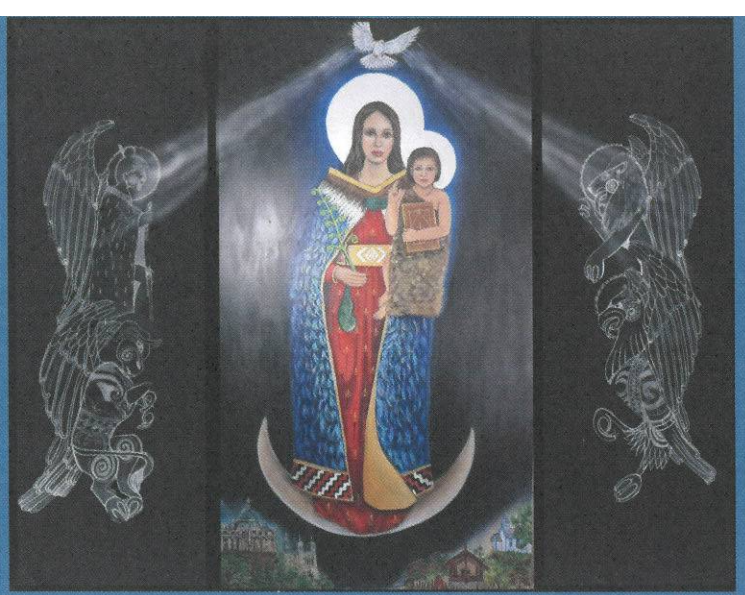


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St Mary of the Angels Church

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.

19 February 2023, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Journey of Lent: Living with the Heart of God

As we journey with Jesus in the gospel of Matthew (Beatitudes chapters 5-7) we are invited to move from the practice of external 'Holy laws' about God – (and the Jewish people managed to create 613 laws from the 10 commandments!)- to an internal 'Holy heart' of God. God offers us a deeper call to love beyond what is 'normal' and 'acceptable'.

It almost sounds stupid depending on how you interpret it: 'offer no resistance to someone doing evil', if someone strikes you 'turn the other cheek', if someone asks for your shirt 'give them your warm jacket as well', if someone asks you to help them with a hard job for 1 hour 'give them 2 hours'. Jesus seems to be 'unmasking' the small, revengeful, and frequently selfish love we have, and inviting us to a very large and selfless love. 'Do you love just like the tax collectors and 'pagans' do'? Or will your love be like your heavenly father who 'makes the sun to rise on good and bad', and 'causes the rain to fall on the just and unjust'? A very good question for as we begin preparation for Lent.

Our Baptism has called us to pick up the cloak of divinity and the 'life-style' of Jesus. Is it possible? The Saints and Mystics in our Catholic tradition share a profound awareness that we never stop being 'sinful' and selfish, and we do of course fail at loving like God. Yet a greater love begins to stir in us than our sin. We may journey from counting 'sins' to an experience of a deeper and stronger longing for love and to become love. God's love quietly touches us and changes us as we grow in awareness and response to this love desiring within us. Imagine carrying the heart of God around within you. What would this be like? This is the question St Paul shares in the second reading today about our calling: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwells in you?"

As we enter the special season of Lent, which begins this week on Ash Wednesday, we create a space of 40 days and a place in the 'chapel of our daily lives' to tune into our calling to live with the heart and love of God. Prayer invites us to sit and listen to our hearts and God's whisper in the scriptures that gently leads us. Fasting invites us to let go of things in our lives which are not healthy and holy. Almsgiving invites us to not just 'think about the poor' but actually reach into our wallets and give money to the poor as an expression of the justice and love of God for those suffering from many challenges in life. Enjoy the Lenten adventure of prayer-fasting-almsgiving as we grow toward 'loving our neighbor as our self'.

Fr Frank Bird sm—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Psalm 50

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,664

Automatic Payments: \$2,634

Total: \$5,298

Voice for Life

Come join Voice for Life Youth Wellington to connect with other 13 to 23 year olds, who are passionate about being a voice for the voiceless. The event consists of two workshops debunking New Zealand's abortion legislation and pro-abortion arguments with guest speaker Brendan Malone. Held on 11 March from 1pm-3pm at St Mary of the Angels Church Hall. To RSVP contact Helena Nagrampa on 0204 108 6611.

Thought for the Week

Knowledge speaks but Wisdom listens.

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Fr Ken Scully sm, Rt Hon sir Ian McKay, Imelda Reeve, Thomas Duignan, Richard Bruynel, Marivac Del Rosario, Joan Abbott, Cecilia Dickson, Leslie Kriebel

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 102

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**



Miserátor et misé-ri-cors Dó-minus:

The Lord is compassionate and merciful

St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society ("Vinnies") will be held in the Mahony Room at the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on Tuesday February 21 at 6pm. We are a Catholic faith based charity, inspired by the Gospels, and dedicated to helping those in need through personal contact. If this appeals to you, please join us. New members are very welcome.

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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 John Feeney Social Justice Group ph 3864956.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

A reminder that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days from meat.

Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The first session is 28 February at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is the Sacraments. Light supper provided, if you would like to make a koha please donate directly to St Mary of the Angels. All are welcome, if you have any questions talk to Fr Hayden or send an email to claredevinenz@gmail.com.

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.

Ash Wednesday at St Joseph's

The Ash Wednesday service at St Joseph's will be held at 7pm, 22 February.

