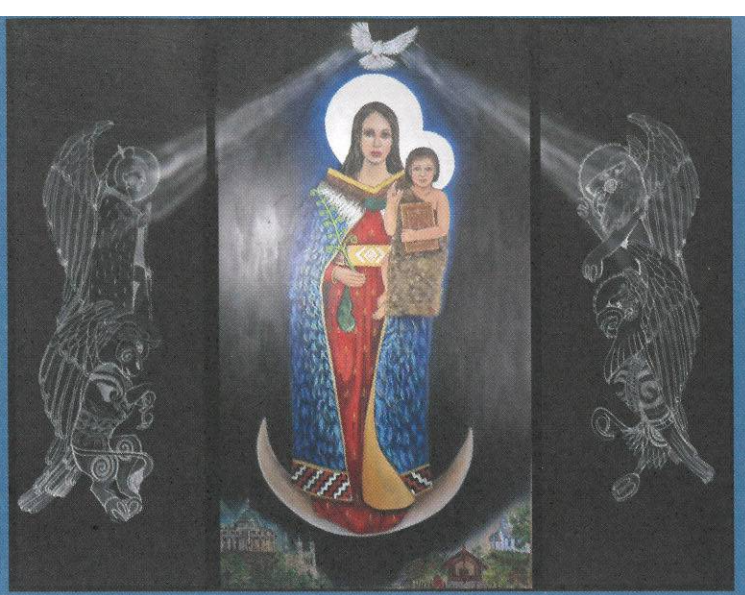


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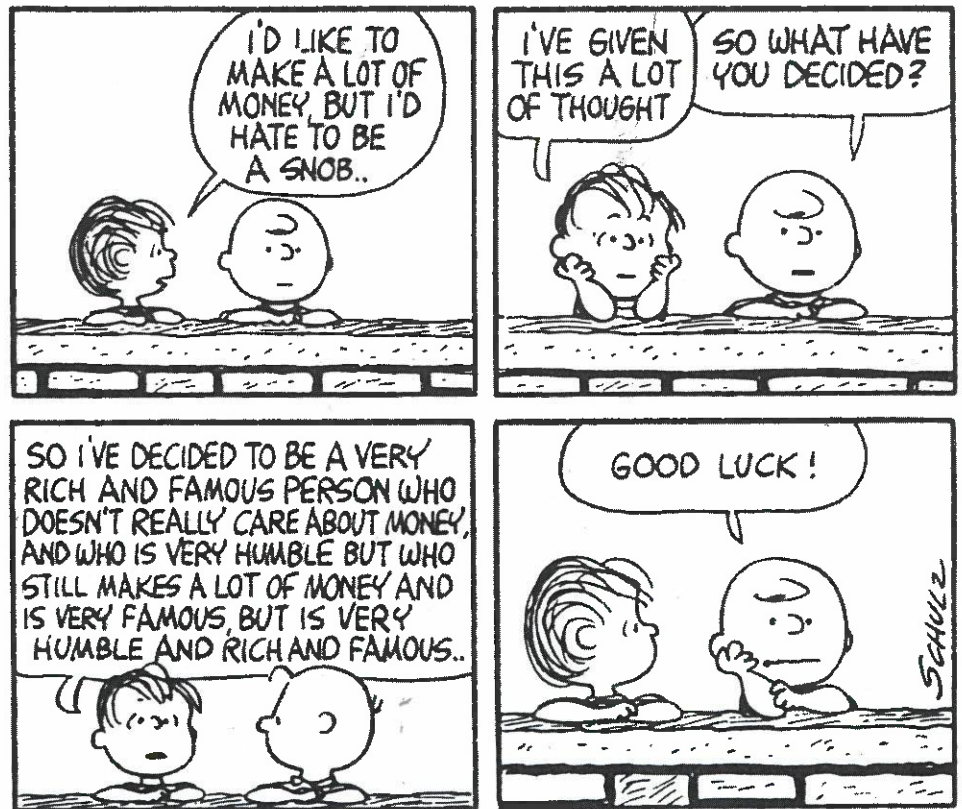
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Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Whānui o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

9 July 2023, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Importance of Humour in the Christian Life



Short, R. L. (1967). *The Gospel according to Peanuts*. Knox Pr.

Something a little different this week! A dash of humour.

I have always loved the "Peanuts" comic strip. The cast of characters, each one so different, amuse yet educate. With gentle humour the message of the Gospel is communicated in a way that has an impact without sounding judgemental or overbearing.

Perhaps there is a lesson for all of us here. At home or at school, in the workplace or amongst friends' gentle humour might be a very acceptable way for us to share the Good News. If others laugh with us, or even just smile with us, we may have more impact than we can imagine.

In fact, it is not only helpful for others to swallow medicine for their souls with a dash of humour. It is also helpful for us to swallow our soul medicine with a dash of humour! Learning to smile at ourselves is a very Christian thing to do.

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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.

