Edwin Ligeralde



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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St Joseph's Working Bee - 9am Saturday 26 November

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Christmas. Many hands make light work! We would be particularly grateful for as many trailers, utes, trucks and station wagons as possible to help take garden refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to.

Urban Café—Help Needed!

Urban Café is hiring! They are in need of front of house staff, all rounders and chef/kitchen hands. Full and part time positions available. Please contact Angela on 04 801 8380, email m.akelly@hotmail.com or pop into the café located at 2 Manners Street, just over the road from St Mary of the Angels Church.

Thank You From Vinnies

On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society Conference group based at SMOA I would like to thank all those who have supported us this year, whether by means of money in the Poor Box at the rear of the church, or making an online donation, or by leaving groceries in the food basket on a Sunday. I can assure you this kindness is greatly appreciated, especially in these difficult times, and allows us to help needy people in the community by providing food, clothing and other essentials. With Christmas approaching hardship increases for many, so your generosity will be valued even more. Thanks again and God Bless.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap: Catholicism and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The SMAYACs have invited Fr Gerard Burns to speak about the Church and the Treaty of Waitangi. He will talk about the role of the Christian Churches in 1840, what role they've played since then, and what role they could and should have now.

The talk starts in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm and there will be some time for questions. After the talk, we will walk down to the nearby Fork and Brewer pub for some drinks and further discussion from 7.30 pm!

Invite some friends, or come along and make some new ones!

Quiz Night Thank You

A big thank you to Ainie Kwok, Trish Reyes, Darlene Adrian and Gabrielle O'Connor who helped organise the Quiz night last Saturday to fundraise for the Young Adults. In total \$928.70 was raised which will go towards turning the Crypt into a space for the Young Adults to get together for fun and fellowship

Month of the Holy Souls Parish Event

Makara Cemetery visit held on **Sunday November 13**

10.45am: Cuppa in St Joseph's chapel after Mass.

11.15am: Depart St Joseph's (individuals drive directly to the Makara Cemetery)

Noon: Prayer service in Catholic section @ Makara Cemetery at Bev Dunlop's grave

12.45pm: BBQ & picnic at 410 Makara Road (home of Christine & Pat Grace). Contact John Dalgety on 027 338 3576 or Moyra Pearce on 027 270 1790 for more info. All Parishioners, family and friends are welcome!

Seek—Explore and Discern

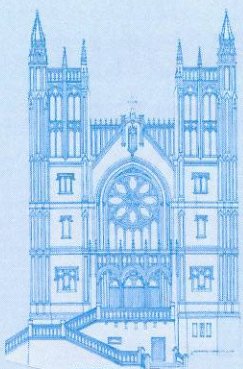
An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the Church and in the world. Held on Sunday 20 November, 1pm to 5pm at St Mary of the Angels. The afternoon will conclude with the World Youth Day Mass at 5pm. To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites both men and women to the last meeting for 2022 on Thursday 17 November at 7.30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' hall next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul. Interactive session led by: Monsignor Gerard Burns, Vicar-General on "How God is calling us at this time?" Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

XLT November

Inviting TEENS and YOUNG ADULTS to come and experience the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Together we worship Him through music, receive true freedom through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and feel the love through the gift of each other. On Friday 18 November, 7 – 9:30pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria



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Mixed 4's Passionist Family Group

How blessed we were with the weather last Sunday as our Family Group gathered for a shared afternoon tea at Mary-Ellen and John Leen's. It was a chance for us to gather and check in to see how we are all doing. The year has been another crazy one, so good to just be and chat!



Our next gathering is **Sunday the 4th of December, 11am at Shoreline Park in Island Bay** (On the corner opposite the beach). Bring the children/grandchildren, some food to share, a sausage or two as we'll be making use of the BBQs. We will be offering Passionist Family Groups to the community at St Mary's of the Angels Church in the near future - so if your interested to find out about building community, sharing our Christian lives in a practical spiritual way, then this maybe for you. You would be most welcome to join us on the 4th of December or email Sarah Simmons on: foreverbeawesome@yahoo.com - for more information or contact Mary-Ellen Leen on 0273336440

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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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



“May this 2022 World Day of the Poor be for us a moment of grace. May it enable us to make a personal and communal examination of conscience and to ask ourselves whether the poverty of Jesus Christ is our faithful companion in life.” (Pope Francis, 13 June 2022).

In his message for the sixth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis acknowledges that whilst moving from long periods of COVID-19-induced isolation, we find ourselves facing great separation in Aotearoa New Zealand. The pandemic exacerbated divisions in society, with people disconnected from their communities. Today is intended for all Catholics to work **with** people who are poor and marginalised, rebuilding bonds in communities and working in partnership.

Pope Francis tells us that *“solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty”* (Fratelli Tutti, 2020, para. 116). Everyone is wealthy in different ways and can offer something to promote human dignity and the common good. We should all seek to be poor in spirit, and rich in action, love, and community. On this World Day of the Poor, consider, what are you rich in, and how can you become poor in spirit?

If blessed with time, how are we giving this time to those around us, people who may not be given the time of day?

If blessed with wealth, how are we encouraging subsidiarity, and giving to what people are actually asking for?

If blessed with family, how are we welcoming other people with open arms when they have no one to turn to?

Ways to give:

Discuss how your parish can do more to open your doors to those in need.

Run a food, clothing, or school supplies collection for local charity organisations.

See if there is an Orange Sky bus working in your area and donate your time sitting with people while they do their laundry.

