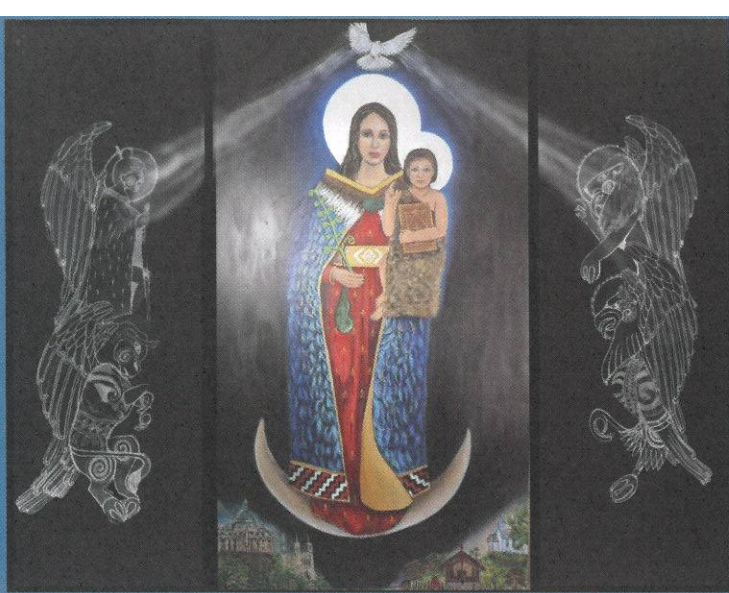


# The Angelus

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St Mary of the Angels Church  
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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

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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.

## 28 May 2023, Pentecost Sunday

Last week at the Feast of Ascension we were given a job description to witness to Jesus and welcome others into the faith community. Today, as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we recognize we are receiving the great resource for this job and mission – the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us take a moment to listen to the experience of those who have recently completed our parish RCIA Programme. Their words may energise us in a fresh way to continue to welcome others to Christ and to know that each of us are ‘sent’ on mission today to be Christ in our world.

“For a long time, I felt confused and lacked guidance and direction. After attending the RCIA Programme, I realised what is important in my life. To be kind to all, to live with agape (self-giving love), and to live with moral principles in everything I do- in the workplace, with friends and family, and in all of life.

“Before starting this course, I never thought I would be attending Church every week, praying and reading the Bible on a daily basis. I used to think I was not worthy, but now understand that God has a plan for every individual. I have been saved and have changed fundamentally. I gained invaluable lessons that I take to my heart. I am grateful to connect with others.

"Being brought up atheist I had a religion phobia. But the desire for God grew to outweigh the fears. The RCIA is not like a quick trip to the shops; more a longer road trip with others and is far more thorough with the hopeful destination being God. There was a lot of information, wonder, reading of the bible, opening of eyes, frustration, internal wrestling and a fundamental shift in outlook. I now have acceptance of myself, knowing I am loved by God, and hoping to grow enough to be able to share that love with others.

“After many prayers, parables, debates and discussions between cups of tea and bikkies, there is now a profound experience of love felt to my core, shared with friends/family, and the “start” of the rest of my life to feed and grow my soul as promised to God.

Confirmation and Holy Communion were special experiences that brought about an overwhelming sense of gratitude. I felt very touched that I was able to be in union with Jesus through the Eucharist – it’s amazing that Jesus comes down from heaven to meet us in the mass! It emphasised God’s extravagant and reckless love for us. The whole experience has filled me with a stronger sense of responsibility to be God’s light for the world.

