

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 Joseph's Church
154 Brougham St, Mt Victoria, Wellington (04) 385 0915



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

12 February 2023, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good and Evil, Life and Death

Every day, God sets before us good and evil, life and death. Sirach tells us that because of this we are to stretch forth our hands, we're to reach for good over evil and life over death. Those are pretty heavy categories to contend with.

Sometimes, we do actually face off with "good and evil" and sometimes we have to make "life or death decisions." More often, however, we face smaller challenges but even these fall under the headings of good and evil and ultimately lead us in the direction of life - or death.

What kind of challenges am I talking about? The kind we meet day in and day out. Who among us isn't familiar with almost daily choices to be made...

- between telling the truth and lying
- between selfishness and self-sacrifice
- between greed and generosity
- between fair play and cutting corners
- between good thoughts and lusty fantasies
- between foolishness and wisdom
- between justice and fraud
- between welcoming others in or shutting them out
- between fidelity and cheating
- between healthy entertainment or junk food for the mind
- between speaking a cruel or kind word
- between gossip and minding one's own business
- between laziness and reaching out to others
- between wasting time and using it well...

These are just some of the many choices that fall under the categories of good and evil, life and death. When faced with these options to which do we "stretch forth our hands?" What do we reach for? What do we try to grasp and hope to hold in our hearts?

Not every choice or decision is a "life or death" choice or decision. But everything we think and say and do does fall somewhere and along the spectrum between what's right and what's wrong.

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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.

This Week's Readings


First Reading Sirach 15:15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:17-37
Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm 102
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23
Reading Matthew 5: 38-48



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$2,644
Automatic Payments:	\$4,844
Total: \$7,488	

Valentine's Day Mass

Held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 at St Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria (152 Brougham St, Mt Victoria). Mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew from 6.30pm, followed by refreshments.

Thought for the Week

Those who do not know how to weep with their whole heart don't know how to laugh either.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Elaine Te'o, Monsignor John Carde, Kevin Jones

Anniversaries: Dorothea Walker, Fr Noel Delaney sm, Keith Clapham, Dennis Maccagna, Peter Tawhiki, Ross Meads, Miriam Menzies, Grace Smith, Nomaza Sidima-Jacob

Prayers for the Sick: Henry Prendergast, Noreen Kirwan, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Kay De Barnardo, Saturino and Magdalena Vilorio, Adrienne Avery, Jim Meachen, Jane Vetter



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.

Responsorial Psalm 118

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R**



Be-áti qui ámbulant in lege Dómini

Blessed are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

Wednesday 15 February Evening Mass

The 5.15pm Mass St SMOA Church on Wednesday 15 February will be held at 5.30pm for the Teachers Mass

St Josephs Tuesday 14 February Morning Mass Cancelled

The Morning Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 14 February has been cancelled as the Valentines Day Mass is being held in the evening at 6.30pm



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MEETING ABOUT PARISH FINANCES

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE
PARISH IS INCREASINGLY
PRECARIOUS!

FOR SOME YEARS THE PARISH HAS BEEN STRUGGLING TO LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS. ANNUALLY, PARISH EXPENSES ARE GREATER THAN PARISH INCOME. THIS ANNUAL DEFICIT IS TRENDING UPWARDS. WE CANNOT CONTINUE LIKE THIS. A SOLUTION HAS TO BE FOUND THIS YEAR.

ONE OPTION, TO SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASE OUR EXPENSES, IS TO CEASE PAYING THE VERY EXPENSIVE NATURAL DISASTER INSURANCE COVER FOR ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THIS POSSIBILITY: SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THIS INSURANCE OR NOT?

TWO CONSULTATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD, ONE AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS AND ONE AT ST JOSEPH'S. WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO ATTEND AND BE CONSULTED ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION.

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS MEETING: AFTER 11.00AM
MASS, SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

ST JOSEPH'S MEETING: AFTER 9.30AM MASS, SUNDAY
26TH FEBRUARY

Caritas Lenten Reflection Group

We are holding a Lenten reflection group during the Mondays in Lent following the Caritas material. The theme this year is "I am the light of the world". The group will be held at St Joseph's Church Mt Victoria start at 7pm on Monday 20 February. (Monday prior to Ash Wednesday). If you can help with setting up a group at SMOA. Please contact Johnweeney Social Justice Group ph 3864956.

A Blessing for Couples

Loving God you created these couples for each other; We thank you for the richness of your creation. We ask your blessing on them and their families:

Taize Prayer

Sung and chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence, liturgical readings, icons. Taize Prayer held at St Joseph's Church on 12 February, 12 March and 2 April from 7pm-8pm. Contact John Dalgety on 0273393576 for more info.

Ash Wednesday with St Johns Presbyterian

On Ash Wednesday, 22 February, at 5.15pm we will celebrate the Liturgy with our friends from St Johns Presbyterian Church. This celebration will take the place of the 5.15pm Mass. All are invited to participate.

St Joseph's Men's Book and Discussion Group

Next meeting on Tuesday 14 February at 7.30pm Ellice Street Office, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies or websites etc. For enquires contact John Dalgety: johndalgety57@gmail.com (please email John if you would prefer a zoom option).

Bishops Lent Appeal

Lenten giving envelope packs are available at the back of the Church today at Mass for the Bishop's 2023 Lenten appeal. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available from his option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2023 will be sent receipts for the 2022/2023 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year.

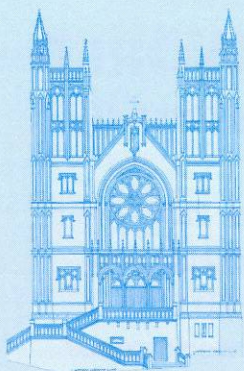
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Auckland Flood Relief Appeal

Bishop Steve Lowe's Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help partner agencies deliver vital help to so many. You can make an **online donation** today so that assistance can get to families quickly.

<https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>

Your donation will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services.



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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SMOA - Parish Account

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BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington

St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to both men and women to come to a Mass followed by a light supper on Thursday 16 February at 7:30pm at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain will be the Celebrant. For more info contact David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

E-Waste Collection

Held on Saturday 18 February 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash cost per item.

Tuesday Evening Adoration

The Young Adults Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary's starting around 5.45pm after the 5.15 pm Mass. Reconciliation will be available during Adoration.

Guardians Needed for Four Time Slots

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.

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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