

# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish  
The National Shrine of New Zealand  
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven  
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17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central (04) 473 8074

St Joseph's Church  
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Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 30 July 2023, 17th 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.

New Zealand was dedicated to Mary as 'Our Lady Assumed into Heaven' by Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier when he celebrated the first mass in Aotearoa New Zealand at Totara Point in the Hokianga on the 13th of January 1838.

On the Feast of the Assumption, 15 August 2021, all the country's bishops gathered in Wellington for a Mass to renew Bishop Pompallier's 1838 dedication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. During the nationwide Covid-19 lockdown in 2020, many Catholic parishioners urged the bishops to dedicate Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary to seek her protection. The bishops believed the idea of a renewal of that dedication could help revitalize people in their faith during a period of pandemic crisis.

The bishops commissioned an artwork, "Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God", to commemorate Mary in a way that is unique to Aotearoa New Zealand. The artwork went on a hikoī, "Te Ara a Mary - Mary's Way", visiting all dioceses of Aotearoa New Zealand from August 2021 to August 2022.

The NZCBC dedicated St Mary of the Angels as a National Shrine to Mary in August 2022.

As a Māori depiction of Mary, the artwork is of special significance to tangata whenua and a taonga for all Catholic faithful in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Following the consultation with the Bishops, Hata Maria will be placed at the end of the nave/main entrance between the two doors, where she will offer visitors the sense of holy mission as they depart. The statue of the Sacred Heart will be removed. The installation of the artwork will be done in the next few weeks, and we anticipate disruptions and apologise if this may cause any inconvenience. We thank the Bishops Conference for their generosity, support and guidance with the installation.

We hope that this installation will be completed in time for us to celebrate the Feast Day of Assumption of Mary. We will keep you informed.

As a parish, we are responsible for the care and maintenance of the artwork and the promotion of St Mary of the Angels as the National Shrine. The Parish Council have formed a committee tasked to promote St Mary of the Angels as the National Shrine and to care for Hata Maria.

There will be projects and events planned throughout the year by the Committee. We have been meeting regularly. With pleasure, I would like to introduce the members of this committee Darlene Adrian, Ernest Adu, Heidi Kristono, Graeme Ellis, Fr Kevin Mowbray, Damien Dempsey, director of NZ Catholic Bishops Conference and Rebecca Taylor-Hunt, representing Catholic Enquiry Centre.

Ainie Kwok - National Shrine Committee Chairperson



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
*You have asked for wisdom.*

**Second Reading** Romans 8:28:30  
*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:44:52  
*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 55:1-3

**Psalm** 144

**Second Reading** Romans 8:35, 37-39

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 14:13-21

## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,772

Automatic Payments: \$4,189

**Total: \$6,961**



## World Youth Day Wellington Event

Wellington Celebration for World Youth Day. Sunday 6 August, 1pm – 8pm. Bishop Viard College, Porirua. Join us for Worship from 1pm, Mass from 1.45pm. Followed by events, speakers, workshops and a Youth Rally. Register for your free tickets at <https://bit.ly/46XK0FC>.

## Thought for the Week

Of all the things you wear,  
your expression is the most important.

## Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Jadwiga Kolaczynska, Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory, John L'Estrange, Zita Outtrim, Joan Ciurlionis

**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, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki, Bernadette Coup, Philippa & Raymond Fagg



*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 118

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **R**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **R**



Ouomodo di-le-xi le-gem tu-am Domi-ni.

*O how I have loved thy law, O Lord!*

## 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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## Formation

We are delighted to offer to the whole community, catechesis or teaching on the Mass. The first of three sessions has been completed. But we encourage everyone to come along to the second session on the Liturgy of the Eucharist which will be held at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.30pm**. It will be repeated at St Mary of the Angel's on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am**. Please come along to which ever session suits you best. This pattern of a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning session will also be repeated for the third and final session. More specific practical formation sessions, firstly for Eucharistic Ministers and then for Proclaimers, will follow. For more information please contact:

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## Game On!

*A parenting course just for dads.*

We look at what our kids need, what is our role as Dads, communication, disciple and boundary setting, what makes a great family and more. Programme will be facilitated by Ian and Duncan. We do this along with kai, tea/coffee and conversation. Running for 8 weeks and starting on Wednesday 9 August, 6.30-8.30pm, Level 1, 32 Tory Street, Te Aro, Wellington. Contact the Administrator, Catholic Social Services to register—[reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz), 04 385 8642 or text Ian on 021 374 593

## Symbolon

The Symbolon Series has come to an end (again). Thanks to all those who made it possible including Fr Kevin who generously allowed us to use the hall, to Fr Hayden who came to many of the sessions and shared his wisdom with us all, to the facilitators David and Clare who made the sessions both educational and entertaining and to all those who attended the sessions. We're hoping to be back in 2024, possibly with a scriptural based programme. Watch this space!

## 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).

## 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.

## 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."

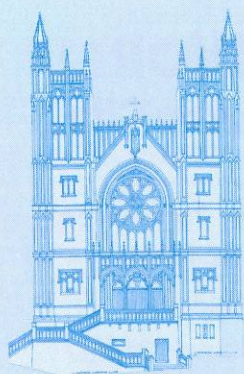
More information including links to *Instrumentum laboris*: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

Link to a PDF of *Instrumentum laboris*: [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/ENG\\_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS.pdf](http://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](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FAQ_SYNTHESIS_IL_ENG-v2.pdf)

## Samoan Language Mass

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



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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## 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.

## 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](http://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.

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