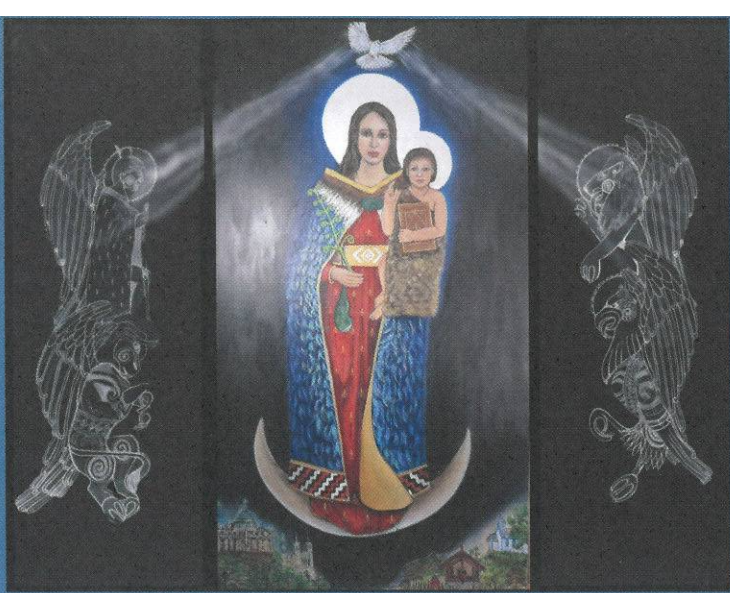


# The Angelus

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

## 23 April 2023, 3rd Sunday of Easter

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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.

Today's Gospel presents two disciples on a journey to Emmaus. In despair they are, literally downtrodden. They are dragging their feet to a nearby village called Emmaus to escape the pain and defeat of having to accept that their Teacher and Master in whom they had pinned all their hopes of redemption for themselves, ended his life in crucifixion. He was mocked, derided, treated as a criminal and left with very little support from his followers.

Our life's journey and the disciples' journey to Emmaus must be seen from a more hopeful perspective. Going through difficulties, challenges, feelings of desperation at having nowhere to go, seeing no light that can penetrate the darkness of life in which we feel imprisoned- can be journeys of renewal. Along the road to our Emmaus, the risen Christ comes up to us, but sometimes we fail to recognize him. During these journeys Jesus makes himself present through the scriptures, expressing his eagerness to enter all that matters to us, good or bad, and sits at table with us, breaking the bread.

When our life enters into crisis, our faith comes into play. Almost simultaneously, for many, there is also a crisis of confidence, a feeling of despair attributed to a sense of neglect from God. Our experience echoes that of the disciples; we hoped, we believed, we followed but, "he disappointed us." we all feel moments of feeling abandoned and betrayed by the Lord. The story of Emmaus suggests instead that it is possible to encounter the Lord, even today.

Today Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures; today Jesus gives us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Are we ready to say "were not our hearts burning" when Jesus is speaking to us through the Scriptures? Can we express a sense of inner peace when we gather together around the table of the Bread?

No matter where our journeys in life are currently going, they all point to Emmaus where we will encounter the risen Christ leading us to a mature renewal of our faith.

Do you have your own Emmaus encounter with Jesus, that defining moment in your relationship with God? Cherish it, relive it and write it out if you can, as a testimony of your faith in the resurrection and the new life in Jesus Christ.

*Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker*

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 2:14. 22-33

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:17-21

*The ransom that was paid to set you free was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-35

*The recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 2:14:36-41

**Psalm** 22

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 2:20-25

**Gospel Reading** John 10:1-10



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,380

Automatic Payments: \$3752

**Total: \$7,132**

## 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

'To say you have no choice is to relieve yourself of responsibility'

## Responsorial Psalm 15

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**



Notas mihi fecisti vias vi-tae.

*Thou hast made known to me the ways of life.*

## Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust

([www.greenstonedoors.co.nz](http://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:** Vicki McPhee, James Jackson, Kaye Harrison, Rosalie Coyle, Malcolm McClure, John Blake, Joseph Churchward, Ches Tomaszuk, Jean Auld, Linton Eskrigge, John Keating, Jung Jieun, Ian Jones

**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



*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 Receipts

We have finished preparing the planned giving tax receipts for the 2022-2023 financial year. Many of you will receive these receipts by email if you had informed us you preferred them to be delivered by email. If you have not received your receipt by email your receipt will be available at all Masses this Sunday.

If you did not receive your receipt by email or it wasn't in the Church please contact Abby in the Parish Office who can get your receipt to you. If there are any issues with your receipt, please contact the Parish Office and we can help you with this.

Many thanks to our loyal Parishioners for your continued support of the Parish.

## ANZAC Day Mass

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated this year by Archbishop Paul Martin, on Tuesday 25 April, 9am at St Mary of the Angels Church. We will remember all who have died as a consequence of war. We will also remember the Polish victims of the Katyn Massacre. ***There will be no Mass at St Joseph's on ANZAC day.***

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month in Connolly Hall Chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and the consecrated life.

## “Living Liturgically – Bringing the Liturgical Year to life in the rhythm of the parish.”

This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved or interested in Liturgy. Venue: St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville. Saturday 20 May, 10am-12 midday. Tea and coffee available from 9.30am. To register please email Christine at [c.walker@dine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walker@dine@wn.catholic.org.nz)

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## 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.

## Retreat for Mothers – “In the Potter's hands”

*As a mother, you always put the needs of your loved ones before your own. Today you are invited to come away, to rest and be blessed by the God who lovingly shaped you.* Join us on Saturday 6 May 2023 from 10am to 3.30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Please register with Lucienne Hensel by Friday 28 April. [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

## New Parishioners

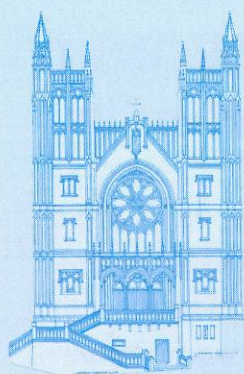
If you are new to the parish, not yet enrolled as a parishioner, or would like to start giving regularly to the parish through our planned giving program, please fill out one of our new parishioner forms available on our website—[www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new](http://www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new).

## XLT

XLT is back in 2023! Come and join us for a night of Worship and Adoration on **Friday 12 May** at 7pm. We're heading back to our old location of St Anne's, Newtown to bring a whole new feel to XLT. Open to all teenagers and young adults, so invite your friends or bring your whole youth group. And save the dates for the rest of the year so you don't miss out! May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>. And follow us on Instagram [@xltwellington](https://www.instagram.com/xltwellington)

## Young Church Mass

We would like to invite all Teenagers and Young Adults to our second **Young Church Mass of 2023**, hosted by Life Teen Hutt Valley. This is an occasion for all teenagers and young adults to come together as Young Catholics, to have fun, share in fellowship and celebrate Mass. Join us at 5.30pm on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at Sacred Heart Church, Petone. For more info, check out our social media [@adwyoungchurch](https://www.instagram.com/adwyoungchurch)



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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## Join the Caritas Team!

These roles will see you support our work advocating for human dignity, justice, peace and the needs of the most vulnerable. Joining our team will see you connect our work with the world and provide you with the opportunity to practice your faith in a practical way. At Caritas, it's our mission to be known as 'love in action', if you want to join us in this mission, email us on [Caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:Caritas@caritas.org.nz) or see the link below for more information. [www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us](http://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us)

## St. Vincent de Paul Cyclone Appeal

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.

## 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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