Fr Frank Bird—Assistant Priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 2:1-11  
*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.*

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

**Gospel Reading** John 20:19-23  
*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9  
**Psalm** Daniel 3:52-56  
**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
**Gospel Reading** John 3:16-18

## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,562  
Automatic Payments: \$3,415  
**Total: \$7,600**



## Helping Those Affected by the Newtown Fire

St Vincent de Paul is accepting financial donations if you want to help the victims of the fire donate at [www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate](http://www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz/donate); add a comment "Loafers Lodge Fire"; or you can donate to the City Mission Fire Appeal at [wellingtoncitymission.org.nz/donate-now/](http://wellingtoncitymission.org.nz/donate-now/)

## 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:** Maria Glowacz, Michael Shanahan, Mary Cameron

**Anniversaries:** Robert Bell, Brian Bennett, Margaret Doe, Patricia Johnson, Anton Parris, Keith Shirley, Nadja Argus, Bronius Grinskis, Corazon Owen, Andrew Fawcett, Roger Sheppard, Ursula Garing-Villanueva

**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 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.*



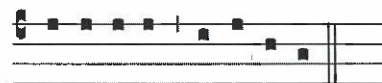
## Responsorial Psalm 103

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your Spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last forever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**



Alle-lu-a. Alle-lu-ia.

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

## Ecumenical Vespers 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.

## Saint Madeleine Sophie 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](mailto:palomino.horses@gmail.com) or on Facebook. Cost is \$60.

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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 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. Please visit <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/maristmissionranong> to donate.

### St Thomas More Society, Wellington - Mass and Dinner, Friday 23 June, 2023

The St Thomas More Society's annual Mass and dinner is an opportunity for members of the Wellington legal community (including non-lawyers) and law students to gather and celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of lawyers. This year, Mass will take place at 5.30pm in the temporary Connolly Hall Chapel (entrance and parking from Guildford Terrace). Drinks and dinner will follow at the Wellington Club for those who wish to book this. Our guest speaker this year is Brendan Malone, a Christchurch based media consultant and bioethics educator. If you are interested in attending and would like more information please email [stomasmoresoc@gmail.com](mailto:stomasmoresoc@gmail.com)

### Discover this Treasure in Catholic teaching!

What are we here for? What is my purpose? What will make me happy? Get to know the answers to these questions. Join the **Theology of the Body course (TOB): Discovering God's Master Plan for your life.** Dates: 17 & 24 June (SAT), 8am- 5pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington. Limited spaces! Register now at [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz).

### Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 6 June at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is "A Love that Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love". 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](mailto:claredevinenz@gmail.com).

### Women's Friendship Project

Are you a locally-connected Wellington woman who would like to get to know and be a friend with a woman from a former refugee background? Catholic Social Services and Changemakers Refugee Forum are growing the Womens' Friendship Project with a next induction night on **Tuesday 27 June 2023**. Pairs of women will then be introduced to each other and meet up once a week or fortnight for the next 6 months to share local experiences such as walks, gardening, and café and market visits. Every two months you are invited to attend a larger group gathering of everyone involved in the project. Often a natural friendship continues beyond the project. If you are interested, please contact Deirdre at [d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz) or call 021 2213944.

### St Patrick's College Old Boys Association AGM

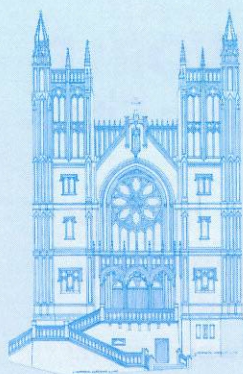
I would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting which will be held online via zoom on Thursday 1st June 2023 at 7pm. If you would like to attend please email [secretary@spscob.org.nz](mailto:secretary@spscob.org.nz) with your name and when you attended either Town or Stream and we will 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](http://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz) For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com) (NZCMA formation committee).

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023. For more information, please go to Pasifika Medical Association's website: <https://membership.pacifichealth.org.nz/Scholarships-2023/>



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## A Retreat in Daily Life: Inner Peace in the Service of God

Christian Life Community Wellington invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life based on a programme developed by Australian Michael Hanson SJ. Participants meet weekly, under the guidance of trained guides, to pray and share in small groups their experience of prayer. The retreat is open to all and will be held at Cardinal McKeefry School, 66 Albermarle Road, Wilton, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. (registration) for a 2 p.m. start, finishing at 4 p.m. – 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June, and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The cost of the retreat is \$50, and the cost of the book if required is \$25. Sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending. To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424 or email [christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com](mailto:christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com)

## 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 4th 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. Childminding available for \$10 per family. For more information or to register email Monica Devine at [devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com](mailto:devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com)

## 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.

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