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17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central (04) 473 8074

St Joseph's Church
154 Brougham St, Mt Victoria, Wellington (04) 385 0915



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

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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.

13 August 2023, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story of Jesus walking across the water to rejoin the disciples who were in a boat away from the crowds, is dramatic. It is a scene witnessed understandably with a great deal of trepidation by the disciples who questioned the reality of what they were seeing. What happened next was even more alarming – Peter gets out of the boat. We don't really know what the other disciples thought about that, but there are no reports of anyone else following Peter's example at that moment.

The "Jesus walks on water" story is worth thinking about, not just because of the miraculous events depicted in countless stained-glass windows in churches throughout the world, but because of the reality of the experience.

Uncertainty is our reality too. In our own parish setting there are plenty of high winds and rough seas in the shape of financial challenges, work demands, family sorrows and numerous examples of dysfunction in the way our world works. There are also glimpses of Christ keeping things on track. Our young people are finding ways to connect with each other; our opportunities to increase revenue are being explored; programmes for spiritual formation for any age are in place with more in development; there are parishioners who work alongside other agencies to support those in need; there is a project, supported by our Bishops, to bring pilgrims into our parish and much more. We have the advantage of two church communities from which to work and the faithful commitment of our Pastoral Team.

At every Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting, there are reports of plenty going on and plenty more ideas of where we might turn our attention. In recent times we have heard much about being a "synodal community" meaning that there is a process of prayer, sharing, listening and reflection that is appropriate for discerning the way ahead. It is an unfamiliar practice to most of us and in our clumsy way our parish community is faithful to this process. The themes that emerged from our parish participation in the 2017 and 2021-2022 Archdiocese Synods are consistent with some of the activities we see now. This is really encouraging and there is more to do.

In the months ahead, the PPC will be looking at how we prioritise our opportunities for mission. We know that when we keep our eyes on Christ and trust in His Word all will be well. Some activities are already within our reach – others invite us to get out of our boat. Keep praying.

Suzanne O'Rourke—Parish Pastoral Council

This Week's Readings

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-23
Command me to come to you over the water.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm 66

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,941

Automatic Payments: \$5,089

Total: \$8,030

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 August 15 at 6pm. New members are very welcome.

Thought for the Week

Some failures only come to teach us the art of patience

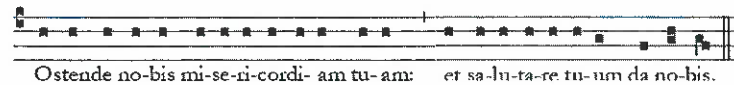
Responsorial Psalm 84

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him



Ostende no-bis mi-se-ri-cordi-am tu-am et sa-lu-ta-re tu-um da no-bis.

Show us thy mercy: and grant us thy salvation.

Joshua Wellington

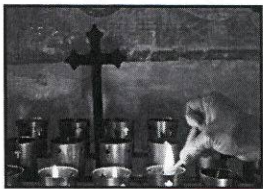
Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 17 August at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. The Theme is "Forgive your brother from the heart". Guest speaker: Fr James Lyons. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 0274477280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Igor & Iwona Drecki, Nikolao Moors, Anthony Mora

Anniversaries: Patricia O'Rourke, Maria Kasperowicz, Suzanne Judd, Donald Urquhart-Hay, Kraft D'Souza, Vincent Rosario, Robert Teh, Pauline Hastings, Noel Galvin, Anna Zanotto, Rita Dewey,

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, 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.

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Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Assumption held on Tuesday 15 August is a Holy day of obligation. Masses at St Mary of Angels are 7.30am, 12.05pm and 5.15pm. The Mass at St Joseph's church is at 8.30am.

Taize Prayer

Taize prayer service this week. Held on Sunday August 13 at 7pm to 8pm. St Joseph's Chapel at 152 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria. John Dalgety 027 338 3576.

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

Catholic Foundation Scholarships

The Catholic Foundation Scholarships opened on 01 August and close on 30 September.

Eight Catholic Foundation Scholarships are available to students residing in the Wellington Archdiocese who are in their final year of secondary education. Scholarships of \$2,000 each for the first year of tertiary education are as follows:

- Four Catholic Foundation Scholarship open to all students undertaking tertiary study
- The Margaret Ryan Scholarship for students studying for a degree in teaching
- Halina Morrow Fladrzynska Scholarship for refugees
- Joseph Francis Kish Scholarship for refugees
- Krystyna Danuta Downey for refugees

Application forms and criteria are available on our website.

When Poems Resound Concert

On Saturday August 19 at 7.30pm singers from St Mary's Choir and Festival Singers will put on a joint concert of poems set as choral music. Choral masterpieces by Lauridsen, Whitacre, Vaughan Williams and many more. Book at Eventbrite

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.

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, 132 Tory Street, Te Aro, Wellington. Contact the Administrator, Catholic Social Services to register—reception@wn.catholic.org.nz, 04 385 8642 or text Ian on 021 374 593

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.

What is Theology?

A course run by Te Kupenga, Catholic Theological College. Held on Friday 1 September 5:30-8:30pm and Saturday 2 September 9am-4pm at the Mercy Centre Wellington. Register online at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply or call (04)819 8380 or email office@ctc.ac.nz for more information.

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.

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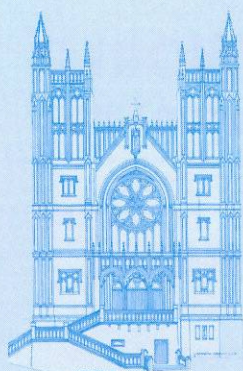
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St Catherine's College seeks Finance Administrator

As part of the administration team, you will be responsible for accounting and assisting with reception and back up payroll (EdPay) support within the College. Predominantly accounts payable, accounts receivable and daily banking. Knowledge of Xero, and GST would be preferable. -This is a permanent position. Hours are: 10.30 am to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday (22.5 hours) in the school term time. Some hours will be required to be worked in the school holidays. Written application including CV and the names of two referees should be directed to Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal, St Catherine's College, P. O. Box 14076 Kilbirnie, Wellington 6241 or emailed to chris.perry@scc.school.nz. To obtain a copy of the job description or if you have any queries please contact Chris Perry, PA on (04) 939-8988. Closing date is Friday 18 August 2023 at 3.00pm

Sound of Freedom Movie Fundraiser to End Human Trafficking and Child Slavery

Support this film that is making box office history and building a movement to end human trafficking and child slavery. Support this Fundraiser and you will be empowering anti-trafficking networks and organizations to make a generational impact. Beneficiary organizations: Talitha Kum, The Spear Fund, and the Centre for Marriage and Family. Held on Tuesday, 29 August 2023 at 8:00 pm, Penthouse Cinema, 205 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn, Wellington 6021. To purchase tickets or pay it forward, visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz. Contact info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more details.

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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