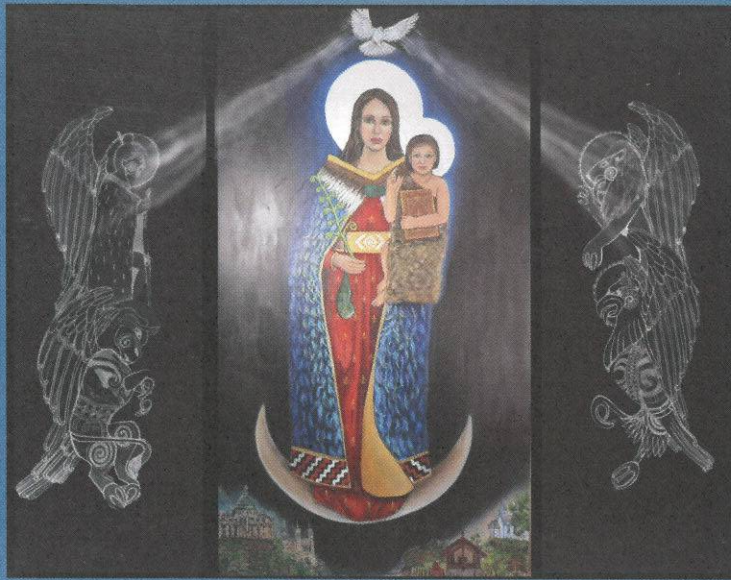


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

2 July 2023, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 - 11.50am
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.

A prophet is one who inspires and challenges us. So if we feel inspired and challenged we have received a prophet's reward. A holy person heightens our perception of our surroundings and gives depth to our understanding about life. So if perception of our surroundings has been heightened and we have become wiser for having encountered someone we consider holy we have received a holy person's reward.

But according to our gospel reading for this Sunday, to be rewarded by Jesus we have to *do* something: we must practise what we preach, beginning with the way we treat one another who are the disciples of Christ before ever considering going out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News. Indeed, Jesus himself has said, "By the love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples" (cf. John 13:35).

So we must never underestimate the power of the service we render to one another as disciples of Christ, or the service we render to society at large. A smile, a word of encouragement are services in themselves if made with genuine sincerity. But, of course, our good works come in all shapes and sizes. Regardless of the service we render, our service is the visible and tangible sign of our continuance of the mission of Christ – to serve and not to be served, to save the world and not to condemn it. Besides, we all remember Saint James' warning, namely, that without good works faith is quite dead (c. James 2:17).

So, whether it is a cup of cold water offered to quench the thirst of another or the all-round hospitality offered by the couple to the Prophet Elisha in our first reading for this Sunday, our good works will not go unnoticed by the Lord and we have his assurance that he will certainly reward such acts of kindness and service; unless, of course, we parade our good works to attract the attention and admiration of people in which case, as the Lord himself has said, we have had our reward. Trumpeting our good works for all to admire is not the Lord's way but the way of the hypocrites (cf. Matthew 6:1-6).

To serve in imitation of Christ is to live our new life in Christ. It is the new life each of us received at baptism as mentioned in our second reading today. If our faith is not backed up by good works, at best, we are giving lip-service to the Lord in our commitment to follow him; at worst we have betrayed the Lord, becoming like the hypocrites whom the Lord so roundly condemned.

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.


Second Reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:37-42
*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.
 Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 144

Second Reading Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel Reading Matthew 11:25-30



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3,373
Automatic Payments:	\$4,259
Total: \$7,632	

Children's Sacramental Programme

Children who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to join the Sacramental Programme for Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please contact the Parish Office at office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

Thought for the Week

I can't change the world,
 I can only change how I choose to live in it


Responsorial Psalm 88

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
 through all the ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
 Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
 that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
 who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
 who find their joy every day in your name,
 who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
 it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
 for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
 our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R**



Mi-se-ri-cordi- as Domi-ni in aeternum cantabo.

The mercies of the Lord, I will sing for ever.

Passionist Family Groups

Shared Afternoon Tea (to meet your group members) at 2pm on 2 July at the Parish Centre St Mary of the Angels which will be followed with a tour of the Church. Please bring a plate.

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Salvatore Famularo

Anniversaries: Gavin Auld, Catherine O'Hara, Raymond O'Brierr, James Maguire, John Sayers, Ron Finlayson, Tadeusz Braczek, Paul Sparnaay, Ruth Garland, Fr Peter Wall, Patricia Mary Engel

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 Vilorja, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki

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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Welcome Tommy, Mawi and Blessing!

28 Ellice Street, the house in St Joseph's grounds reserved for newly-arrived refugee families, has new occupants who moved in last Saturday.

Tommy and Mawi are from Myanmar, and are living in the house with their 9 year old daughter Blessing. Their move into the house was assisted by Rosemary Wallis, who said – "Great joy to see the little family in their new home. It looks so bright and clean now that they are in it. They are so grateful".

The family are from a persecuted Christian (Baptist) Chin tribe in Myanmar. They fled to Thailand and eventually arrived here through the UN.

Currently Tommy and Mawi are still learning English in Newtown and also have Work Experience classes. They plan to look for work very soon. Blessing is at Lyall Bay school and her English is pretty fluent, complete with Kiwi accent. The joys of learning a language young!

Parishioners are invited to meet Tommy, Mawi and Blessing on Sunday when they have been invited to join us for morning tea in the Bill Pearce Room after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church.

Climate Change Workshop

The Social Justice Group is organising a workshop on climate change in the Pacific to be held at St Anne's Church Hall Newtown Sunday 23rd July 1.30pm - 4pm. This will be a chance to listen, and discuss actions we can take. Peter Lang from Caritas NZ will give a short talk about climate change in the Pacific. We will have a reflection on the spirituality of climate change with references to Pope Francis Laudatory si and the Synods call for us to act as stewards of creation, as Kaitiaki. Ph John Feeney 043864956 for more details .

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/

Movie Fundraiser—Last Chance!

St Mary of the Angels & St Joseph's invites you to a screening of Indiana Jones - Dial of Destiny. Screening at Light House Cuba, 29 Wigan Street on Monday 3 July at 6pm, arrive by 5.30pm. Tickets are \$20 and on sale at all Masses from this Sunday 18 June. We are fundraising for the Promotion of the National Shrine and Contribution towards the installation of Ko Hata, te Matua Wahine o te Atua, Holy Mary, Mother of God artwork.



Taizé

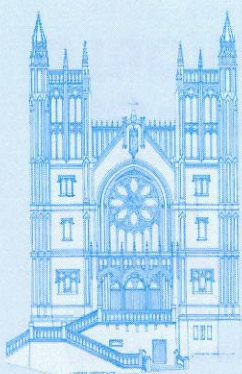
Inspired by communities in France, Taizé incorporates music and chanting into a restful and reflective practise. Join our Sisters for a Taizé session in our chapel. Held on Friday 7 July, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence again on the 7th of September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs from September to April and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in joining this programme, or would like to support as a leader or sponsor in this programme, please make contact with Fr Michael on mlyoung@gmail.com.

Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 4 July at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is "Catholic Social Teaching: Build a Civilization of 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.



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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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