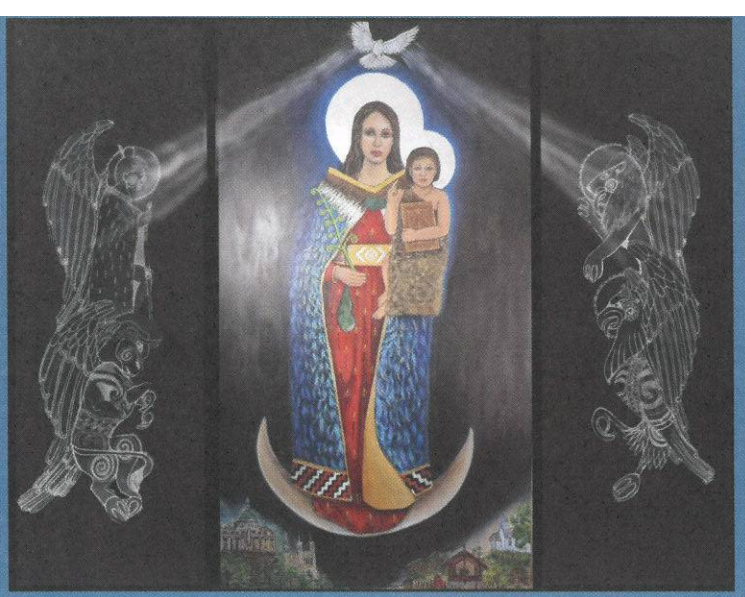


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Mātua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

30 April 2023, 4th Sunday of Easter

Vocation Sunday

Today we are called to pray for vocations, especially for priestly and religious life. Every year for this particular Sunday the theme of the Good Shepherd is highlighted in the Gospel passage chosen, being from John 10:1-10 this year. When we hear the title "Good Shepherd" we immediately think of Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. But in the opening verses of this particular Gospel reading Jesus refers to the leaders of society as the Shepherds, both the good ones and the bad ones. Instead, Jesus refers to himself as the "Gate" through which the good shepherds are called to lead their flock. Jesus is the "gate" that gives entry to the Kingdom of God. The good shepherds, through faith, know that Christ is the gate they must lead their flock through. Any other entrance leads to chaos, disharmony, despair, and the scattering of the flock.

There are bad leaders and there are good leaders. The good leader of God's people must come to them through Jesus. There is only one way to enter into the sheepfold to bring wholeness and life to a flock that will recognise the shepherd who calls his sheep by name: through the "gate." Such a shepherd leads the flock into good pastures. The shepherds of God's people who are prepared to come through Jesus will be all that Christian leaders should be, for only Jesus can claim "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." (Jn 14:6)

Today we are challenged as Church, just as we are challenged as members of the Lord's flock. As Church, do we tend the flock given into our care (family, parish, friends, those who look to us for love, care and guidance) by passing through the gate which is Jesus and the way of his Gospel, or have we developed our own way of doing things? Are we shepherds as Jesus is the Good Shepherd, laying down his life for his sheep (v.15)?

As members of the Lord's flock, living in the midst of a world that has forgotten its Lord, can we frankly say that we "do not recognise the voice of strangers," but that we listen only to the voice which we know, namely that of Jesus? Do we really know that voice of the Good Shepherd, or are the sounds of the many thieves and brigands at large in today's society too loud in our ears?

Pray today for our young people who may be discerning a vocation to priestly and religious life that they listen and be guided by Jesus Christ who calls out to them.

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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 2:14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 32

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Reading John 14:1-12



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,188

Automatic Payments: \$5,343

Total: \$8,531

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.

Thought for the Week

A day without laughter is a day wasted.

Responsorial Psalm 22

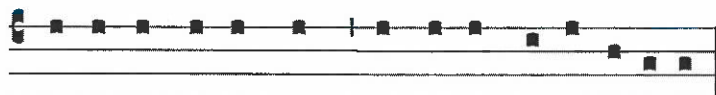
**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives my repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**



Domi-nus re-git me. et ni-hil mi-hi de-e-rit.

The Lord ruleth me, and I shall want nothing.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Mary Cameron, Vincent Michael Patrick, Nola Lawry, Dierdre Blackiston, Adrienne Avery

Anniversaries: Stewart Dickson, Mark Fitzgerald, David Butler, George Bright, Terry Chamberlain

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, Margaret Schultz

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.

Family Pilgrimage with Mary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Join the Family Pilgrimage with Mary on 13 May (Sat.), the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima to pray for the needs of families. The pilgrimage starts with Mass at 8:30 am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral and ends with a picnic at Hato Mere St Mary's Parish, Otaki. For more details, email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz or go to www.marriageandfamily.org.nz.

“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.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz

Voice for Life

Inviting all 13 to 23 year olds to VFL Youth Wellington's Movie Night showcasing Wonder and to participate in follow-up discussions on how the movie shows pro-life themes. The event will take place on the 13th of May at Saint Mary of the Angels Parish Hall from 6 pm to 8 pm. Food and drinks will be provided at the event, and make sure to BYO pillows and blankets! If you are interested to attend, please RSVP to Helena 02041086611 (VFL Youth Leader for Wellington) or direct message to VFL Youth Wellington's instagram (@vflyouthwelly).

Young Adults Getaway Weekend

SMAYAC's is planning a 'do whatever you like' weekend to Whakapapa, Ruapehu from May 19-21. Activities could include a small hike nearby, hot pools or chilling inside a cosy cabin. Accommodation is \$34 per night. For more information, please refer to the SMAYAC'S Facebook page and email us at smayacs@gmail.com to save your place.

Faith Rosaries

We sell rosaries in the Parish Office designed and hand made by Ngaire Greger from Faith Rosaries. If you are looking for a rosary as a gift or for yourself, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in.

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 12th, June 9th, July 7th, August 11th, September 8th, October 6th and November 10th. And follow us on Instagram @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 21st May** at Sacred Heart Church, Petone. For more info, check out our social media @adwyoungchurch

Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 9 May at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is Matrimony & Holy Orders: Service & Communion. 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.

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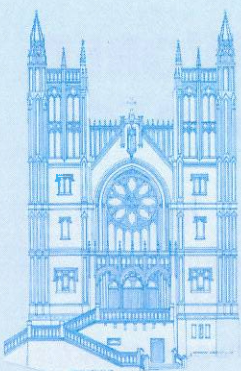
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O'Shea Shield 2023

The annual O'Shea Shield competition will be held next weekend, May 6th and 7th, at St Mary's College, Guildford Tce, Thorndon. This prestigious competition involves eight events, including debating, public speaking, religious drama, scripture reading and religious questions, and involves approximately 280 secondary school students from the 17 Catholic secondary schools in the Wellington and Palmerston North Archdioceses.

The programme and information for the weekend can be found at www.stmw.school.nz/Quick-Links/oshea-shield-2023-homepage-1

Everyone is most welcome to attend any of the events, and, most particularly, the Mass and Prize Giving, which will take place in St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Hill Street, at 12.45pm on Sunday, May 7th.

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@vn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

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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