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Zechariah	9:9-10
<i>Now humbly your king comes to you!</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	8:9, 11-13
<i>If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	11:25-30
<i>I am gentle and humble of heart.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	55:10-11
Psalm	64	
Second Reading	Romans	8:18-23
Gospel Reading	Matthew	13:1-23

	Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:	\$3,754
	Automatic Payments:	\$3,852
	Total: \$7,606	

St Josephs Men's Book Group

On Tuesday July 11 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. John Dalgety: 027 338 3576 or [johndalgety57@gmail.com](mailto: johndalgety57@gmail.com).

Thought for the Week

Motivation is what gets you started;
habit is what keeps you going

Responsorial Psalm 144

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R**



Exaltábo te Deus meus rex, in saé-cu-lum saé-culi.

I will extoll thee, O God my King, for ever and ever.

Matariki Day Mass

Matariki is being celebrated on Friday 14 July. Being a public holiday there will only be the one Mass at St Mary of the Angels at 12.05pm.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Stuart Allan

Anniversaries: Martin O'Neill, Maureen Ayling, Ngavaine Goodwin, , Gillian Wills, Maria Blue, Fr Gerard Mills sm, Patricia Smyth, David Lemon, Rt Hon Bill Young, Peter Hansen

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 Viloría, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki, Bernadette Coup



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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Matariki Celebrations

Passionist Family Group—Thank you to all those who filled out the Passionist Family Group Membership form the other week. We now have three groups operating in the Parish with a mixture of both St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph Mass communities. We met last Sunday and planned our activities to the end of the year. First up is the **Matariki Celebration on Friday 28 July, 6pm in the Bill Pearce room at St Joseph's** - bring your own takeaway dinner followed by a short time of prayer and reflection. This is a Parish event, so an opportunity to meet with others in your group and in your wider Parish. For those that haven't replied back to my communications - don't panic, you're always welcome! Ring Mary-Ellen on 0273336440 - it's never too late!

The Focolare Movement have organised an Ecumenical event. Anthony Gomez from the Wellington Astronomical Society will be giving a presentation about the stars, Matariki and the challenge of climate change. There will also be an opportunity to view the night sky using telescopes. Held in St John's Anglican Hall, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville on **Friday 14 July from 5.30pm-9pm**. Please bring a plate to share and warm clothes, blankets, gloves etc. Donation is welcomed for the use of the Hall. For more information please contact Robert McClean on 022 067 6655 or mccleanrobert@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 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 18 July at 6pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall and the topic is "Catholic Social Teaching: Protecting Human Dignity". 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.

Formation

We are delighted to offer to the whole community, catechesis or teaching on the Mass, followed by more specific formation for existing and prospective Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Proclaimers. The first session, which we encourage everyone to come along to, will be held at St Joseph's on Wednesday 26 July 7.30pm. It will be repeated at St Mary of the Angel's on Saturday 29 July at 10.30am. Please come along to which ever session suits you best. This pattern of a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning session will be repeated in the following two weeks with more specific formation sessions firstly for Eucharistic Ministers and then for Proclaimers. For more information please contact:

Fr Kevin Mowbray—parish.priest@smoa.org.nz
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Climate Change Workshop

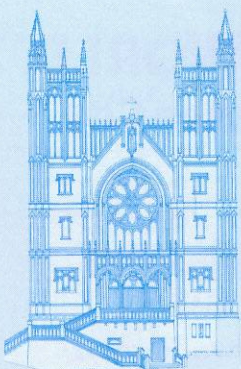
The Social Justice Group is organising a workshop on climate change in the Pacific to be held at St Anne's Church Hall Newtown Sunday 23 July 1.30pm - 4pm. This will be a chance to listen, and discuss actions we can take. Peter Lang from Caritas NZ will give a short talk about climate change in the Pacific. 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 .

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Small group activity based on theme: "Come to me - learn from me" If you want to know more ring David Monasta 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Taize Prayer Service

Sunday July 9 at 7pm to 8pm at St Joseph's Chapel at 154 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria. Contact John D johndalgety57@gmail.com or 027 338 3576 for more info.



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Day of Prayer for Seafarers

This coming Sunday 9 July is the Day of Prayer for Seafarers, when we specially remember all those who work and live from the sea, away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean. Seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. The National Liturgy Office has readings, prayers and other resources, here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/day-of-prayer-for-seafarers-3/>

Forgotten Fathers

Hope and Healing After Abortion

Workshops, Exhibition and stories of hope and healing from both Rachel's Vineyard and Buttons Project.

Thursday 20 July 7pm-8.30pm Blessing and opening of Forgotten Fathers.

Friday 21 July 9.30am-4pm Workshops and conversations. Keynote speaker Greg Mayo (Almost Daddy) livestreamed from USA.

Saturday 22 July 10am-4pm Exhibition and people available to talk with. Held at St Joseph's Church Meeting Room, 152 Brougham St, Mt Victoria.

Enquiries: Wendy Hill (Rachel's Vineyard) 0272549222 or wendy@rachelvineyard.org.nz

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.

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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