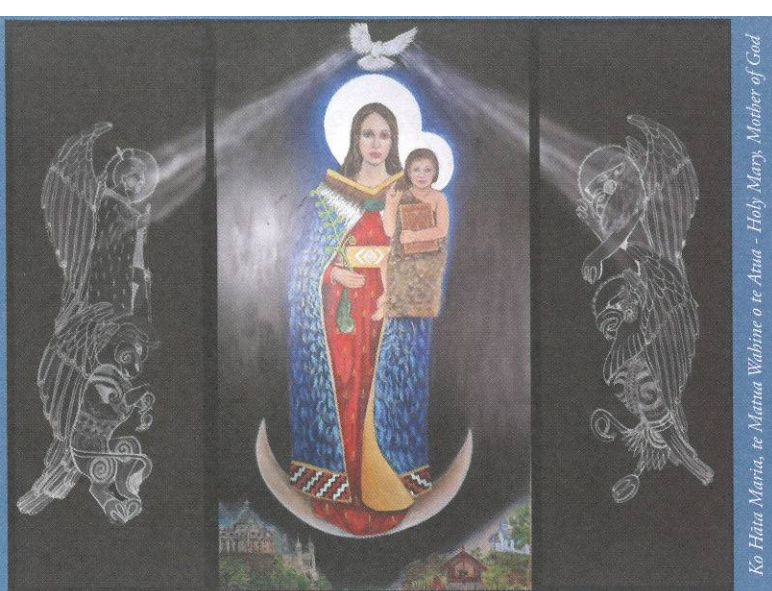


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## St Mary of the Angels Church

### 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.

## 1 October 2023, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Celebration Sunday: Mother Suzanne Aubert

Suzanne Aubert was a determined young woman who left Lyon in France in 1860 to begin her lifelong spiritual journey as soon as she was legally free to decide her own future.

As a young woman, Suzanne had repeatedly but unsuccessfully asked her parents' permission to join religious life. Finally, with freedom to decide, at the age of 25, she accepted an invitation to become a missionary for Bishop Pompallier's Auckland diocese.

After working initially at a boarding school for Maori girls, Suzanne left Auckland to work at the Marist Maori mission station at Meanee in Hawke's Bay with the Third Order of Mary. She became well known in the area ministering to Maori and Pakeha, Catholic and non-Catholic without compromising her own beliefs. Tolerance and friendship became strategies for her mission.

In 1874 Suzanne was pinning her hopes for a revival of the Maori mission on the new Bishop of Wellington, Bishop Redwood, who was to become her lifelong supporter. In 1883, by invitation of the Maori of the Whanganui river area, Suzanne left Hawke's Bay for Hiriuharama/Jerusalem, to revive the Catholic mission.

It is here that the home-grown Catholic congregation - the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion - was born. In 1892 Archbishop Redwood appointed Suzanne as Mother Superior of the newly established Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion.

