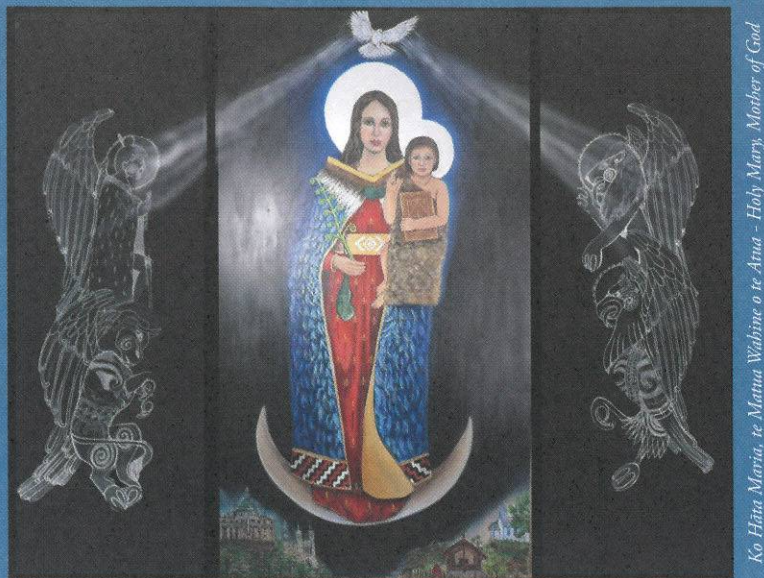


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16 April 2023, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

What is Divine Mercy Sunday, and how did it come about?

In a series of revelations in the 1930's to the Polish mystic, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (25 August 1905 – 5 October 1938), Our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. *“My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. The world will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.”*

Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The decree issued on May 5, 2000, by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and The Discipline of the Sacraments clearly states: “the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II has graciously determined that in the Roman Missal, after the title Second Sunday of Easter, there shall henceforth also appear the title, ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’”

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter (*Octave here refers to the eighth day immediately following the Feast of Easter Sunday*). The title “Divine Mercy Sunday” does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Liturgically, the Easter Octave has always been centred on the theme of mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Easter mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave.

As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his talk on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995, “The whole octave (*i.e. eight days*) of Easter is like a single day,” and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of “thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to all in the whole Easter mystery.”

Given the liturgical appropriateness of the title “Divine Mercy Sunday” for the Octave Day of Easter, therefore, today is an occasion on which we are invited to think once more and deeply on the meaning of the Easter feasts we have recently celebrated – God sent his son into this world to share his mercy and forgiveness with each and every one of us.

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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 Acts 2:42-47
The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9
He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 15
Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

Last Sunday's Collection



Sunday Collection: \$3,477
Automatic Payments: \$6,764
Good Friday Collection \$1,888
Easter Vigil Collection: \$646
Total: \$12,775

No Symbolon on 25 April

There will be no Symbolon held on Tuesday 25 April due to it being Anzac Day.

Thought for the Week

The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid'

Responsorial Psalm 117

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

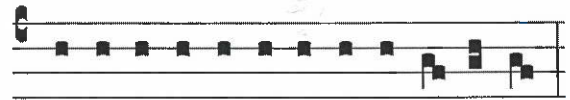
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

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

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R**



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

Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust

(www.greenstonedoors.co.nz) are holding a **SHOE SALE** at St Peter and Paul's Church Hall on **Tuesday 25th April (Anzac Day) from 1pm - 4pm.** Eftpos available. We have loads of quality shoes available at very low prices. If you have any new, near new or second hand shoes to donate to the sale please drop off at the church in the box in the foyer or call Monica on 021 2991138 to arrange pickup.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Vincent Michael Patrick, Nola Lawry, Dierdre Blackiston, Adrienne Avery, Simon France

Anniversaries: Nance Mills, Clare Dwyer, James Davidson, June Eagle, Jeanine Richardson, Terence McDonald

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, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle

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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.

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.

St Vincent de Paul City Conference

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 April 18 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 most welcome.

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

Holy Hour

There will be **no** Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 April as it is Anzac Day. This Holy Hour is celebrated usually on the 4th Tuesday of the Month in Connolly Hall Chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and the consecrated life.

Thank You

We would like to thank every one that took part in our Easter Liturgies at St Mary of the Angel's and St Joseph's, in the various ministries you were called upon, from Holy Thursday to all our Masses on Sunday. There was a lot involved even in getting extra chairs from the hall, and returning them! We all thought our Liturgies went well and were pleased with them. Thanks to you all for your contribution and time. Together we coped with really big congregations. So thank you and God bless. Easter blessings to all.

St Peter Chanel

Celebrating St Peter Chanel and Prayers for Vocations On Friday 28 April the Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Peter Chanel at the 5.15pm followed by Adoration and prayers for vocations from 6.00-7.00pm. Come along to learn about St Peter Chanel, the first Marist Saint and Martyr in Oceania, and pray with other Marists for vocations to priestly and religious life.

SMAYACS - Theology on Tap: Let's Be Frank About Confession

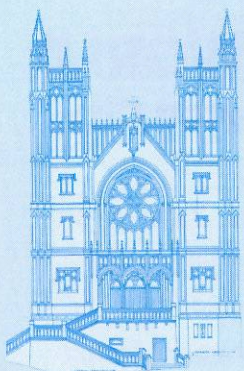
Come along as we join Fr Frank on the topic of Confession and uncovering the journey of moving from vice to virtue. Everyone is welcome. We will meet at St. Joseph's Church (Mount Victoria) on **Friday 21 April at 7pm**. We will be heading to a pub nearby after the session.

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.

Marist Vocations Morning

We invite all young men who want to know more about the Society of Mary and how to discern a call to religious or priestly life to come along to St. Mary of the Angel's Parish Hall this **Saturday the 22nd from 9:30am till 12:30pm**. We will conclude with Holy Mass and a free lunch. If you are interested email Fr. Hayden at haydenpowick@hotmail.com or message him on 0221699624.



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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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