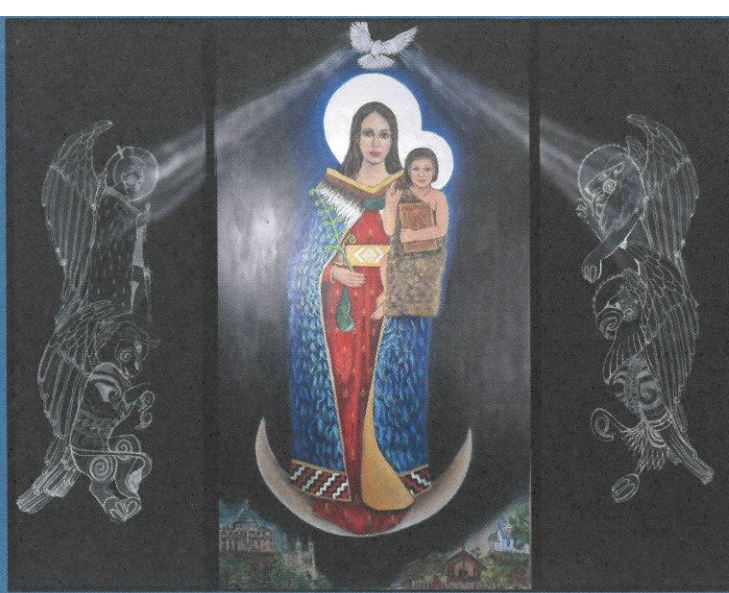


# The Angelus

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Ko Hata Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

12 March 2023, 3rd Sunday of Lent

## Ko Hata Maria, Te Matua Wahine O te Atua *Holy Mary, Mother of God*

Late last year we needed to order a reprint of the 'Angelus' newsletter template. We decided to place the image of Hata Maria on the front page to acknowledge the dedication of St Mary of the Angels as the national shrine, as well as adding the name of St. Joseph's which had been incorporated into the parish in August, 2021. The finished design is now fresh, even bold, yet also soothingly attractive.

It proved easier to find a position for the image of Hata Maria in the weekly parish newsletter than it did to find a permanent position for the image in the church! Over many months different positions in the church were suggested and then discarded as being intrusive, unattractive or simply impractical: on one of the two side altars; replacing the statue of the Holy Family in the side niche; in one of the disused confessionals; in the Baptistry; in the Crypt underneath the church. No suggestion won overwhelming favour! Now, I am happy to say, the Bishops of New Zealand have agreed where to place Hata Maria.

The image will be positioned at the back of the church where the present statue of the Sacred Heart rests. Hata Maria will be elevated so as to cover most of the windows that form the background to the Sacred Heart. The three panels that constitute the image will stand flat against the windows. Further decoration around and above the image, incorporating those parts of the windows still uncovered, will be added to enhance the setting and further draw the attention of parishioners and pilgrims alike to the significance and meaning of the image. The table on which the statue of the Sacred Heart now rests will be completely removed.

It is thought that the statue of the Sacred Heart would be best placed on a plinth in the foyer of the church so it is Christ who rightly welcomes his people at the doors and into the liturgical assembly gathered together by his Spirit.

When Hata Maria will be moved from her temporary place in the Baptistry is not yet clear. The sketches indicating her place are now being turned into definitive plans; then it will be the turn of skilled workmen to execute the wishes of the architect. I would hope all will be finished in time for the feast of Pentecost this year.

Finding her rightful place in the church is only beginning, of course! Next, we must ready ourselves to be a welcoming community to the pilgrims whom we hope and pray will grow in number as the months and years roll by. To this end the parish pastoral council has approved the formation of a committee to take responsibility for promoting the national shrine throughout New Zealand and even beyond. This committee will soon begin its work.

May Hata Maria inspire and guide us all as we continue to walk with Jesus Christ, her son.

Fr Kevin Mowbray—Parish Priest

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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** Exodus 17: 3-7  
*Give us water to drink.*

**Second Reading** Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8  
*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

**Gospel Reading** John  
*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
**Psalm** 22  
**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14  
**Gospel Reading** John 9:1-41

## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,752  
Automatic Payments: \$6,509  
**Total: \$9,261**

## Collection from 26 February

*Not included in last Sunday's Angelus*  
**Total: \$8,919**

## Rite 2 Reconciliation

Rite 2 Reconciliation will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 28 March at 7pm. All are welcome.

## Thought for the Week

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

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Lorna Crewdson, Henry Prendergast, Elizabeth Workman, Sr Katrina Fabish

**Anniversaries:** Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwin, Ann-Marie Sowry, Patricia Slattery, Baldo Sutich, Margaret McNeill,

**Prayers for the Sick:** Noreen Kirwan, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca



Sparnaay, Shirley & Pat Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Kay De Barnardo, Saturino and Magdalena Vilorio, Adrienne Avery, Jim Meachen, Fr Mario Dorado OFM,

*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 94

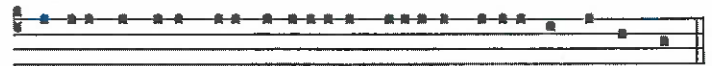
**R. If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**



Hódie, si vocem ejus audieritis, nolite obdurare cor-da ves-tra:

*Today if thou shalt hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

## 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](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

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## Office Manager wanted for NZCBC and Catholic Enquiry Centre

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference and the Catholic Enquiry Centre are looking for an experienced Office Manager to help make our Wellington office in Thorndon Quay run smoothly. The CEC helps to make the Church more alive and Christ more known by informing and inspiring faith inquirers. The NZCBC is an agency for the national work of the Catholic bishops of Aotearoa NZ. The two agencies work closely together, side-by-side on L5, 204 Thorndon Quay.

Details and to apply: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-cec/>

## Young Adults Stations of the Cross

Join the Young Adults at St Mary of the Angels for Stations of the Cross, a prayerful meditation on the passion of our Lord. Welcome to all, bring your friends and family. Held on Wednesday 15 March at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Church.

## Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Coordinator

This volunteer role requires a commitment of up to 8 hours per week. Catholic Social Services (CSS) are looking for someone who is passionate about enabling former Refugees to get a great start in their new life in Aotearoa NZ. CSS collaborates with Red Cross, Catholic, other parishes and community groups in the Wellington area providing household goods to assist in the resettlement of people arriving into NZ via refugee pathways. The coordinator role is to ensure the smooth running of the resettlement project. It is anticipated that there will be 7-10 intakes across a year. For more information please contact Wellington Catholic Social Services on 043858642 or email [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## Taize Prayer

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

## 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. Neil Swindells former college principal will be our speaker after 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).

## 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](http://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

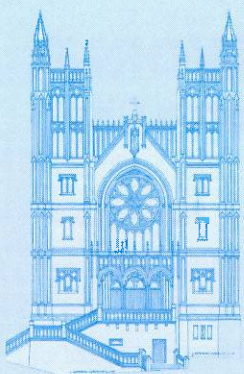
It's time for a community get together and what better occasion than St Joseph's Feast Day! After 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 19 March, we'll gather in the garden for prayer and then enjoy a BBQ brunch. Please bring a plate to share - a salad or something for dessert.

## 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](mailto:smayacs@gmail.com) to save your place.

## 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](mailto:claredevinenz@gmail.com).



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## Solemn Vespers - CANCELLED

The Vespers for season of Lent have been cancelled.

### 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 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](http://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](mailto: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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