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

23 July 2023, 16th 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.

When Jesus wanted to teach he did it through stories. Jesus knew how to reach his listeners. He spoke in a way that his listeners could easily understand. Today Jesus uses a story, or a parable, about the planting of wheat. So, this allows us to think that he was most probably talking to farmers.

The farmers know, from their own experience, that as the wheat grows so do weeds. In the story the servants' first thought is to remove the weeds straight away. But the owner is more prudent. He is worried that they might not be able to tell the difference as the wheat and weeds look very similar until the ears of the wheat appear. His fear is that they might pull out the wheat together with the weeds. So, he instructs them to be patient, watch carefully and let the wheat and the weeds grow together. Once they can see which is which then they can remove the weeds and keep the wheat.

Our lives are also full of wheat and weeds. Beautiful acts and experiences of faith and love mixed with painful experiences of resentment, violence and hurt - a life-long rhythm within which we are mysteriously shrouded. This is actually what the Church means when it teaches we are all afflicted with Original Sin.

As disciples we believe the first step towards our liberation from this life-long rhythm is to see the world as Jesus did. Through him and with him and in him we will come to clearly see what is wheat and what are weeds in our lives. If we patiently learn to look upon the world according to his teachings, according to the will of His Father, we will be able to distinguish good from bad, right from wrong. But if we continue to look upon the world with our own shrouded eyes we are likely to confuse the weeds in our lives with stalks of wheat. We will continue to confuse who we want to be with the person God wants us to be.

'In your light we see light' is how the Scriptures express this truth. We need the light of the Spirit to discern between the good and the bad, between right and wrong. To look upon the world as Jesus is no easy thing! Be patient with yourself, watch carefully, remove the weeds one by one.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 118

Second Reading Romans 8:28:30

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:44:52



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,700

Automatic Payments: \$4,137

Total: \$6,837

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 July 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.

Thought for the Week

Don't mistake activity with achievement.

Responsorial Psalm 85

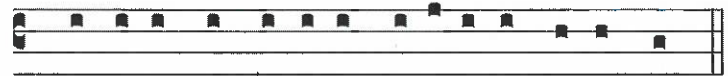
R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R**



Quóniam tu Dómine su-á-vis et mi-tis es.

For thou O Lord art sweet and mild.

Healing Service – Titahi Bay

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in St Pius X Church Titahi Bay on Friday 28 July beginning at 7.30 pm. All are invited and especially those who need Jesus' healing. Jesus still heals today. Details on poster.

Climate Change Workshop

Please join us to listen and reflect on the impact on climate change in the Pacific. Peter Lang from Caritas NZ and Ruth Coleman a Presentation Sister will be speaking. Held on Sunday 23 July, 1.30pm at St Anne's Church Hall, Newtown. Social Justice Group.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Stuart Allan, Doug Begley

Anniversaries: Fr Bob Lee SM, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Veronica Nolan, Agnes Mora, James Healy, Mary-Rose Keller, John Gordon

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 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 you 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 reader or sponsor in this programme, please make contact with Fr Michael on mlyoung@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.

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.

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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Bishops urge all Catholics to study Synod's working document *Instrumentum laboris*

All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe says "It is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world. As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod's work over the next 18 months."

More information including links to *Instrumentum laboris*: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

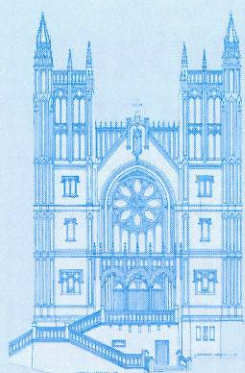
Link to a PDF of *Instrumentum laboris*:

www.catholic.org.nz/assets/ENG_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS.pdf

Link to a PDF FAQ and Synthesis with detailed information about *Instrumentum laboris*: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FAQ_SYNTHESIS_IL_ENG-v2.pdf

Samoa Language Mass

Held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 30 July at 11.30am. All are welcome.



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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.

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.

Vacancy: Prison Chaplaincy Director New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?

Applications are invited for the position of Prison Chaplaincy Director for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). The Prison Chaplaincy Director is a national role, providing pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in New Zealand prisons. This is a critical role, leading an important national ministry of the Church.

If you or someone you know has experience as a prison chaplain (or in other pastoral or chaplaincy roles) and team leadership experience combined with theology and pastoral qualifications, please visit www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison for more information.

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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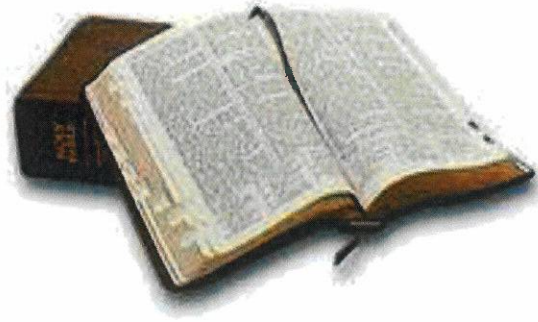
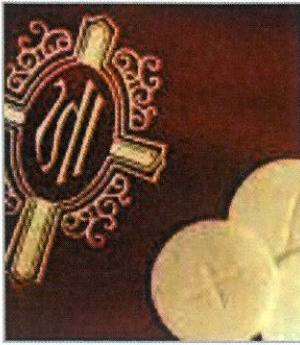
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Greetings,

We know that the Mass is important in our lives. We have been taught that it is the very heart of our Faith, our central act of worship of God. It sets Catholics apart from all other Christian churches. Yet sometimes we might be a little confused about what is going on in the Mass - what does it all mean, why is it so important? To help answer such questions the priests working in the parish are offering everyone the opportunity to learn more about the Mass.

We are inviting everyone to attend three sessions on:

- a. The Scriptures and the Mass
- b. The Liturgy of the Eucharist
- c. The Liturgy of the Word

These three topics will be spread over a three-week period:

<u>1st Session</u>	St. Joe's SMoA	Wednesday 26 th July 7.30pm Saturday 29 th July at 10.30am	Fr. Kevin Mowbray
<u>2nd Session</u>	St. Joe's SMoA	Wednesday 2 nd August. 7.30pm Saturday 5 th August 10.30am	Fr. Michael Young
<u>3rd Session</u>	St. Joe's SMoA	Wednesday 9 th August 7 30pm Saturday 12 th August. 10.30am.	Fr. Joe Sinesi

Each session is offered twice, once at St. Joe's and once at St Mary of the Angels. You are invited to attend either of the venues, whichever is most convenient for you.

This is an opportunity for everyone to grow in our knowledge and love of the Mass, that one moment each week when we are gathered together in Faith around the table of the Word and the Eucharist. We would love to have you join with us and share another moment in our busy lives that will strengthen our unity as a community of believers in Christ, Our Lord.

God bless,

Fr. Kevin and the parish team.