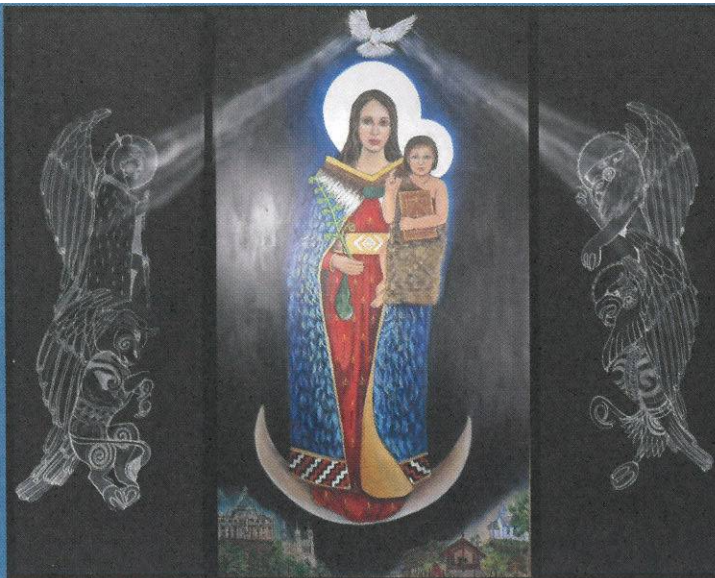


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St Mary of the Angels Church

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.

27 November 2022, 1st Sunday of Advent

Christmas and Advent

"The days are surely coming" (Jr 33:14). The Israelites had to wait patiently for 1500 years until the fulfilment of this prophecy. However, we did not. Since the beginning of the Church we have had the privilege of knowing the precise date and manner in which the Messiah came amongst us. We also know that Jesus continues to come amongst us at every celebration of the Eucharist. How would the Israelites have acted if they had had this knowledge? On the surface I think they would have continued living an ordinary life while within they would have been restless with anticipation.

Sometimes it is harder to care about something which has happened many times before, the details of which are well known. If I watch the film "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" for a second or third time, I am less uneasy when I watch the Mexican-standoff scene because I know which characters will survive. However, I still continue to watch the film. The second viewing of the film is still worth it though I know what will happen, because I can enjoy the subtleties of the scene, the music, the background and character expressions. Although I will miss the novelty aspect, each viewing allows me to gain a deeper appreciation for Sergio Leone's directing, Ennio Morricone's score composition, and Clint Eastwood's grimaces.

Just as I immerse myself in "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" time and time again – and always gain something from that – so I join each year in the celebration of Christmas Day. In this way I am able to deepen my faith and hope in the coming of Christ amongst us at Bethlehem.

Something similar happens as I prepare for Christmas Day.

A somewhat long 'to-do list' looms in the back of my mind. Work parties and other gatherings await during this period, alongside visits to the optometrist, the dentist, and the hairdresser. Although this ensures top condition for the holiday season, if the tasks were the sole aim, they would become meaningless.

The Season of Advent helps me to avoid that lack of meaning. It helps me prepare to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas Day. His coming amongst us in each Mass during this season is an opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation of God's promises that have been fulfilled. Though much, much shorter than the 1500 years the Israelites waited for the fulfilment of the prophecy, the Season of Advent is, for me, a period of waiting when I can deepen my hope in the return of Christ in his glory.

Vincent Brzozowski—Marist Seminarian

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
The time has come, our salvation is near.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44
Stay awake, you must be ready.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm: 71
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,896
 Automatic Payments: \$2,868
Total: \$5,764

New Parishioners

If you are new to the parish, not yet enrolled as a parishioner, or would like to start giving regularly to the parish through our planned giving program, please fill out one of our new parishioner forms available on our website—www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new.

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

The habits that took years to build
do not take a day to change.

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.**

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

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.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace! **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For the love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R.**



Laeta-tus sum in his quae dicta sunt mi-hi:



in domum Domi-ni i-bimus.

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

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, Joseph Ngoc Sinh Nguyen

Anniversaries: James O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Nora Johnson, Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley, Veronica Rigby, Marjorie Feitsma

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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Upcoming Mass Changes

- The evening Mass on Wednesday 30 November will begin at 5.30pm with no Reconciliation beforehand.
- This Friday 2 December, 5.15pm Mass will be replaced with Mass 4 Life at 7pm.

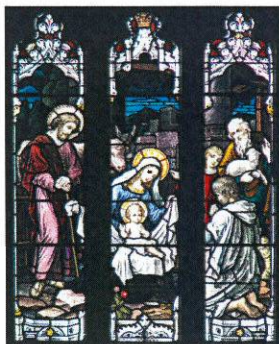
Coast to Coast Rosary

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

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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Mass for Life

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads, and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, at 7 pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit fli.org.nz/pro-life events or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

National March for Life

You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life that also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1 pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle, and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2 pm. Concludes at 4 pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

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 Mary of the Angels Church Working Bee Saturday 10 December, 9am

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Christmas. Many hands make light work! Cleaning rags would be appreciated!

Bach Choir

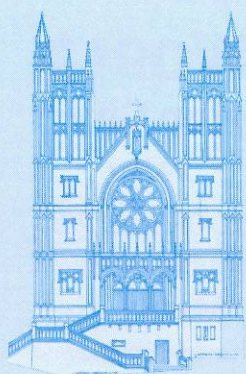
For their final performance of 2022, the Bach Choir of Wellington is joined by the Chiesa Ensemble in a performance of J.S Bach's 'Christen, ätztet diesen Tag,' Corelli's (Christmas) Concerto Grosso, and Händel's Te Deum for the Victory of Dettingen HWV 283. Come and enjoy these joyful and triumphant works as you get ready for the excitement of the coming Christmas season. Held in St Mary of the Angels Church on 17 December at 2pm. Tickets on Eventfinda \$40/\$35 school children free entry.

Combined Ecumenical Vespers Service

Please support us in sharing our faith with our neighbours St John's in the City and St Peter's Willis St by attending our Ecumenical Vespers service this Sunday 27 November starting at 7pm. We will celebrate the Advent season with a beautiful service of prayer and song led by the combined choirs and musicians of the three churches.

Guardians Needed

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office on office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.



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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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