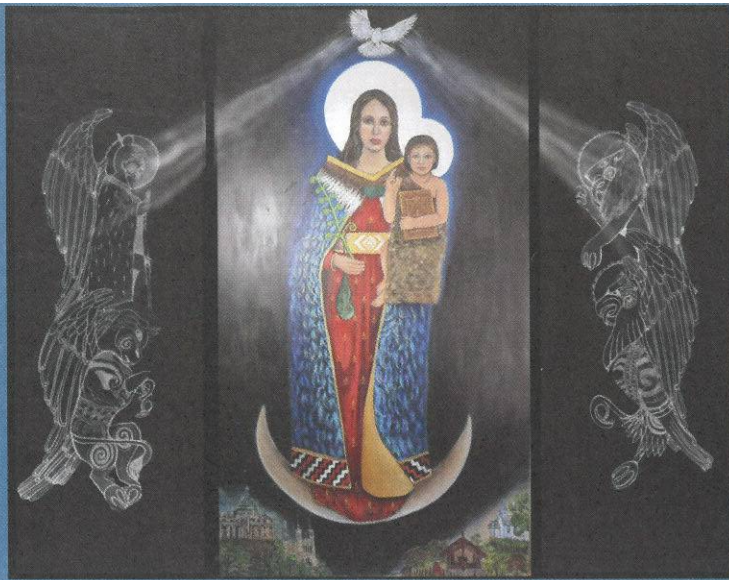


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

16 July 2023, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Virtue of Hope

Faith, Hope and Charity. We are so used to saying these three words in the same breath. Faith and Charity, I would dare say, are virtues we wrestle with often, But what of the virtue of Hope? As the years go by Hope is a virtue that should become more important to us – not as something we desperately cling to but as something encouraging, uplifting, life-giving. More a vitamin pill than a life-jacket!

I remember hope flickering strongly in the 1980's with the fall of the Iron Curtain, the name distinguishing Western European democracies from Moscow-controlled communist states. For a brief period of time world tensions eased dramatically and there was a palpable sense that a new world of peace and justice was possible. But this all-too human hope proved to be false. So much violence and destruction since then! Think of Bosnia, Palestine, Israel, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Cambodia and now Ukraine.

One man who inspired me and many others with hope during those days when Communism was collapsing was Václav Havel, writer and politician. He was born in Prague on 5 October 1936. Because of his critical plays and essays Havel came under the surveillance of the Czech secret police, and so spent multiple periods jailed as a political prisoner. After the fall of Communism Havel served as the last president of Czechoslovakia from 1989 and then as the first president of the Czech Republic from 1993 to 2003. He died on the 16th December, 2011.

Despite being frequently punished severely for his convictions he never lost hope which he once defined as, “definitely not the same thing as optimism. Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.”

Havel points us toward the true meaning of Christian Hope. Our hope is not rooted in human events, nor in a human movement or individual; only in the promises of our Resurrected Lord. For everyone, but most especially those who have fewer years ahead of them than behind them, this virtue of Hope is vital as we anxiously contemplate our past life, too often littered with broken dreams and promises.

May I share this prayer with you, a prayer I love, so as to help you cultivate the virtue of Hope.

“Eternal Father, you alone can control the days that are gone and the deeds that are done.

Remove from my burdened memory the weight of past years.

Set me free from the comfort of complacency and the paralysis of remorse.

Let me instead look forward trustingly in hope to what lies ahead:

Life eternal with you as promised by your Son, Jesus Christ.”

Fr. Kevin Mowbray sm—Parish Priest

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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**      Isaiah      55:10-11

*The rain makes the earth give growth.*

**Second Reading**      Romans      8:18-23

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

**Gospel Reading**      Matthew      13:1-23

*A sower went out to sow.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading**      Wisdom      12:13, 16-19

**Psalm**      85

**Second Reading**      Romans      8:26-27

**Gospel Reading**      Matthew      13:24-43



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:      \$2,859

Automatic Payments:      \$4,827

**Total: \$7,686**

### St Vincent de Paul

Would you like to put your faith into action by helping needy people in the community through personal contact? If so, please join us. The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on July 18 at 6pm. New members are very welcome.

### Thought for the Week

Teamwork makes the dream work.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Stuart Allan, Doug Begley

**Anniversaries:** Peter Schmidt, Maureen Swensson, Maria Streefland, Toni Brennan, Barbara Kriebel, Bill Prior

**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, 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.*

## Responsorial Psalm 64

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**



Aliud cecidit in terram bonam et ortum fe-cit fruc-tum.

*Some seed fell on fertile ground and yielded its crop.*

### 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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## Matariki Celebration

Matariki is a time of companionship, thanksgiving and remembrance and will be celebrated with a social gathering at St Joseph's. Due to church bookings, the most suitable date is **Friday 28 July**. Please join us at 6pm for a "bring your own takeaways" kai and enjoy them in the fellowship of others. We will conclude with a short time of prayer and reflection.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:claredevinenz@gmail.com).

## National Shrine Fundraising

The Committee members of the National Shrine would like to thank everyone for supporting the recent movie fundraiser. We raised almost \$867.82 will be used in the promotion of the National Shrine and contribution towards the installation of Ko Hata Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua, Holy Mary, Mother of God artwork.

## 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 Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@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:

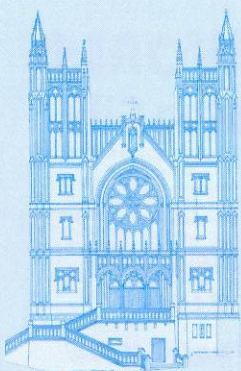
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## Climate Change Workshop

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 .

## Lamb of God Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Lamb of God Christian Community, Wellington branch is soon hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS). This series is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about or experience anew the love of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit over a weekend seminar, with talks, praise and worship and small group discussion. The LISS will be held over the weekend of 12th (9am to 4pm) and 13th August (1pm – 4.30pm) in Johnsonville. Attached is a handy advert with more details and a link to an online registration form: <https://forms.gle/8pq3Mc3a83co4ztUA>. There is no charge to attend.



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## 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/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/)

## 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@rachelsvineyard.org.nz](mailto:wendy@rachelsvineyard.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](mailto: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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