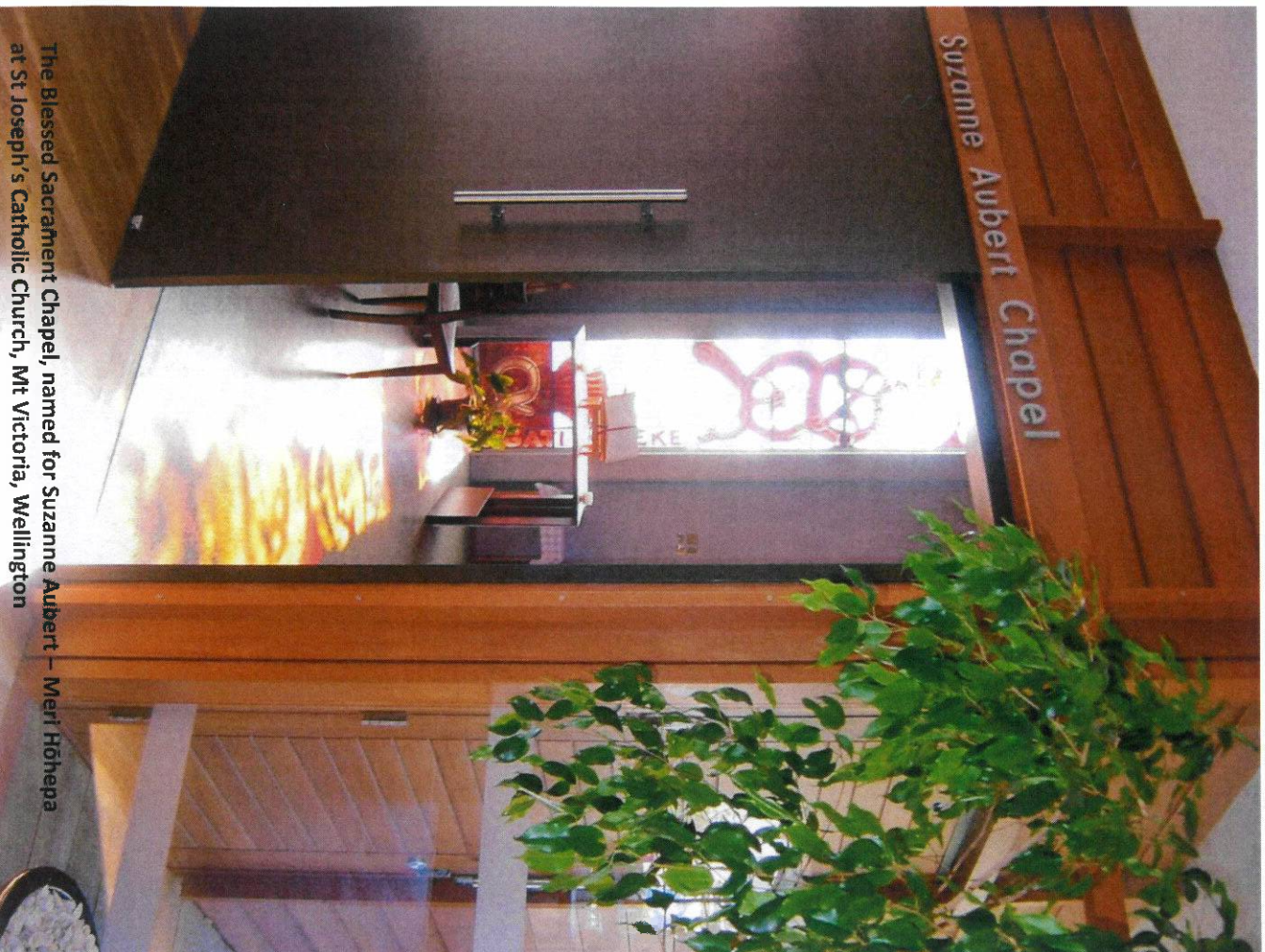
Mother Suzanne Aubert is a wonderful example of faith in action. She recognised the needs of the Maori people, disadvantaged children, the disabled, the homeless, young mothers, the poor, and the hungry, and she made it her lifelong mission to care for them.

Those needs that Mother Suzanne Aubert strenuously and tirelessly sought to help overcome are still here with us today. Hers' was a heart full of compassion, empathy, mercy, and love for all in need.

As Christians, we too are challenged to, like Mother Aubert, reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves, to support and care with the compassion and love of the one we follow, Jesus Christ.

So as we honour Mother Suzanne Aubert let us give thanks to God for her life of service to the people of Aotearoa/New Zealand, and pray through her intercession that we may have the courage and strength to follow in her footsteps, which are footsteps of Christ Our Lord.

