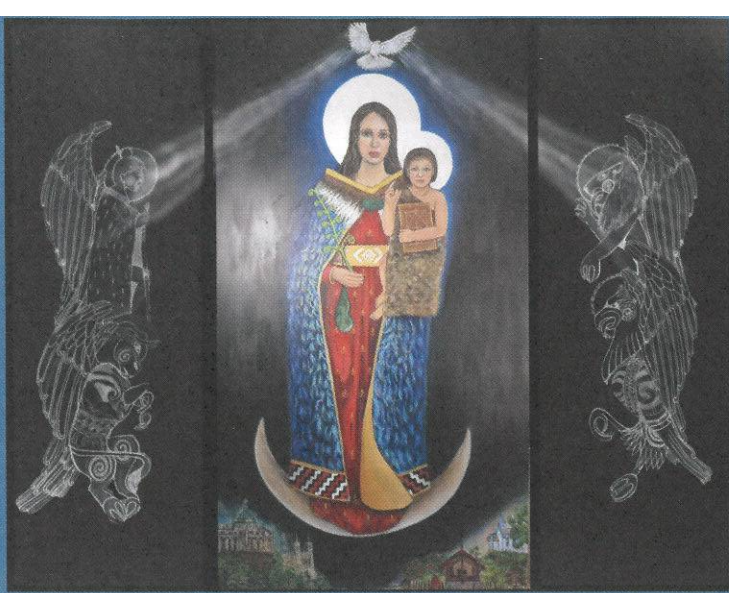


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

11 June 2023, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the beautiful Feast of Corpus Christi, Body of Christ. Some of us will remember the processions that used to be held in the cities and various parts of the country. Many of our churches were decorated with large numbers of candles and flowers and many stayed on for adoration during the day which concluded with solemn Benediction.

The most treasured gift the church holds is the mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is here with us, He has made us part of Himself. Jesus our God has not left us, He is here to nourish and sustain us, to renew and strengthen us. He wants to be close to us. He wants to be as important to us as the food and drink we need each day to nourish the body. Jesus broke bread with the disciples the night before He died and handed it to them, He was leaving us an eternal covenant that will never pass away. We need the Eucharist for nourishment of the soul. Don't deprive yourself of receiving the Eucharist whether it is from a Priest or extra-ordinary Minister. Remember it is the Lord Himself that you are receiving. It is the same Christ.

"No sacrament contributes more to our salvation than this; for it purges away our sins, increases our virtues, and nourishes our minds with an abundance of all the spiritual gifts. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that it may be beneficial to all, as it was instituted for the salvation of all." (St Thomas Aquinas).

At each Mass we pray with Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit to the one great God who is Father of us all. This unity extends beyond space and time. Mary, the Mother of the Body of Christ is present with us as are all the Saints and all who have gone before us. We pray for our needs, Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy and all People, they also are part of our community, which is a symbol of the whole Body of Christ we call the Church.

Here at St Mary of the Angels we are very blessed as we have Masses each day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The number of people who come in for a visit is very edifying. Christ Himself is present in the Sacrament of the Altar. He is to be honoured with worship and adoration.

"If you really love Jesus in the Eucharist, you will naturally want to put that love into action. We cannot separate these: the Eucharist and the Poor. Let us adore Jesus in the silence of the Eucharist. If we want to love Jesus come back to adoration" (St. Teresa of Calcutta).

Let us pray today for a blessing; for our Priests, extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers as they renew their commitment on this wonderful feast.

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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 Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

Gospel Reading John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm 68

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:26-33



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$
Automatic Payments: \$4,605
Total: \$

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; add a comment "Loafers Lodge Fire"; or you can donate to the City Mission Fire Appeal at wellingtoncitymission.org.nz/donate-now/

Thought for the Week

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Timothy Shanahan

Anniversaries: Joan Olson, Arie Roskam, Krystine Tomaszuk, Da Van Luyn, Fr Alex Taylor sm, Robert Taylor, Jack McGuire, Wilma Giles, George Swenson

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 147

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R**

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R**

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **R**



Lauda Jerú-sa-lem Dó-mi-num.

Praise the Lord, o Jerusalem.

Taize Prayer Service

Held on Sunday June 11 at 7pm to 8pm in St Joseph's Chapel at 154 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria. Contact John D johndalgety57@gmail.com 027 338 3576

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.

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Special Thanks from the Marist Mission in Ranong and Fr Frank

Over the past two weekends it has been a lovely opportunity to say thanks and goodbyes for the past 18 months serving in the Marist Community and St Mary of the Angels and St Josephs. A very big thank you to everyone who made donations to support our Myanmar migrant education program on the Thailand Myanmar Border. Your donations have raised \$10,000 which will guarantee that we can support an estimated 80 of our poorest families with transport and education. I am looking forward to returning there to support growing brighter futures with the gift of education. Thanks so much for your prayers, donations, and encouragement. Fr Frank

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.

Symbolon

Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 20 June at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is "A Love that Lasts: God's Plan for Sexuality". 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.

St Joseph's Mens Book Group

Held on Tuesday June 13 at 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies, websites etc. will be shared by members. For more info contact John Dalgety on 027 3383576 or johndalgety57@gmail.com

Women's Friendship Project

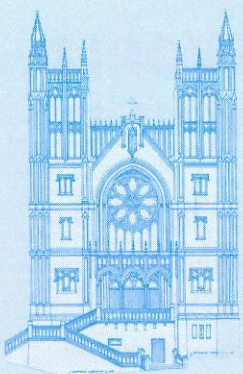
Are you a locally-connected Wellington woman who would like to get to know and be a friend with a woman from a former refugee background? Catholic Social Services and Changemakers Refugee Forum are growing the Womens' Friendship Project with a next induction night on **Tuesday 27 June 2023**. Pairs of 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 or call 021 2213944.

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 thomasmoresoc@gmail.com

Joshua Wellington

Note change of Venue. Joshua Wellington invites men to the FOYER of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon this coming Thursday 15th June between 7pm and 7:30pm. Supper afterwards. Speaker: Michael Powell on theme "Be light shining out of darkness" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



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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. – 11th, 18th, 25th June, and 2nd and 9th 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

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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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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