

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
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Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

20 August 2023, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry to the Aged, the Sick and the Dying

Did you know that there are eleven rest homes in the inner-city area of Wellington? Now think of how many residents there must be in those eleven homes. It comes to quite a large number! I must admit I was a little surprised at the numbers involved, even though we are all living longer and adverts for such homes can be found everywhere.

Some of them, like the Rita Angus Home in Kilbirnie and Village at the Park in Newtown, are rather large and cater not only for aged and sick residents but also for those requiring more intense care. Others, like the St. John of God Home in Karori, accept as residents those requiring specialized care. Of the eleven two of them are hospices, Te Hopai and Mary Potter, both close to the Public Hospital.

I only came to know of how many such homes there were, relatively close to St Mary of the Angels, when a small group of lay people already involved in this ministry began to meet once a month, early in 2022, here in our parish hall. Those involved come from different parishes but mainly from Wellington South where the majority of such rest homes are situated. The meetings started because we wanted to find ways and means of coordinating and communicating better amongst ourselves – what did our ministry look like; how often was this ministry offered; could we work together as one team based in different parishes? As we deepened our research into the reality of care for the aged, sick and dying it became evident that many Catholics, and other Christians, were not receiving the attention and care that we might presume the Church would be offering to people moving towards the end of their lives.

More than a year later we have reached the point where we have a clearer vision for a shared ministry based on improved communication and coordination, focused skills-training and on-going accompaniment. We are also aware that we need more volunteers!

We need more people who can offer some of their precious time each week to reach out and visit the elderly, the sick and the dying in a way that brings comfort and joy to them, peace and contentment because we recognize and value them. In a small way we show them they are not forgotten or ignored.

Inside this week's Angelus you will find an insert which explains better why this ministry is important and why we are inviting you to think of becoming a volunteer. Contact details are included in the insert if you wish to volunteer. We hope that you will find a space in your heart and in your weekly diary to seriously consider involving yourself in this ministry.

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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	56:1, 6-7
<i>I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	11:13-15, 29-32
<i>The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	15:21-28
<i>Woman, you have great faith.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah	22:19-23
Psalm	137	
Second Reading	Romans	11:33-36
Gospel Reading	Matthew	16:13-20

	Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:	\$3,720
	Automatic Payments:	\$2,374
	Total: \$6,094	

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 August 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

Life will bring you pain all by itself;
our responsibility is to create joy.

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Vincent Rosario, Robert Teh, Kathleen McCready, Deyls Reed, Noeline Ryan, Br Adrian Kennedy Sm, Bernard Lynch, Kevin Fitzgerald, Dean Gifford, Joan Killen, Peter Aston

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 Viloría, 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 66

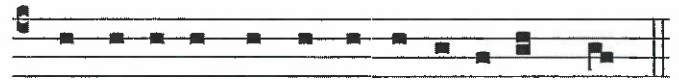
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for your rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**



Confi-te- antur ti-bi nonu-li omnes.

Let all the people praise thee.

Youth Mass

Please join us at 5pm on the last Sunday of the month, Sunday 27 September to get together for Mass and a meal afterwards! If you would like to serve at Mass, please get in touch via the SMAYAC's Facebook page— www.facebook.com/smayacs1. See you there and God bless!



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Sunday Mass Parking

If you are interested in obtaining a carpark for Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish office for more information.

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

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

Celebrating Jacquie Sturm

Held on Friday 25 August, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Ryan Room, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Join us as we pay tribute to the iconic Jacquie Sturm. Poet, short story writer and librarian, Sturm was a pioneer who was one of the first Māori women to graduate with an undergraduate degree. We will remember her profound work with some of the Sisters of Compassion and some guest poets reading both Sturm's poetry and their own work in the same vein. Join us as we celebrate some Sturm's poems and writings that profoundly impacted Aotearoa's literary landscape. RSVP: events@compassion.org.nz

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.

St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Items

Thanks from our St Vincent de Paul Conference to everyone who generously donates to the collection basket for our Food Bank. We are well supplied with pasta and rice, so no more for the moment, please. While winter lasts we would really appreciate canned soup as well as other things that will help all cooks on a very tight budget to make interesting dishes, such as cooking oil, stock, lemon juice, dried herbs and spices. Toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, nappies, deodorant, and laundry products are always welcome.

Accommodation Needed for Refugees

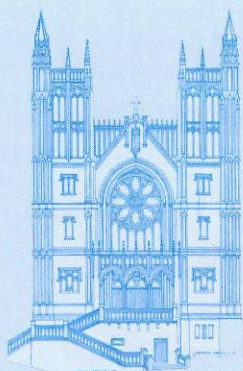
Refugee family looking for 3 bedroom place to rent. If you can help, please contact Amanda Calder, Refugee Family Reunification Trust: acalder@xtra.co.nz or 0274 432391.

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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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.

Sound of Freedom Movie Fundraiser

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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MINISTERING TO THE ELDERLY IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

A significant number of elderly people live in residential care homes or hospital settings where their access to the outside world is restricted.

Their faith is important for many of these people, yet access to opportunities to worship with others, to pray together and to receive the Eucharist may be seriously curtailed.

One of the ministries of our Parish is outreach to such elderly people (and their carers) through visits to rest homes and hospitals. In small groups we offer communion, prayers, support and, we hope, some joy and comfort through getting to know the residents and staff.

It is a real privilege to be able to put our faith into action in this way (and not just on Sunday) honouring people in their older age, with whatever sickness or infirmity we find them. Often we spend time talking with family members, who bear significant worries in the anticipation of loss of their loved one. We get to know the staff in the facilities, and believe we are seen as a welcome break in the daily routine of the institution. Their work is challenging, heavy and often emotionally draining. We also spend time talking with family members, who bear significant worries in the anticipation of loss of their loved one.

Talking on this ministry requires the ability to meet people at a human and ordinary level. Compassion and caring are essential, as are observational skills, energy, the willingness to build relationships with others however we find them, and acceptance of all the stages of life including impending death. Ministers must be able to be flexible, to be supportive members of their team, and to act with integrity and kindness in all they do. A sense of fun, humour and spontaneity are helpful attributes in lightening and brightening the room.

What we receive in turn is humbling. This ministry strengthens our own faith, as we witness the courage and fortitude with which residents face their situations, and the depth of their own faith in the face of their whole lives. We build relationships, friendships even, with the elderly and the staff, and look forward to seeing them every time we visit. We miss those residents who are called home as eventually we all will be.

The ministry requires that we have the time for this regular commitment, and the ability to honestly reflect on what can sometimes be sad and scary when we contemplate our own futures. We learn from and support each other in our visiting team, and look forward to welcoming and buddying new members.

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