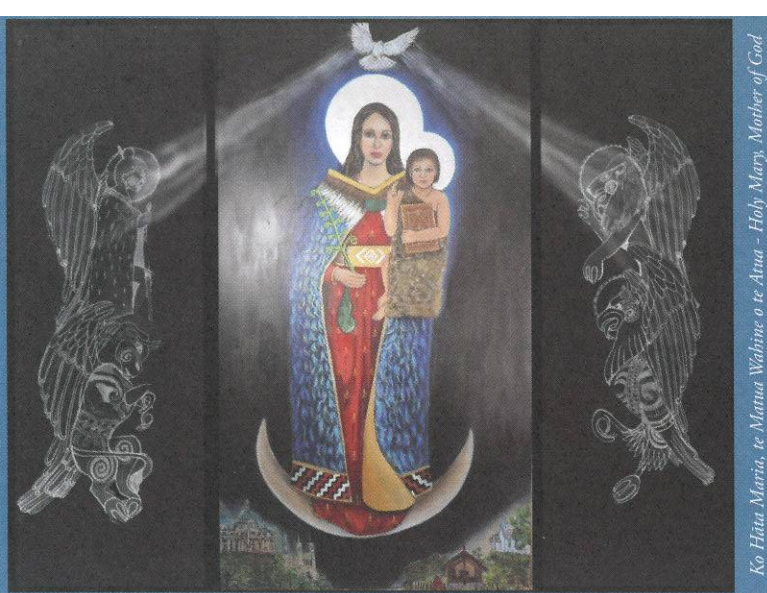


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Ko Hau Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

14 May 2023, 6th 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.

The First Letter of St. Peter was written to encourage Christians suffering from persecution in Asia Minor. This persecution didn't originate from the Roman authorities but from groups of pagans living alongside the Christians. This can parallel our experience in New Zealand where persecution consists not in physical torture and death, but principally in misunderstanding, slander, and mockery.

In the Letter, Christians are told to *always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have*. The pertinent Greek word in this text is ἀπολογία (*apologia*) which refers to giving a defence, especially in court. We derive our English word "apologetics" from this word.

The practice of defending aspects of Christian doctrine and morality with rational arguments seems to have gone out of fashion. Perhaps, one of the reasons for this is the insight that most people don't come to their beliefs by sitting down and thinking them through. Rather, people believe what they do for mostly non-rational reasons, such as upbringing, culture, trauma, life experiences and personality. There is truth here. In my own experience, when people wish to argue a point of Catholic teaching, I have found that exploring the deeper personal connection to the issue can often be more productive than opening up the Catechism.

The danger is that this insight turns into a radical scepticism in the power of truth to change hearts and minds. If there is no possibility of reaching and sharing the truth then defending our faith with reasons is a waste of time. The only thing left to do is to 'shout' at one another. Or turn to violence. There is no convincing or being convinced, only domination through power. We only have to look at the increasing polarisation between political factions, cultural and ethnic groups, Christians and non-believers, and even within the Church, to see this dynamic at work. I have wondered whether one of the motivations for the Synod on Synodality was to restore our practical confidence in the truth as the rational basis for dialogue.

In his encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, Pope St. John Paul II says: "The splendour of truth shines forth in all the works of the Creator and, in a special way, in man, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. *Gen 1:26*). Truth enlightens man's intelligence and shapes his freedom, leading him to know and love the Lord."

We are encouraged to study and learn about our Catholic faith so as to give defence for the hope we have, be it at work, in the Church, at school, or at home with our families. At the same time, our 'defence' must avoid all violence but be given with *courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring*.

Fr. Hayden Powick—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 46

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,901

Automatic Payments: \$5,891

Total: \$8,792

Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 23 May at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace & ...Happiness. 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.

Thought for the Week

First we form habits then they form us. Conquer your bad habits or they will conquer you

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Marie Stacey Tim Shanahan

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: Maria Glowacz, 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 Viloría, 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 65

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;

shall sing to you, sing to your name!

Come and see the works of God,

tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer

nor withhold his love from me. **R**



Jubilá-te Deo, om-nis ter-ra:

Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

New Members of Our Parish Family

We warmly welcome Graeme Ellis, Paht Satjipanon, McGeehan Berryman, and Heidi Christono to our Parish Family this weekend. We congratulate them on receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at our 5pm Mass today. Please keep them in your prayers and help them to feel part of our faith family.

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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 Wes on 022 625 5093, so these can be further investigated and included in our planning.

Fr Frank's Farewell and Ranong Mission

Fr Frank is leaving us shortly and will return to the Marist Mission in Ranong, Thailand. Fr Frank will be farewelled on Sunday 28th May after 9.30 am mass at St Joseph's, and after Sunday 4th June 9.00am mass at St Mary of the Angels. As we say farewell and wish him all the best, an insert and information in the Angelus will be available for anyone wanting to share support for the education of Myanmar migrant children in Ranong.

Pacific Health Education Scholarships 2023

There are 19 awards available, which aim to support Pacific students pursuing careers in health-related fields as well as medical professionals currently practicing in their respective area of work. Applications close on 2nd June 2023

For more information, please go to Pasifika Medical Association's website:

<https://membership.pacifichealth.org.nz/Scholarships-2023/>

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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 May 16 at 6pm. We are a Catholic faith based charity, inspired by the Gospels, and dedicated to helping people in need through personal contact. If this appeals to you, please join us. New members are very welcome.

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.

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

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)

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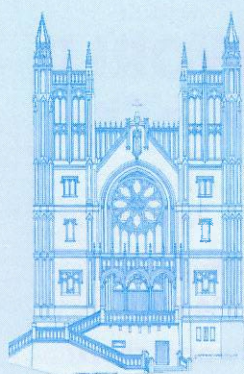
This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved or interested in Liturgy. Venue: St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville. Saturday 20 May, 10am-12 midday. Tea and coffee available from 9.30am. To register please email Christine at c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz

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.

Taize Prayer Service

Held on Sunday May 14 at 7pm to 8pm in St Joseph's Chapel at 152 Brougham Street, Mt Vic. For more info contact John Dalgety on 027 338 3576.



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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.

When Light Breaks Concert

From Bach to today! In a daring reimagining of early music, join Voices New Zealand as they take an emotional journey through song. Surprising arrangements of traditional choral works will take place in St Mary of the Angels Church on 27 May. Music Director Karen Grylls is joined by renowned Opera director Jacqueline Coats, and the journey of the concert will be guided by puppetry from Little Dog Barking Theatre Company, a first for a Voices New Zealand concert. Visit www.voicesnz.com for tickets.

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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