

# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish  
The National Shrine of New Zealand  
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven  
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## St Mary of the Angels Church

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## St Joseph's Church

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Ko Hata 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

Mass of Anointing- 4th Saturday of the month

#### 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.

## 4 December 2022, 2nd Sunday of Advent

As we are nearing Christmas day, the coming of the Lord, we are very aware of John the Baptist. John the Baptist is the embodiment of the message of repentance. We hear him saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths". Again, "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit".

John appeared preaching in the wilderness. It seems as if he came from nowhere. The story of his birth is something extraordinary. We hear how his parents Zacharias and Elizabeth lived righteously and blamelessly. His father Zacharias served as a priest in the temple. Elizabeth would be visited by Mary, and the two women would exchange praises to the Lord.

What is being said is that John is a unique person with a message from God. John the Baptist speaks clear language not just to the Jews of his time but to all of us. We should not delay a decision. "His (Jesus Christ) winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor." Make sure we do not end up with the chaff that will be burnt up "in the unquenchable fire." Preparing for the Lord's coming and fully accepting him may require a change in life style.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of today the prophet Isaiah describes the beauty that will accompany the "shoot that shall sprout from the stump of Jesse..."

"the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb  
The leopard shall lie down with the kid  
The cow and bear shall be neighbours  
The baby shall play by the cobra's den."

In truth the ugliness of our world is still here. And yet the seed of God's kingdom had been sown. It is now up to us to speed up the spread of God's vision of a beautiful world. How? Compared to Isaiah in the O.T. John was "a voice crying in the wilderness". John the Baptist preached, "Repent and reform your lives!" St Paul writes, "Live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus."

Advent is an ideal time to hitch our lives to that of Jesus, to continue his mission of making our world, our communities, our families, a better place, because we are there. We have many opportunities over the next couple of weeks. Let's make this Advent a time of waiting and preparing for the great feast of Christmas, the coming of the Lord.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker



### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10  
*He judges the poor with justice.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-9  
*Christ, the hope of all people.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6,10

**Psalm:** 145

**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,300  
 Automatic Payments: \$5,723  
**Total: \$9,023**

### 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!

### Social Justice Group

Final meeting for the year will be Wednesday 7 December at 7pm in St Joseph's Church Mt Vic. All are very welcome.

### Thought for the Week

The best listeners are often those with the quietest heart.

### Responsorial Psalm 71

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time,  
 and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
 to a king's son your justice,  
 that he may judge your people in justice  
 and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
 and peace till the moon fails.  
 He shall rule from sea to sea,  
 from the Great River to earths bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
 and the needy who are helpless.  
 He will have pity on the weak  
 and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever  
 and endure like the sun.  
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
 all nations bless his name. **R.**



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O-ri- é-tur in di- é-bus e-jus justí-ti- a et a-bun-dán-ti- a pa- cis.

*In his days shall justice spring up,  
 and abundance of peace.*

### 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:** Fred Scoon, William Jenkins, Frances Haughey, James Coyle

**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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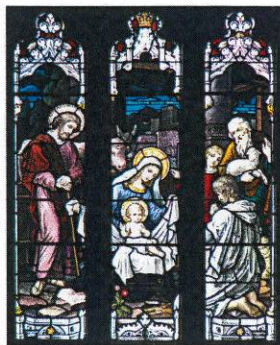
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## St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

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  
DLE \$15 for a pack of 12



## Accommodation Needed

Our lovely family of 3 young adult siblings (aged 16, 18, and 23) are looking for a 2 or 3 bedroom flat to rent. They are all at school or studying English. Originally from Ethiopia. Excellent reference from Fr Kevin. Please call John Kennedy-Good 027 246 0885 or Amanda Calder 027 443 2391 (Refugee Family Reunification Trust).

## Would you be interested in hosting an International Student?

St Catherine's College have new students arriving in January 2023 for Term 1, so we are looking for homestay families now! There are students coming for short-term (2, 8 and 10 weeks) as well as two longer-term stays (44 weeks). If you're interested in building lifelong friendships, learning about other cultures and offering a kiwi family experience to a young person, please email us at [international@scc.school.nz](mailto:international@scc.school.nz) for more information. Any other questions please get in touch! Yuko Homestay Coordinator St Catherine's College [international@scc.school.nz](mailto:international@scc.school.nz) or ph 04 9398988.

## St Joseph's Men's Book and Discussion Group

Next meeting on Tuesday 6 December at 7.30pm (gather from 7.00pm) in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Christmas function and best for 2022 being Book(s), Magazines, movies or websites etc. For enquires contact John Dalgety: [johndalgety57@gmail.com](mailto:johndalgety57@gmail.com) (please email John if you would prefer a zoom option ).

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. All are welcome at St Teresa's for the Mass on Thursday 8 December at 7pm.

## Carols with the Angels

Our annual *Carols with the Angels* concert will be held on **Wednesday 14 December** at 7.30pm here at St Mary of the Angels. Please join us for this special event in our parish, which will feature the St Mary of the Angels Choir under director William McElwee, organists David Trott and James Young, and your favourite carols.

## Friday Advent Vespers

For the season of Advent, we will be celebrating Vespers on Friday evenings after 5.15pm mass. We will sing the appointed psalms in English. Please join us in praying for the church and the coming of Christ in this beautiful liturgy each week, beginning Friday 9 December

## Invitation to contribute food for Christmas

Our St Vincent de Paul conference is supporting the work of the Wellington City Mission with food items this Christmas. We invite you to help make this Christmas special for everyone through the gift of giving. Food will go to the City Mission's Social Supermarket where people experience the dignity of choice. Christmas food treats and grocery basics are welcome. Please place your donations under our Christmas tree or in the food basket near the front door at SMOA on Sunday 11 or 18

## 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.

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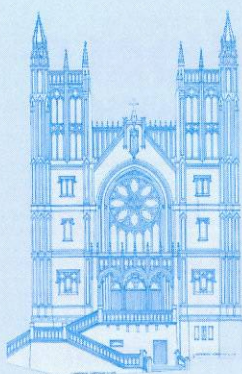
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### Guardians Needed

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](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) or 04 473 8074.

### Volunteer Secretarial Position

The Vincentian Foundation for the Elderly is a Charitable Trust providing hearing aid grants to seniors on low incomes. The current secretary has resigned after a decade of dedicated service and an immediate replacement is sought. This voluntary role involves processing grant applications, preparation of material for two trustee meetings each year and assisting with fund raising. The position requires working from home and the hours worked are flexible. A full job description is available on request. If you are interested, please apply by sending your CV by 9 December 2022 to [info@vincentianfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@vincentianfoundation.co.nz) or call 496 1732 for further information.

### 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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