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Ko Hāra Maria, te Matua Whāine o te Aua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

27 August 2023, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of Earthquakes, Insurance and other Financial Challenges

We live in difficult times! Especially when it comes to balancing budgets – for home, for school or for our businesses. It is the same for our parish. And so, earlier this year the Parish Pastoral Council decided to form a Revenue Subcommittee to research whether the parish can continue to pay the insurance costs for natural disaster. This year, for example, our total insurance premiums payable amount to \$142,000. That is an extraordinary amount to be paying on an annual basis – and it is almost certain to keep on increasing!

The Revenue Subcommittee has focused on identifying how the parish can increase existing funding and how it might develop new sources of funds. Such funds would need to be substantial and on-going if we are to pay natural disaster insurance every year.

The subcommittee has focused initially on increasing revenue rather than decreasing expenses because the biggest annual expenses are largely fixed. Reducing other expenses would not yield significant savings, nowhere near enough to cover natural disaster premiums!

As well as looking directly at parish revenue, and how that might be improved, the subcommittee has to keep in mind that not all revenue donated to the parish remains in the parish. Each year we are asked to show our solidarity with the archdiocese by financially contributing to its programs that might otherwise lack sufficient funding.

So far, the subcommittee has considered a substantial range of options from small-scale fundraising ideas to large events. In particular, it has looked at better utilizing our facilities at St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's (e.g. naming the new parish hall and marketing this as a venue for corporate meetings, functions; advertising more widely the church as available for concerts which respect the nature of the church) and employing new technologies to make payments and offerings easier (e.g. QR codes and "tap'n pay" options). The subcommittee is aware that such technologies need to be carefully researched as there are questions around the issuing of tax receipts as well as security and privacy issues.

If you have ideas on how to increase parish revenue please contact wes.wernicki@gmail.com, chairperson of the sub-committee, or call Wes on 022 625 5093. Give free rein to your entrepreneurial spirit!

The subcommittee is expected to submit its report to the Parish Pastoral Council by the end of October this year.

*Wes Wernicki, Anne French, Eugene Kwok, Greg Coyle, Daniel Morgan
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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	22:19-23
<i>I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	11:33-36
<i>From him, through him, and in him are all things.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	16:13-20
<i>You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Jeremiah	20:7-9
Psalm	62	
Second Reading	Romans	12:-1-2
Gospel Reading	Matthew	16:21-27



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$4,039
Automatic Payments:	\$5,691
Total: \$9,730	

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

A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Patricia Goulter, Eunice Clarke, Michael Loftus, Simon Michael Lai, Fr Patrick O'Neill SM, Brett Gray, Louis Hannan, Brian Stempa, Peter Aldridge

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.



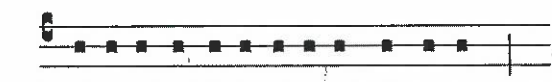
Responsorial Psalm 137

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.. **R**



Mi-se-ri-cordi- a tu- a in saecu-lum.



one-ra manu-um tu-a-rum ne despi-ci- as.-

Thy mercy endureth for ever, O despise not the works of thy hands.

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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Farewell to Fr Hayden

Sadly, Fr. Hayden Powick sm will soon be leaving the parish of St Mary of the Angels. He has been asked by the Society of Mary to focus his energies on the school apostolate at St Patrick's College and also on vocation recruitment and accompaniment. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say that we will be sorry when he finishes his ministry with us, especially with the Young Adult groups. We will have a simple farewell for Fr. Hayden after the 9.00am mass on September 3rd in the Parish Hall. All who can attend are very welcome to take the opportunity to join Fr. Hayden for some light refreshment, to thank him and to wish him well for this next stage in his priestly life.

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.

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.

Sunday Mass Parking

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

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

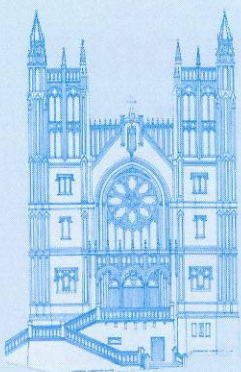
Thanks from our St Vincent de Paul Conference to everyone who generously donates to the collection basket for our Food Bank. We are well supplied with pasta and rice, so no more for the moment, please. While winter lasts we would really appreciate canned soup as well as other things that will help all 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.

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 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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**Thank You from The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Parish
Community Engagement and Fundraising Team**

Thank you for the tremendous support given to the Cathedral Restoration raffle that was drawn on August 13, 2023. We are very grateful for the spontaneity that our team members experienced after they were given permission to have tickets available after Mass in some parishes in the archdiocese. The winners were 1st Prize Rosaleen Taylor ticket 3160, 2nd prize Ryan Brillo ticket 3581, and the 3rd prize winner was Abro Zacheria ticket 3883.

The archdiocese is still in fundraising mode for the completion of the work on the Cathedral. We still need to raise a further \$1.8M, of the \$14.5M required. Donations can be made to the Cathedral Restoration account 02 0506 0138488 25. Please use reopen as your reference and your initial and surname and telephone number on the bank details. Please also advise the Parish office to arrange a receipt at email address: cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz

Thank you again from the Fundraising team. We do value the opportunities we have to meet other people in our faith communities in the archdiocese. The campaign website is <https://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz/>

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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