

The Angelus

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

5 March 2023, 2nd Sunday of Lent

This week, I was struck by St. Paul's words in his Second Letter to Timothy: *With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy...* Another translation has it: *...take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God...* (2 Timothy 1:8). I believe this latter translation more accurately captures the Greek *συγκακοπαθεώ* (sugkakopatheó) which means to suffer *together* with someone with whom one is closely-identified or to endure hardship with someone as a co-sufferer.

St. Paul is telling us that *suffering with Christ* is an integral part of living the Gospel.

The foundation for this insight, which permeates much of the Pauline corpus, rests on the transformation of suffering through Christ's redemptive death on the Cross. In *Salvifici Doloris*, Pope Saint John Paul II puts it:

Christ, through the divine depth of his filial union with the Father, perceives in a humanly inexpressible way *this suffering which is the separation, the rejection by the Father, the estrangement from God*. But precisely through this suffering he accomplishes the Redemption...

Christ vicariously atones for this separation, the supreme consequence of our sin, by bearing it in his suffering and death on the Cross. JP II continues:

In the Cross of Christ not only is the Redemption accomplished through suffering, but *also human suffering itself has been redeemed...*

It is likely that when we've been through some hardship or deep suffering someone has told us to 'unite our suffering to Christ' or to 'offer it up.' In the moment, these can sound trite. But the Catechism teaches that "[f]rom the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life ... and gave them a share in his mission, joy, and *sufferings*." Through grace, by virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation, a fellowship of suffering and resurrection is created and we are made sharers in the Christ's mission of vicarious atonement.

By suffering *with Christ*, we are able to suffer *for others* too; suffering becomes a locus of loving our neighbour. This is how Saint Paul can say: "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake." Rather than resenting and numbing the moments of suffering our lives let us be conscious of the call to 'offer up' our sufferings in union with Christ.

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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	Genesis	12:1-4
<i>The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.</i>		
Second Reading	2 Timothy	1:8-10
<i>God has saved us, and called us to be holy.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	17:1-9
<i>His face shone like the sun.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Exodus	17:3-7
Psalm	94	
Second Reading	Romans	5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel Reading	John	4:5-42



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$2,561
Automatic Payments:	\$3,469
Total: \$6,030	

Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 14 March at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is The Eucharist. 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.

Thought for the Week

When virtues are pointed out first, flaws seem less insurmountable.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Workman, Sr Katrina Fabish

Anniversaries: Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Merle Barnett, Frederick Brennan, Anne Brosnahan, Br Marty Williams

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



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 32

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**



Fi- at mi-se-ri-córdi- a tu- a sú-per nos:



quemádmu-dum spe-rá-vi-mus in te.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in thee.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 16 March at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. The topic is "Return to God - Listen to His voice". If you want to know more, contact David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



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THANK YOU!

A special thank you to everyone in the parish who participated in the two public meetings on the financial status of the parish which were held last week at St. Joseph's and St Mary of the Angels. Equally, I want to thank all those who also individually approached me after masses last Sunday and shared their thoughts and opinions.

Finance is never easy to talk about, especially when the conversation may be about something as complicated as insurance. That so many attended, patiently listened to the presentations and then participated in an understanding manner was a great sign of encouragement and support.

We are all aware that our mission is not about church buildings; but without our churches we would not have a point of identity, a place where we belong, a space that is sacred for us and for others. We should, therefore, take our role as custodians of our churches, guardians of our heritage, very seriously.

After listening to everyone, as best we could and in the time available, the parish pastoral council is in agreement that we should continue to pay insurance premiums, including premiums for natural disaster, for the coming financial year as we have in the past. The parish finance committee supports this position. We will use this period of one year to assess more completely our financial position in order to determine what we can do and can't do in the future.

So, thank you for the way you showed, once again, your loving support of our churches which, we hope, will continue to serve our communities and others here in Wellington for many years to come.

Lenten Prayer for Life

This Lent, join in prayer, fasting and reparation, especially for the 36 pre-born babies who lose their lives through abortion every single day of the year in New Zealand. If possible, please join the peaceful, prayerful witness outside Wellington Hospital every Wednesday in Lent 9 am to 4pm. For all enquiries or to register for a vigil hour, call or txt 021 231 7954 (Family Life International)

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Cyclone Appeal

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has started a national appeal to help the victims of the recent cyclones that have caused devastating loss in the largest and most widespread weather event ever to impact New Zealand. The Society, through its conference groups in the affected areas, will provide financial help, food, clothing, furniture and advocacy assistance to those affected for as long as the recovery takes. SVDP will be there for the long term. To make a donation you can go online to svdp.org.nz and receive a tax receipt, or you can place cash in the St. Vincent de Paul statue at the rear of St Mary of the Angels Church. Thank you for your help.

St Joseph's Feast Day - 19 March

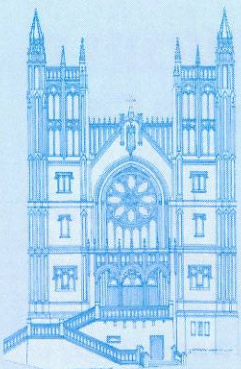
It's time for a community get together and what better occasion than St Joseph's Feast Day! After 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 19 March, we'll gather in the garden for prayer and then enjoy a BBQ brunch. Please bring a plate to share - a salad or something for dessert.

Young Adults Cycling Trip

SMAYACs is planning a weekend trip to cycle the Old Coach Road from Horopito to Ohakune March 17-19. Accommodation is \$30 for both nights, and mountain bike hire is available in Ohakune. For more information, please refer to the SMAYACs Facebook event page and email us at smayacs@gmail.com to save your place.

Children's Day - 5 March

To celebrate Children's Day, the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 5 March will be child friendly. We hope to see lots of children there.



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Solemn Vespers - CANCELLED

The Vespers for season of Lent have been cancelled.

Voice for Life

Come join Voice for Life Youth Wellington on the 11th of March from 1 to 3pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall to connect with other 13 to 23 year olds, who are passionate about being a voice for the voiceless. The Abortion Debunked Seminar consists of two 30 minute workshops debunking New Zealand's abortion legislation and pro-abortion arguments with guest speaker Brendan Malone (the National Director of Lifenet Charitable Trust and an experienced Bioethics Instructor). Food will also be provided at the event. Please RSVP to Helena Nagrampa 02041086611 (VFL Youth Leader for Wellington).

St Bernard's College Lower Hutt Reunion

All old boys and their families are invited to a weekend of activities between Friday 17th March and Sunday 19th March 2023! To register please visit: www.sbob.org.nz or SBC Old Boys on facebook.

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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