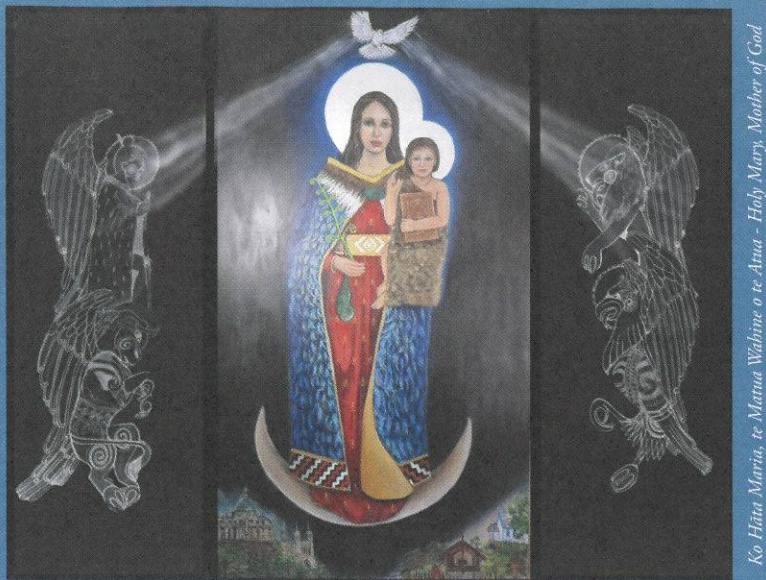


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

20 November 2022, The Feast of Christ the King

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, signals the *end* of the liturgical year and draws our attention to Christ's second coming in glory and power. Next week, we *begin* the season of Advent and prepare ourselves to welcome Christ's more modest arrival on Christmas Day. The mix of beginnings and endings here is deliberate; the Church is confronting us with the paradox of Christ.

I remember when James Cameron's first *Avatar* movie arrived in the cinema. We excitedly purchased our 3D Glasses with their blue and red lenses. I recall taking the glasses on and off during the movie, just to experience the difference between the fuzzy flat image and the living image full of depth and surprise. Back then, this seemed like magic. Now I know that the 3D Glasses feed the eyes different images by filtering cyan and red light thus 'tricking' the brain into triangulating depth.

Our readings this Sunday encourage us to clean and put on our 3D Glasses of faith.

The blue lens is the divinity of Christ. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus Christ is the all-powerful King of the Universe, ... *before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.* In short, Jesus is God. In the Gospel from Luke, the Roman soldiers mock Jesus, little understanding that Christ's kingship is mysteriously beyond anything they could imagine. Without the eyes of faith, they see merely a broken man crucified alongside other criminals.

When our blue lens of faith becomes dirtied, we can start to treat aspects of our faith flippantly too. This can manifest in our approach to the Eucharist, which is not just a piece of bread or even a merely a symbol of Christ's body, but Christ present body, soul, blood, and divinity. This can also occur in our behaviour in the sacred space of the Church, or in the way we speak about sacred things.

The red lens is the humanity of Christ. In the season Advent, we will see Jesus Christ arrive as a powerless human infant; God becomes like us in all things but sin. What's more, our Gospel from Luke *does* present a God who is crucified alongside other criminals. Jesus Christ accepts humiliating suffering and death of a human criminal on the Cross. He does this because God wants all things to be reconciled through him and for him, that is, for the forgiveness of sins.

When our red lens is dirty, we can find ourselves repulsed by the gritty human reality of our faith. The words and gestures of our liturgy, the touching, and things of the seven Sacraments, and most particularly the Church (full of sinful people) can seem too unclean for God. We are reminded that the Church is the *Body* of Christ.

Whichever lens we need to clean, let us take this week to do so. In this way, our approach towards Christmas will be filled with mysterious wonder at the God become man, Jesus Christ. *Vivat Christus Rex!*

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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 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,350

Automatic Payments: \$3,281

Total: \$5,631

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

Being loved by someone gives you strength,
while loving someone deeply gives you courage.

Responsorial Psalm 121

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

Let us go to God's house.

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**



Lae-tá-tus sum in his quae dicta sunt mi-hi:



in domum Dó-mi-ni í-bi-mus.

*I rejoiced at the things that were said to me:
we shall go into the house of the Lord.*

Faith Rosaries

We sell rosaries in the Parish Office designed and hand made by Ngaire Greger from Faith Rosaries. If you are looking for a rosary as a gift or for yourself, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in.

Columban Calendars

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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Frances Connolly, Barbara Jones

Anniversaries:

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, 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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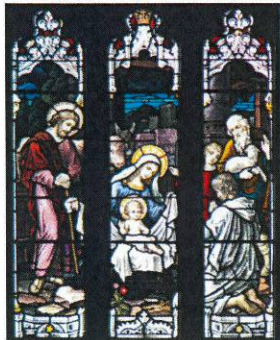
The following Masses are cancelled:

- Friday 25 November, 5.15pm Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
- Friday 2 December, 5.15pm Mass will be replaced with Mass 4 Life at 7pm.

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards are now available for purchase either after Mass on Sunday or from the Parish Office.

A6 \$15 for a pack of 12
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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.

Coast to Coast Rosary

Please join the annual Coast to Coast Rosary on Saturday 3rd December at 3 pm. For details please visit coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

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.

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

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

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 November at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This will be the last one for this year. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8th December

As has been the custom for many years now an Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on our Diocesan Feast day at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral at 7pm. The Archdiocese will again be entrusted to the care of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception at this Mass. Parishes are asked to renew that Consecration on the following Sunday (11th December) at ALL parish Masses. All are welcome at St Teresa's for the Mass on Thursday 8 December at 7pm.

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.

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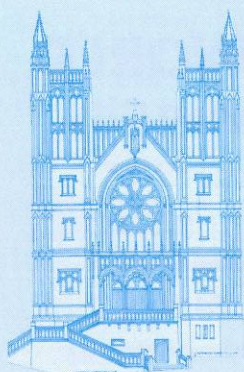
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Mixed 4's Passionist Family Group

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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