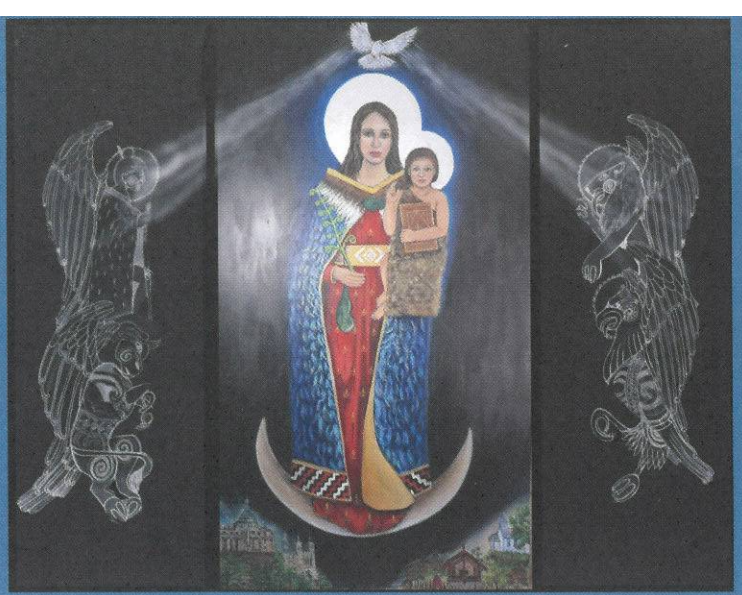


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## St Mary of the Angels Church

### 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.

## 26 March 2023, 5th Sunday of Lent

### Life, Death, and Resurrection

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to reflect on the themes of life, death, and resurrection. The Gospel for this Sunday, from John 11:1-45, tells the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

In this story, Jesus receives word that his friend Lazarus is ill. However, instead of rushing to his side, Jesus delays his journey for two days. By the time he arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has been dead for four days. When he sees Lazarus's sister Martha, Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and that whoever believes in him will never die.

When Jesus arrives at Lazarus's tomb, he weeps and then commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus emerges, still wrapped in his burial cloths and Jesus instructs the people around him to unbind him and let him go.

This passage is a powerful reminder of the hope and promise of resurrection that is at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus' raising of Lazarus prefigures his own resurrection, which we will celebrate in a couple of weeks on Easter Sunday. It reminds us that, no matter how difficult or painful our lives may be, there is always hope for new life and transformation through the power of Christ.

At the same time, this passage also reminds us of the reality of death and the importance of mourning and grieving. When Jesus sees Lazarus's sister Mary weeping he too is moved to tears. This is a reminder that it is okay to feel sadness and grief when we lose a loved one, and that these emotions are a natural part of the human experience.

As we reflect on this passage, we are invited to hold both of these truths in tension: the reality of death and the hope of resurrection. We are called to embrace the reality of our own mortality, but also to hold fast to the hope of new life and transformation through Christ. In doing so, we can find comfort and strength in the knowledge that, no matter what we may face in this life, we are never alone and that Christ is with us always.

Fr Joe Savei sm—Assistant Priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Ezekiel 37:12-14

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

**Second Reading** Romans 8:8-11

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

**Gospel Reading** John 11:1-45

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Psalm** 21

**Second Reading** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 26:14-27:66



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,912

Automatic Payments: \$4,009

**Total: \$6,921**

## Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 28 March at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

## Thought for the Week

The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.

## Responsorial Psalm 129

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **R**

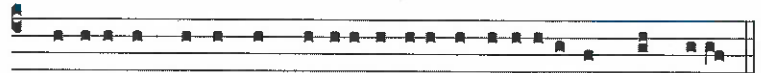
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **R**

My soul is waiting for the Lord  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord). **R**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **R**



Quia apud Dóminum misericórdia: et copió-sa re-démp-ti-o.

*Because with the Lord there is mercy, and plentiful redemption.*

## Rite 2 Reconciliation

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

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Mario Dorado OFM, Anne Khangura, Ngo Kian Co, Lorna Crewdson, Henry Prendergast

**Anniversaries:** Fr Michael Tomasi, Laurie Butler, Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport, Anita Rae

**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

*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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## Planned Giving

Donation envelopes for the new financial year are available for you to collect at the back of the church, listed by surname in alphabetical order. Please check that the number on your envelopes is the same as on your label. If any details are incorrect please contact the Parish Office on Monday 04 473 8074.

A couple of people have changed planned numbers in order to consolidate our system. If you have changed numbers, there is a note with your envelopes to let you know.

Please let us know if you would like to join our planned giving programme, or if you would like to opt to donate by internet banking instead of donation envelopes this year. End of financial year tax receipts will be available by the end of April.

## Fasting for Good Friday

A reminder that Good Friday is a fast day from meat.

## Christian Meditation Group

Meets weekly Tuesdays 5:30 pm, Garden Room behind St Peter's, Ghuznee St. You are invited to practise meditation with the support of a group, whether you are a new or experienced meditator. Christian Meditation, an ancient form of contemplative prayer, is deeply anchored in the teachings of the Early Christian Desert Fathers and Mothers of the 4th and 5th centuries. It echoes the spirit of the psalmist's words: Be still and know that I am God. Contact: Anne Cave 022-097-2939, [annecave@gmail.com](mailto:annecave@gmail.com)

## 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](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.

## Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 28 March at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is "Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy". 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).

## Easter Working Bee

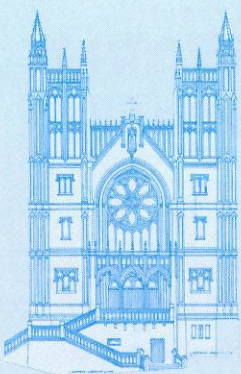
### St Joseph's Church—Saturday 1 April, 9am.

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Easter. Many hands make light work! We'll take a pause for morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to. Please bring garden tools - hedge trimmers would be especially welcome, as are vehicles to help take refuse to the dump.

## Youth Mass with

### Identity:Identified Wellington Launch Event

Please join us on Sunday 26 March at 5pm to get together for Mass at St Mary of the Angels Church and a meal afterwards. This Mass will include the launch of the new youth New Testament Bible entitled Identity:Identified. Copies will be available to purchase for a reduced price of \$9.95 or 2 for \$15. Archbishop Paul Martin will be the main celebrant. Want to serve at Mass? We are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to get involved, please get in touch with the Parish Office. See you there and God bless!



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## Staying Safe on Social Media

A nation-wide campaign to raise awareness of how everyone can stay safe on our Catholic social media platforms starts next Monday, 20 March. Check our Facebook, Instagram and other social media each day from Monday for tips on how to keep yourself safe. Details of the campaign are here: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/)

## 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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