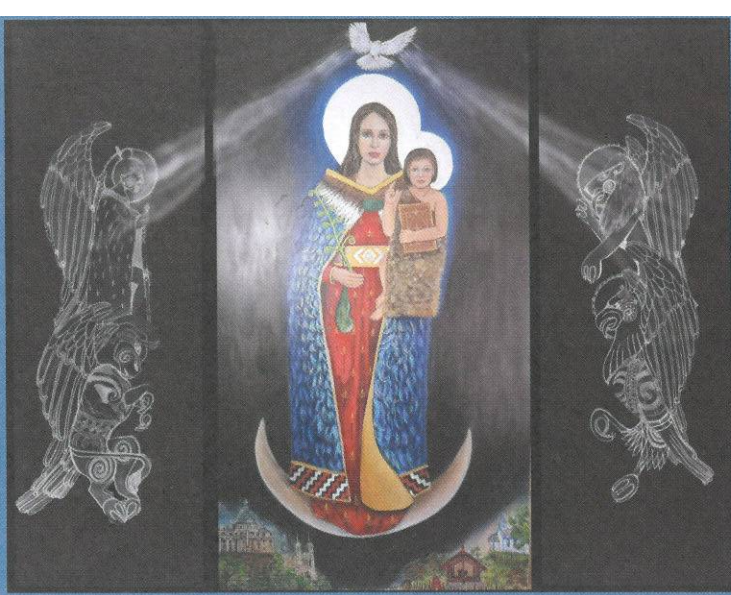


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Ko Hāua Mātua, te Mātua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

3 September 2023, 22nd 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.

During a retreat a few weeks prior to leaving Wellington, I heard for the first time that going to World Youth Day was something that the Lord had been planning for my whole life. The idea sounded a bit extreme to me then (all of my life to go to one event!?) but I heard the idea again a few times during the trip, once from the Pope himself, and if you asked now me if I believe it... I think I'd have to say: "yes."

I made sure to leave for Europe with very few expectations; I wanted to be open to receive whatever the Lord wanted to give to me. The result was an experience tailor-made for me. The Lord showed how much He knows me, giving me challenges that were painful but also sure to get my attention.

The pilgrimage to France and the actual WYD event in Portugal were the cause of so much physical suffering. We suffered from the heat, the hikes, the walks, the lack of sleep, the very humbling accommodations, the heavy bags we sometimes had to carry, and the pace we had to move to do everything. I don't think I've ever pushed my body like that.

But one thing I realised about physical pain: it fades. I suffered so much, but I can't even remember now how it actually felt. I *know* how painful it was... but no matter how hard I try I can't remember *feeling* the pain. What stayed with me, however, is the feeling when I first saw San Chapelle and Sagrada Familia. It's etched in my mind. How gravity shifted and my whole body felt like it needed to be as close as possible to the ground. My knees shouted for me to kneel and my heart wanted to escape my chest and come as close to what I can only describe as God. Even now, I remember the feeling of awe so vividly.

In countless conversations with friends, I have brought up my desire to find something worth giving my all to. Something that I will truly be desperate for, something so important that I can gamble all that I am and all that I will be to have. On this trip I finally understood - it's Him. My Beloved, My Greatest Adventure. I will give Him my life - not just in death, but here and now. At the end of the trip I found myself remembering Ruth and praying to Jesus in her words: "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Kimberly Efondo

Wellington Pilgrim to WYD, Lisbon 2023

This Week's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 94

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$1,957

Automatic Payments:

Total: \$1,957

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. Registration for the Confirmation Programme finishes on 21 September. Please contact the Parish Office at office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074 for more information or to enrol your child.

Thought for the Week

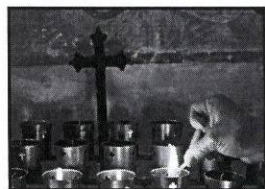
Children must be taught how to think,
not what to think.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: David McGee, Maria Gionotti, Shirley Mahony, Igor & Iwona Drecki

Anniversaries: Patricia Smith, Judith Mary Balir, Carmel Pledger, Shan Fonseka, Marie McWilliams

Prayers for the Sick: Noreen Kirwan, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson,



Francisca Sparnaay, 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 62

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**



De-us. De-us me-us. si-ti-vit in te a-ni-ma me-a

O God, my God, for thee my soul hath thirsted.

Eucharistic Ministers to Meet after Masses

We are asking all St Mary of the Angel's Church Eucharistic Ministers to please stay behind after the Mass you attend on Sunday 3 September for a quick update to this Ministry. If you are unable to make this meeting please contact Sister Frances at sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com

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Church Life Survey

Our church is part of this nationwide survey of church attenders. This is a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church and be heard by our leaders. Surveys will take 10-15 minutes to fill out and will be available online and in paper form from next Sunday 10 September.