Bishops Lent Appeal

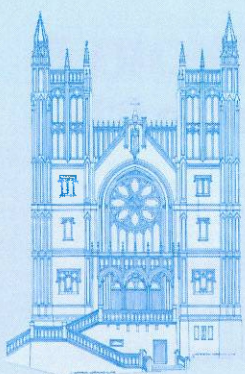
Lenten giving envelope packs are available at the back of the Church today at Mass for the Bishop's 2023 Lenten appeal. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the offertory collection or send them to Caritas by a freepost envelope. 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.

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. www.caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/. Your donation will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services.

Anointing Mass

The anointing Mass will be held on Saturday 26 February at 11am in St Mary of the Angels Church.



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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

Solemn Vespers

During the season of Lent after the Friday 5.15pm Mass there will be Solemn Vespers and Adoration. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary

An invitation to join an apostolate of Prayer and Parish Visitation through the Legion of Mary. We meet in the Presbytery "O'Reilly Meeting Room" each Monday evening at 7.30pm. Come along! Contact Neil: 021896924.

Liturgy Workshop based on Desiderio Desideravi

The National Liturgy Office are running a workshop based on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*. Venue Ss Peter & Paul Church, Lower Hutt. Sat. 25 February 2023. 10.00am – 3.00pm. Attendees: Anyone involved in liturgies or interested in learning about key liturgy components. For more info and to register please contact Christine on 496-1706 or email c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz

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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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An update on the financial situation of the Parish

Summary

The budget breakdown overleaf summarises our current position, which is this: the **financial situation of the Parish is increasingly precarious.**

This is a situation that we need to address with urgency this year. These notes are to give you information about what we need to do and how we will proceed.

1. Annually, Parish expenses are greater than Parish income. This annual deficit is trending upwards.
2. We need to put in place a plan which increases our income **and** decreases our expenses. We also need to put a plan in place which addresses the longer term financial security of the parish.
3. Decreasing expenses is the first step. The four most significant expenses are:
 - a. **Rates** – these are fixed and we cannot change them
 - b. **Archdiocese levies** – these are a fixed percentage of our income
 - c. **Salaries** – these have been looked at already and are set to a minimum for Parish Administration
 - d. **Insurance** – we will be reviewing our insurance this year.

Understanding our Insurance commitment

4. All Parish buildings must have **General Damage Insurance** (ie fire, flood, theft, storm damage) plus **Demolition insurance** (ie safe demolition following a catastrophic event). This is required by the Archdiocese.
5. Parishes may choose to pay for additional **Natural Disaster insurance**, which provides “functional replacement” cover. The St Mary of the Angels Church currently has this additional cover in place – St Joseph’s Church does not (a decision taken when St Joseph’s was part of Wellington South parish).
6. **We need to talk.** On Sunday 26 February, we will be holding two meetings (one after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph’s and one after the 11am Mass at St Mary’s) to discuss the implications of:
 - a. **Keeping or ceasing** the additional Natural Disaster insurance for St Mary’s church
 - b. **Reinstating** the additional Natural Disaster insurance for St Joseph’s church (NB – this may not be possible to do).

**St Mary of the Angels Parish
Statement of Financial Performance
Proposed Budget Financial Year 2023/24**

	Proposed Budget Financial Year 2023/24	Forecast Financial Year 2022/23
Sunday and other mass collections	359,623	363,225
Less Support for the Clergy	(132,924)	(140,662)
Less Levy to the Diocese	(54,001)	(53,845)
Net Collections	172,698	168,718
Rental of properties	66,160	66,120
Parking	60,120	61,647
Votive candles	17,396	18,308
Subsidy Brigidine Sisters	15,808	15,808
Hire of the hall	6,330	6,330
Baptisms, funerals, weddings	7,300	5,000
Bequests/donations	-	600
Other revenue	9,742	6,073
Revenue other than collections	182,856	179,886
Total Revenue	355,554	348,604
Salaries, wages and stipend	149,262	143,251
Insurance	120,000	88,356
Rates	63,966	62,315
Repairs and maintenance	28,006	35,955
Building maintenance	27,516	20,000
Stationery, printing and other office costs	21,439	22,534
Light, heat and gas	17,096	18,842
Bread, wine, candles and other altar costs	14,321	12,143
Telephone, internet and website	5,348	5,313
Audit fee	8,000	4,300
Vehicle running costs	3,370	4,032
Music, pastoral and RCIA costs	5,843	4,042
Total Expenses	464,167	421,083
Net Operating Deficit	(108,613)	(72,479)
Depreciation		
Depreciation – Buildings	158,900	158,900
Depreciation – Church organ	29,580	29,580
Depreciation – Other	624	459
Total Depreciation	189,104	188,939
Overall Deficit for the Year	(297,717)	(261,418)

Comments on Insurance

The budgeted amount for insurance of \$120,000 is largely for natural disaster cover, but also includes cover for other perils such as fire, vandalism and theft. This amount is an estimate only and is based on premium rates which do not reflect the potential impact of recent events in New Zealand and elsewhere.

This amount includes cover in the event of a natural disaster for:

- Functional replacement (not full reinstatement) of the SMOA church building on Boulcott Street.
- Demolition only of the St Joseph's church building (not reinstatement or functional replacement).

Reducing the cover on the SMOA church building to demolition only in the event of a natural disaster would result in savings to the budgeted amount for insurance of approximately \$55,000.

Increasing the cover on the St Joseph's church building to include functional replacement cover in the event of a natural disaster would increase the budgeted amount of insurance by approximately \$45,000.

Even with any significant savings from a reduction in insurance costs, the Parish will still need to work together to increase income and reduce other costs to address the deficit.