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St Mary of the Angels Parish
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Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
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Ko Hāta Māria, te Matua Wāhine o te Ariua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

9 April 2023, Sunday of the Resurrection

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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.

One of my more vivid memories of Easter as a child was when Easter Sunday fell on the same day as my 11th Birthday. The reason I remember it so fondly was that I wasn't obliged to share my birthday lollies with the rest of my family because everyone else had their own chocolate Easter Eggs. I made myself very sick that day.

While this is a (very) limited appreciation of Easter, I am grateful to my parents and wider family for making sure the Triduum was set aside as three days of solemnity, liturgy, fasting and feasting. Despite my childish fixation on lollies (which I'm still working on), I was conscious that the Triduum was not like other days of the year, we were remembering something important and new.

While it is natural for children to focus on the earthly pleasures of chocolate and time away from school, adults too may be tempted to focus on the few days off from work and the chance to see family. These earthly goods *follow*, rather than precede, from the basic fact of the Resurrection. The miracle of the Resurrection comes before our good deeds and kindnesses; before our attempts to follow the teachings of Christ, before our obligation to attend the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and certainly before chocolate Easter Eggs. St. Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1 Cor 15:14).

This is Good News, not just as a unique historical event, but because "he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you" (Rom 8:11). The source of my life is no longer my own natural desires and wants, but the baptismal wellspring of Christ's divine life working in me. This is why St. Paul encourages us to 'let [our] thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because [we] have died, and now the life [we] have is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3:1-3).

We will find that if we dwell on heavenly things, on the great gifts God continues to give us through the Death and Resurrection of his Son, our Triduum celebrations will be richer and more joyous.

From the Parish of St. Mary of the Angels, may Risen Lord bless you and your families during this Easter Season.

Fr. Hayden Powick
Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43.
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Reading John 20:1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 117

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,477

Automatic Payments: \$6,764

Total: \$10,241



Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 11 April. at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is "Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed. 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 claredevinez@gmail.com.

Thought for the Week

I can't change the world,
I can only change how I choose to live in it.

Mass has been offered for:

Anniversaries: Patricia Wallis, Leo Connolly, Dorothy Cook, Katherine Butler, Sandra Southon

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.

Responsorial Psalm 117

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

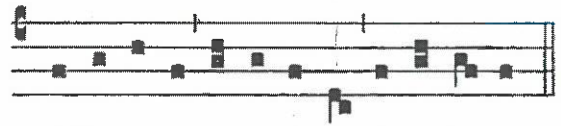
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**



Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia, Alle-lu-ia.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join other men on Thursday 20 April at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Activity: Testimonies from the recent Current of Grace conference in Waikanae If you want to know more ring David Monastra on 027-447-7280 or joshua.wgtn@gmail.com.

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No Tuesday Mass at St Joseph's

There will be no Mass held at St Joseph's on Tuesday 11 April.

Easter Monday Mass at St Marys

Being a public holiday, there will only be one Mass at St Mary of the Angels Church at 12.05pm on Monday 10 April

Marist St Pats

Marist St Pats RFC Past Players and Supporters Day Saturday 15 April 2023. Luncheon at 12noon Hataitai Clubrooms. All welcome.

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 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.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sacred Heart Church Petone will be hosting the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday on 16 April 2023 at 2pm - 5pm. 41 Britannia St, Petone. Contact Roberta on 0226597660 or email: r.mcbryde@hotmail.com

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.

Oceania bishops complete the response to Synod's working document

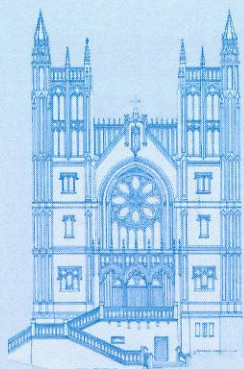
Representative of the four Catholic bishops' conferences in Oceania have approved the region's final response to the Continental Stage working document published last October for the Synod of Bishops for a Synodal Church. The Oceania response will be sent to the Synod Secretariat in Rome before this week's deadline, and be published during the week after Easter. Archbishop Paul Martin SM of Wellington and Bishop Michael Dooley of Dunedin took part in the approval process last week as New Zealand's representatives on the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania executive. Details here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-oceania/>

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/

St Joseph's Men's Book Club

Held on Tuesday April 11, 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies, websites etc. will be shared by members. Contact John Dalgety on 027 3383576 or johndalgety57@gmail.com for more info, *(please email John if you would prefer a zoom option.*



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Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is seeking an experienced Executive Assistant and Office Manager. Please see <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us> for details or contact Amanda Gregan, Resource Manager on 027 9399 575.

New Parishioners

If you are new to the parish, not yet enrolled as a parishioner, or would like to start giving regularly to the parish through our planned giving program, please fill out one of our new parishioner forms available on our website—www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new.

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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