Caritas NZ Social Justice Week: 3-9 September 2023

Caritas has introduced a new 3 year structure for Social Justice Week: 'Imagine Peace for all'. This year's focus is "Peace begins with you". A reflection booklet about conflict, peace and different ways to build personal peace is available online and in hardcopy for parishioners taking part in a weekly discussion group on the 4 Thursdays in September from 7-8pm in St Anne's Hall meeting room. Please contact John Feeney ph 04 386 4956 for more details. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week.

Call for RCIA Sponsors

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is about to begin in our parish from this September. Fr. Michael is hoping to form a "pool" of parishioners who are willing and able to accompany as sponsors those desiring to become full members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in being part of this "pool" or just want to know what RCIA sponsorship entails, please get in touch with Fr. Michael via his e-mail address: mlyoungsm@gmail.com

St Patricks Church, Makara

This little church on the main road of Makara is celebrating 150 years since Bishop Moran from Dunedin said the first mass there. Although deconsecrated in 1982 the church has some historic spiritual value for the Catholic community as it served as a place of worship for over 100 years. For more information see makarahallandchurch.co.nz. A mass to commemorate this event will be celebrated there on Sunday 10 September at 10am. Celebrant for the occasion is Father Kevin Conroy sm, Vicar Provincial, SMNZ. Afterwards refreshments will be served in the adjacent hall. All are welcome.

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.

SMAYACS - Theology on Tap

Why Remain in the Church Amidst Scandal?

In the face of terrible scandal, can we legitimately remain in the Church? By following Catholic spiritual, intellectual and literary traditions, we can see that we must, simply for the fact that it is the Church of Christ.

Br Hemi Ropata SM is a 7th year seminarian for the Society of Mary, currently studying theology at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas in Rome. His intellectual interests include finding the intersections between culture and theology, and his other hobbies include trying to find good Chinese food in Rome. The talk will be held at the crypt on 8 September at 7pm.

E-Waste Collection

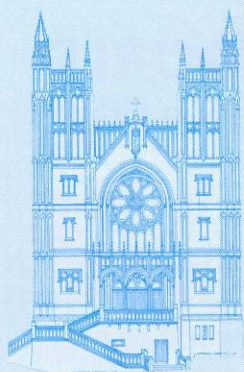
Held on Saturday 9 September 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item. 027-245-8859

Accommodation Needed for Refugees

Refugee family looking for 3 bedroom place to rent. If you can help, please contact Amanda Calder, Refugee Family Reunification Trust: acalder@xtra.co.nz or 0274 432391.

St Peter's on Willis Social Justice Group

The St Peter's on Willis Social Justice Group is holding a pre-election hui called A Fair And Just Society on Tuesday 5 September from 5.30-6.45pm at St Peter's Anglican Church, 211 Willis Street. The MC is Jo Randerson and the speakers are: Cadence Kaumoana, Public Health Association; Paul Hunt, Chief Human Rights Commissioner; Jonathan Boston, Victoria University of Wellington; Ganesh Nana, NZ Productivity Commission. Come along and share your thoughts on Health, Well-being, Housing, Productivity and Building Resilient Communities.



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Season of Creation Event

How well do we know our Awa – the Hutt River?

Everyone is invited to an interesting and informative afternoon to hear from a range of speakers about caring for, protecting and restoring Te Awa Kairangi – the Hutt river.

Sunday 10 September from 1pm-3.30pm followed by afternoon tea.

Venue. St Peter and Paul's Church Hall, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt.

This event is being organized in conjunction with an **Ecumenical River Prayer walk on Sunday 24 September**. More information on public group facebook *Te Awa Kairangi Prayer walk*.

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

Registrations are now open! This course by Christopher West takes you on an eye-opening tour of the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – beginning with the “ache” of human longing and ending with a vision of the Creed not as a list of rules or prohibitions, but a set of foundational truths that demonstrates that Christianity is a religion of desire that holds out to us the hope of infinite bliss and fulfilment.

Held on Saturdays, 16 and 23 September 2023 from 8am- 5pm in St Mary of the Angels Hall, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.

Lunch Provided. Registration: \$60.00 Early Bird: \$50.00 (by Sept 6). There will also be a FREE TOB Training on Sunday, Sept 24 from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm at the Collective Community Hub, 33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037. Register at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz. For details, contact, info@marriageandfamily.org.nz.

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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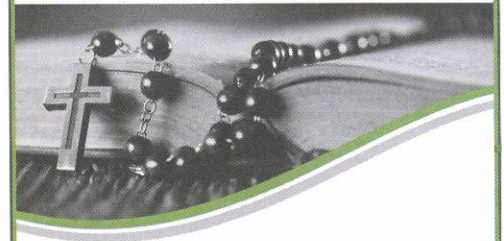
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