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St Mary of the Angels Parish
The National Shrine of New Zealand
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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.

25 June 2023, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus is preparing His disciples for the challenges they will face as they go out to proclaim the Good News. To encourage them he gives them the strange reminder: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28). At first glance, Jesus' words seem anything but encouraging, they appear to engender fear as the motivation for evangelisation and, perhaps more generally, for good behaviour.

One of the great 'themes' of post-Vatican II is the move away from servile fear to filial fear. It is the move away from the fear of punishment and eternal damnation to the "fear" of damaging or betraying a loving relationship. Certainly, if the only thing that keeps us frequenting the sacraments and avoiding mortal sin week after week is the fear of hell then our spiritual life will remain stunted. This dynamic is present in most 'Acts of Contrition' said during the Sacrament of Reconciliation: "I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell [servile fear]; **but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love [filial fear].**"

This is a good thing. The move from servile fear to filial fear models the conversion of the Prodigal Son and should be part of every Christians spiritual life.

However, one of the dangers present in our current climate is to consider servile fear as inherently wrong. Servile fear has a role in bringing the sinner to the door of repentance. We should never denigrate someone simply because they are afraid of the sovereignty of God and the eternal consequences of their behaviour. They are simply beginning a journey.

St. Ignatius of Loyola concludes his *Spiritual Exercises* with the following:

"Although it is very praiseworthy and useful to serve God through the motive of pure charity, yet we must also recommend the fear of God; and not only filial fear but also servile fear, which is very useful and often even necessary to raise man from sin. Once risen from the state and free from the affection of mortal sin, we may then speak of that filial fear that is truly worthy of God and that gives and preserves the union of pure love." (*Spiritual Exercises*, 370).

While preaching **exclusively** on hell and heaven, death, and divine judgement is not helpful, particularly in the vein of the old fire and brimstone homilies which have scarred many of us; the last thing our current climate needs is more anxiety, especially religious anxiety. Part of me wonders if the prudential mention of such topics may begin the journey of conversion for some. Perhaps hardened sinners need to hear the words: "...fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell."

Fr Hayden Powick sm—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading **Jeremiah** **20:10-13**
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Second Reading **Romans** **5:12-15**
God's gift to us is nothing like our sign against him.

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **10:26-33**
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading **2 Kings** **4:8-11, 14-16**

Psalm **88**

Second Reading **Romans** **6:3-4, 8-11**

Gospel Reading **Matthew** **10:37-42**



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,762

Automatic Payments: \$3,967

Total: \$6,729

Prayerful Congratulations

On behalf of the Parish we congratulate John and Catherine Kennedy-Good as they celebrate 50 years of marriage. We ask the Lords blessing on them both.

Thought for the Week

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that an airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

Responsorial Psalm 68

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
 that shame covers my face,
 that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
 an alien to my own mother's sons.
 I burn with zeal for your house
 and taunts against you fall on me. **R**

This is my prayer to you,
 my prayer for your favour.
 In your great love, answer me, O God,
 with your help that never fails:
 Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
 in your compassion, turn towards me. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad
 and God-seeking hearts will revive;
 for the Lord listens to the needy;
 and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
 Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
 the sea and all its living creatures. **R**



In mul-ti-tu-di-ne mi-se-ri-cordi- ae tu-ae ex-andi me

In the multitude of thy mercy, hear me.

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: Dee John McMahon, Hugh Cullen, Claire Schima, Mario Pilotti, Michael Schima, Christina Sheppard, Gino Di Leva

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, Dr Bill Glass
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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/

Come & See Priesthood Vocations Morning

For young men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood.
Held on Saturday 1 July - 9am to 12pm. St Theresa's Parish, 210 St Andrews road, Plimmerton. To register, contact Lucienne on lhensel@wn.catholic.org or visit our FB page - www.facebook.com/wellingtonpriests.org

Congratulations and Thank You

A big congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Communion last Sunday at St Joseph's. Also a huge thank you to Bede Clarke and Anna Kozyniak who have prepared the Children and parents and all the background work you have put in over the last year.

Symbolon

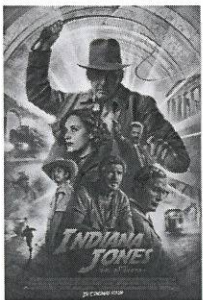
Join us as we watch and discuss the Symbolon series, which explains the "big picture" of the Catholic faith. The next session is 4 July at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is "Catholic Social Teaching: Build a Civilization of Love". Light supper provided, if you would like to make a koha 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.

Voice for Life

Inviting all young adults (18 years and up) to VFL Youth Wellington's 'The Mind of Christ' Seminar with guest speaker Brendan Malone, **on the 24th of June at Saint Mary of the Angels Crypt**. The seminar is made up of 4 x 45 minute workshop sessions where we will explore the key thinkers and ideologies that have powerfully shaped the modern secular worldview. On everything from sexuality, to human identity, to morality, to the role of science, and more! Lunch will also be provided at the event.

Movie Fundraiser

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.



Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 June 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.

Youth Mass

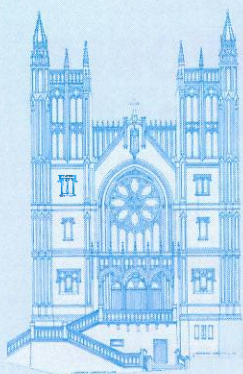
Please join us at 5pm on the last Sunday of the month, Sunday 25 June to get together for Mass and a meal afterwards at Capital Market! If you would like to serve at Mass, please get in touch via the SMAYAC's Facebook page— www.facebook.com/smayacs1. See you there and God bless!

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.

Marist St Pats RFC

The Clubs annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 2 July at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be celebrated by a light lunch. All welcome.



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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.

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College

If you want to serve in the parish community, become a catechist, Christian or youth leader, or want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, come and register at Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College. We offer programmes that will help you build intellectual faith as you build faith communities. For more information, please visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz, email us at office@ctc.ac.nz or call (04) 8198380. Scholarships and online options available."

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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