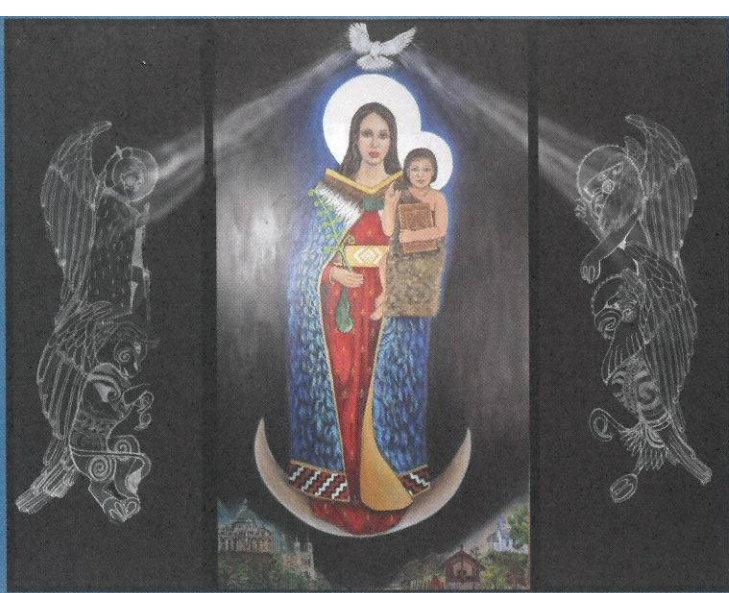


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St Mary of the Angels Church

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.

21 May 2023, The Ascension of the Lord

Ascension Sunday

The Acts of the Apostles opens with the disciples looking up into the sky. The Lord had gone from their sight begging the question, "What now?"

"What now?" is a question tinged with anxiety. "What now?" is a question haunted by uncertainties. "What now?" is a question fraught with fears of the inevitable much of which remains outside of our control.

We have all been in "What now?" situations. Anxious for ourselves and those we care for, uncertain of what the future might bring, and weighed down with the sense that there is no escape but to face whatever comes from circumstances often unforeseen.

In Acts we are told that two men in white appeared and said to the disciples, "Why are you still looking into the sky? Jesus will return the same way you have seen him go". All very well, but for the disciples the question remained, "What now?" They returned to Jerusalem. They carried on with their normal activities, and waited. Waited for what? They waited for something to happen. So you see, the "What now?" question for them was still left hanging.

Before leaving them Jesus had promised to send them his Spirit and he gave them the task of telling the Good News as he had revealed it to them. But the "how" and "when" of the Spirit's arrival and the "what" of their task in hand remained a mystery leaving them, no doubt, anxious and a little fearful of a future that was, in so many ways, unpredictable. Their apprehension was a disquieting lesson in *trust*.

To trust is the risk we take when we invest our hopes in another. When our lives depend on that trust, well, we realise just how vulnerable we are. Whether we trust in the skill of a surgeon as we "go under" for a major operation or whether we put our trust in one we love who says to us, "Trust me", we are vulnerable because our lives are somehow in their hands.

Yes, for the disciples of Jesus, the "What now?" question remains hanging. They must learn the true cost of trusting in him who said to them, "Trust in God still, and trust in me" (John 14:1). Can we, the disciples of Jesus today, expect anything different when faced with "What now?" situations? In such situations we will experience just how vulnerable we can be to trust in another even if that other is the Lord.

Fr Michael Young—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel Reading John 20:19-23



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,157
Automatic Payments: \$3,415
Total: \$6,572

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 May at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Thought for the Week

The essence of self-discipline is to do the important thing rather than the urgent thing.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Michael Shanahan, Mary Cameron

Anniversaries: Brian Flynn, Michael Cenek, Margaret Fogarty, Mary Davidson, Maxwell Fernie, Paul Guerin, Colleen Pocock, Arthur Freeman

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 Vioria, 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.



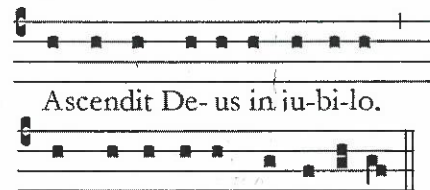
Responsorial Psalm 46

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**



Ascendit De-us in iu-bi-lo.

et Domi-nus in-vo-ce tubae.

*God is ascended with jubilee:
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.*

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

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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.

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

Join the choirs and congregations of St Peter's, St John's and St Mary's as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit. Held in St Mary of the Angels Church, 7pm on Sunday 28 May. Please bring a plate for supper in the Hall following the vespers.

Youth Mass

Please join us at 5pm on the last Sunday of the month, Sunday 28 May to get together for Mass and a meal afterwards at Capital Market! If you would like to serve at Mass, please get in touch via the SMAYAC's Facebook page—www.facebook.com/smayacs1. See you there and God bless!

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/>

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.

Celebrating Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, 5 June, is Pentecost Sunday when we remember that the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples in the form of fire and empowered them to share Christ's message so it was heard in many languages. To signify this, parishioners who would like to offer a prayer in a language other than English are invited to contact Sr Frances at sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com and she will provide a prayer for you to translate and share in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.

For next Sunday parishioners are also invited to wear clothing representing their own culture to symbolise the multicultural nature of Christianity or to wear red, orange or yellow items of clothing to symbolise fire.

St Patrick's College Old Boys Association AGM

I would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting which will be held online via zoom on Thursday 1st June 2023 @ 7pm. If you would like to attend please email secretary@spcob.org.nz with your name and when you attended either Town or Stream and we will send you an invite to the zoom meeting.

NZCMA Retreat

The NZ Catholic Medical Association provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Next event: Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).

Saint Madeleine Sophie's Primary School Reunion

Held at The Pines Cabaret, Houghton Bay on Sunday 11 June at lunchtime. Will include lunch, music, dancing from midday onwards to 3.30pm. Please RSVP by 1 June by emailing palomino.horses@gmail.com or on Facebook. Cost is \$60.

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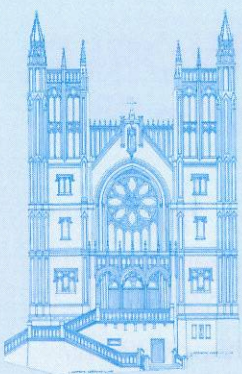
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When Light Breaks Concert

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 at 7pm. 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.

Parenting for Faith Seminar

Dr Andrew Mullins from Melbourne will talk about integrating character and faith education within the context of raising children and encourage us with practical ways to ensure that we parents are empowered to pass on the taonga which is our faith. **Sunday 4 June from 2pm - 4pm at St Mary of the Angels Church Hall**, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central. \$20 per individual or couple. Afternoon tea included. For more information or to register email Monica Devine at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com

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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