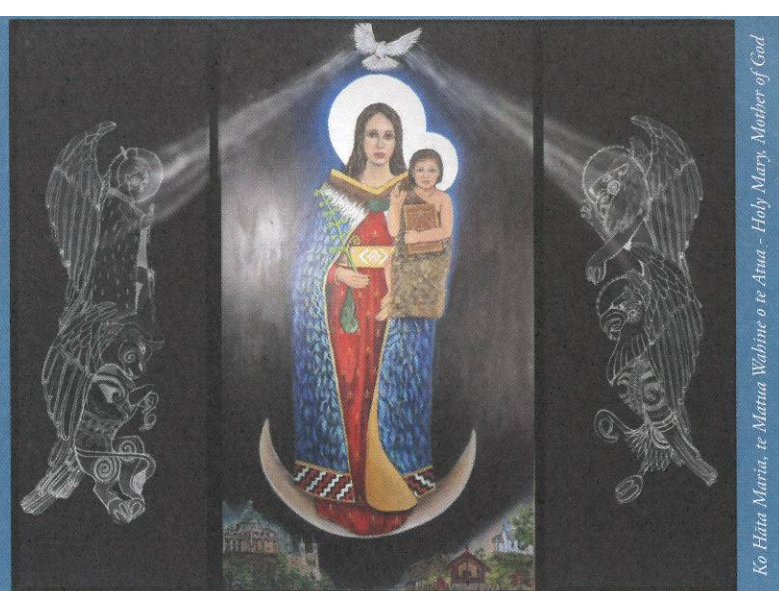


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

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## St Mary of the Angels Church

### MASSSES

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

### MASSSES

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.

## 11 December 2022, 3rd Sunday of Advent

### Peace and Good Will to All

A few years ago I was watching a program where they were interviewing a group of 8-year-old children as to what they thought Christmas was all about. Most answered that it was about getting presents, eating lots of yummy food, or having lots of families around. Only one child, of the twenty or so that were gathered, answered that it was the birthday of Jesus Christ. This a reflection of the times we live in that for the majority of society, Christ is not associated with *CHRISTmas*.

For most people, Christmas is just another public holiday, a chance to relax and chill with family and friends with no hint of God being present. As sad and disappointing as this may sound to us, Christians, this is exactly why Jesus Christ was born to us. His coming is about bringing God's love right in amongst God's people, and because of that we *CAN* joyfully and happily spend time with family and friends. The joy of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is knowing that during the course of the year we strived, by the example of our lives, to bring peace and goodwill to all we came into contact with.

Today, Rose/Joy Sunday, we are reminded about the joy of Christ's birth and how His life was all about showing us that following Him leads us to the ultimate joy of sharing in the Heavenly banquet.

As Christmas draws ever closer let's strive to continue to work for *PEACE AND GOODWILL TO ALL*, not just at Christmas time, but throughout the whole year.

Fr Joe Savei sm  
Assistant Priest





### This Week's Readings

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

*God himself will come and save us.*

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

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

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

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14

**Psalm:** 23

**Second Reading:** Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,334

Automatic Payments: \$5,148

**Total: \$7,482**

### 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.

### Thought for the Week

Face the light and shadows fall behind you.

### Responsorial Psalm 145

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppresses.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



Ecce De-us noster ve-ni- et et salvandos nos.-

*Behold our God will come and save us.*

### 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, the Salvation Army Brass Band, organists David Trott and James Young, and your favourite carols. Everyone is welcomed to bring food donations for the Wellington City Mission.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Frances Connolly, Barbara Jones, Joseph Ngoc Sinh Nguyen

**Anniversaries:** Daniel McKone, Maurice O'Brien, Janina Knopp, Teresa Vital, Helen Parris, Shona Rippin, Fr George Duggan sm

**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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## 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).

## International Student Hosts Needed

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.

## Congratulations to Joanna and Iggi

We wish Joanna and Iggi congratulations on their marriage which was celebrated in St Mary of the Angel's Church last Saturday.

## Journey to the Holy Land with Bishop Steve Lowe

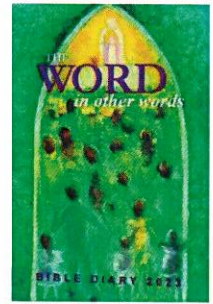
Watch the Gospels come alive as we set out on this true pilgrimage of faith and retrace the progressive stages of the life of Jesus from his Nativity in Bethlehem to his Passion on Calvary. Be deeply moved as we behold with our eyes what our minds for so long attempted to imagine. For more info visit [booking.harvestjourneys.com/nzd](http://booking.harvestjourneys.com/nzd)

## The Word in other words—Bible Diary 2023

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## 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

## Columban Calendars

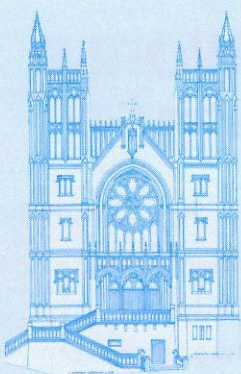
Columban Calendars are available to purchase from the Parish Office during the week for \$12.

## 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 December and they will be delivered to the City Mission.

## 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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### Passionist Family Group

The Mixed 4's Passionist Family Group enjoying our final catchup of 2022 at Island Bay Park. Great BBQ facilities for the yummy combo of sausage and onion wrapped in bread. A cafe across the road for an awesome takeaway coffee and of course great company. Looking forward to integrating Parishioners from St Mary's of the Angels into our PFGroups at St Josephs' in Feb/March 2023. Wishing everyone in the Parish a blessed and joyful Christmas Season.



### 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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