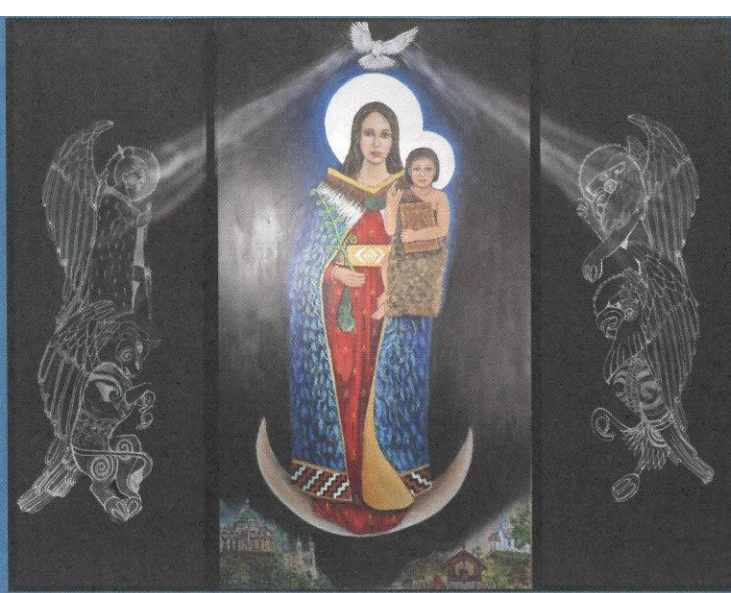


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

7 May 2023, 5th Sunday of Easter

Finding Solutions to Our Problems

Today's first reading in the Acts of the Apostles reveals an early problem in the Christian community. Widows and orphans were often the most vulnerable in the community because they often had no family support, and the Hellenists (Greek language and culture) were complaining against the Hebrews (Jewish language and culture). The Hellenists said that their widows were not being looked after in the daily distribution of food. The Hebrew leaders seemed to be only looking after their Hebrew widows. Probably there were a complex range of issues such as language, culture, location of homes, lack of relationships and connections. Just like the challenges we face today.

This experience became an important opportunity to learn. The Twelve Apostles listened carefully to the challenge and recognised they were getting too busy with so many tasks: "it is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table". The Apostles found a practical and insightful solution. Interestingly, the seven wise people chosen all have Greek names. The solution recognised the community that was experiencing the problem the most was given the hands-on task of creating the solution. This can be helpful advice: in our home, school, workplace, community, who is hurting the most and can solutions be co-designed by those who are suffering the most.

As we approach the NZ elections in October, we may find ourselves part of many discussions and debates. We know these issues are complex but we have some guidance in the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church that can offer guidance. (1) Everyone has dignity as a human person. (2) We carefully consider what is the common good for our society. (3) We may enjoy individual rights but also need to take responsibility for ensuring all experience these rights. (4) We recognize a preferential option for the poor because the ones hurting the most often need extra resources to be lifted up. (5) We recognize the dignity of work and seek to ensure all are paid adequately to live and provide dignity for their family. (6) We recognize we are all brothers and sisters in the human family and called to live in solidarity with each other. (7) We recognize in God's gift of creation our common human home and to care for God's creation as stewards and caretakers of this beautiful earth.

As we live Easter lives, and apply these principles in our hearts and homes, we can indeed become a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to God and sing his praises", following "the way, truth and life" of Jesus in our world today. Happy Easter living.

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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	6:1-7
<i>They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.</i>		
Second Reading	1 Peter	2:4-9
<i>You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.</i>		
Gospel Reading	John	14:1-12
<i>I am the way, the truth, and the life.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Acts	8:5-8. 14-17
Psalm	65	
Second Reading	1 Peter	3:15-18
Gospel Reading	John	14:15-21



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3,374
Automatic Payments:	\$4,815
Total:	\$8,189

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

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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Maria Glowacz, Mary Cameron, Vincent Michael Patrick, Nola Lawry, Dierdre Blackiston

Anniversaries: Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Joseph Hermon, Mariette Hopman, Christopher Eastwood, Anasetasia Churchward, Fr Augustine Hill sm, Pua Magasiva, Oinah MacPherson, Mary Egan

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.

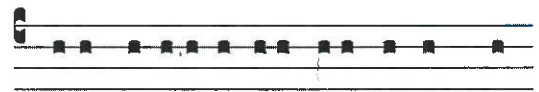
Responsorial Psalm 32

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**



Fiat misericórdia tua super nos:



quemádmódum sperá-vi-mus- in te.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in Thee.

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.

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Revenue Sub-Committee Update

The Revenue Subcommittee is working on a plan for the Parish Pastoral Council to increase Parish revenues over the next 3-5 years. Its focus is to find new, sustainable sources of revenue, or increase those we already have, in ways consistent with our Christian mission, and without overburdening our community. Ideas already being discussed include greater use of technology for payments, using our Parish spaces more effectively and making use of the treasure of talent we have within our Parish. You can help the work of this group. If you have any suggestions for significant fundraising initiatives that you would like to share with the Subcommittee, then please email your ideas to wes.wernicki@gmail.com, you can also text or phone Les on 022 625 5093, so these can be further investigated and included in our planning.

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.

E-Waste Recycling Opportunity

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Fundraising Team have organised another e-waste recycling day at Cardinal McKeefrey School, 66 Albermarle Road, Wilton from 12 noon to 4pm on Sunday 21 May. This is a great opportunity to responsibly dispose of your e-waste whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause. The Refurbishment of the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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](https://www.instagram.com/vflyouthwelly)).

St Joseph's Book Group

Held on Tuesday May 9 at 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce Room, Ellice Street, Mt Victoria. Members will share books etc. For more info contact John Dalgety on 027 338 3576

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](https://www.instagram.com/xltwellington)

Young Church Mass

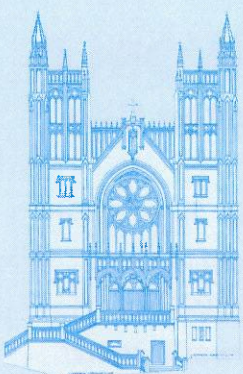
We would like to invite all Teenagers and Young Adults to our second **Young Church Mass of 2023**, hosted by Life Teen Hutt Valley. This is an occasion for all teenagers and young adults to come together as Young Catholics, to have fun, share in fellowship and celebrate Mass. Join us at 5.30pm on **Sunday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

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to come and worship our Mighty God in word and song on Thursday 18th May at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. If you Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com or scjready@gmail.com



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Quiet Days with Sister Sue Cosgrove

Join us for next week's Quiet Day - with a focus on contemplation and reflection. Sister Sue guides participants through meditative activities and guided discussions. This year's theme is kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga, and exploring the seeds of compassion that Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert scattered. Next week's Quiet Day is at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Thursday 11th of May, from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. To register, please email to: sr.sue@compassion.org.nz. Refreshments are provided. There is no fee however a koha is greatly appreciated.

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/

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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