Fr Joe Savei sm—Assistant Priest



The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, named for Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhepa at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Mt Victoria, Wellington

*“Try to learn – Me tohe ki te ako.”  
Ven. Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa*

Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay is a significant source of ambient learning about the life, works, spirituality and legacy of Compassion founder, Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa – not least because that is where she is buried. In fact, many places throughout central Wellington can quite legitimately make a claim on her influence. The Compassion Soup Kitchen, one of her most enduring works since its beginning in 1901, has operated from a few buildings, but always within about 100m of where it first began service. She was a well-known figure throughout the capital and every step she took had purpose. She understood that everyone had a part to play in support of others made vulnerable by the times.

Her funeral Mass took place at St Mary of the Angels church, a building she knew well, served by a Marist community with whom she had worked closely. By the time of her death in 1926, the church was a splendid replacement for the previous St Mary's which had burnt down in 1918 and been rebuilt by 1921. Hearing the news of St Mary's destruction would have touched her deeply. Apart from being a place of spiritual encounter for her personally, its doors were as open as her own to anyone who passed through the town.

Regrettably, Suzanne knew something of churches being burnt down and rebuilt. Three decades before, she was among those who witnessed the destruction by fire, assumed to be arson, of *Hato Hōhepa*-St Joseph's in *Hiruhārama*, Jerusalem. In those days, the construction followed by loss, the fundraising and subsequent rebuilding of *Hato Hōhepa* were events in which Suzanne was a central figure, encouraging others and doing what she could. Both the rebuilt *Hato Hōhepa* and St Mary of the Angels churches have endured and still welcome people today, over 100 years later.

Another St Joseph's, now part of St Mary of the Angels parish in Wellington, has strong Compassion connections too. This St Joseph's is a contemporary design which, when viewed from above, mimics a koru, the centre being the baptismal font unfolding first to the Blessed Sacrament chapel, then to spaces for gathering, sharing, hospitality and public worship. It is a building that claims by its very design, to be interested in people. How apt then, that some telling of Suzanne's story should be found here.

**What places tell my story?**

## Companions' Prayer

**E te Atua o te Puaroha,  
God of Compassion**

You see us, you hear us, you know us.  
Unite us in your Spirit.

When our hearts are empty and our hands are full, we ask:  
Show us how to work with your river,  
stir in us the deeper currents  
that steer our lives  
breath by breath into your love.

When we work against each other,  
build us into a bridge, plank by plank,  
so we might go together from  
anger to gentleness,  
isolation to friendship,  
uncertainty to hope.

And when our hearts are full and our hands are empty, we ask:  
Bless the *mahi* of our every day;  
the *wairua* that gathers us  
the *aroha* that names us.

*Mou ma Hehu Karaiti to matou Ariki. Amene*

These monthly reflections are developed by the Compassion Companions, to promote discussion and understanding of the life, works and spirituality of Suzanne Aubert- Meri Hōhēpa.

You are welcome to join the email list,  
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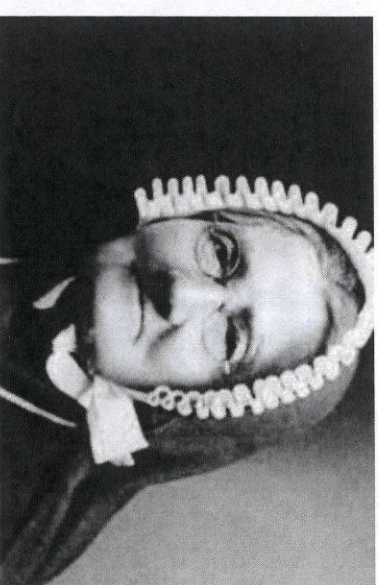


## Prayer for the Beatification of Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhēpa

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught that as often as we show compassion to the least  
of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that  
Venerable Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhēpa,  
who loved the Maori people and devoted her life  
to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged,  
and whom the Church has declared to be  
one of your true and humble followers,  
may soon be recognised as a saint.

*Mou ma Hehu Karaiti to matou Ariki.  
Amene*



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Ezekiel 18:25-28  
*When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.*

**Second Reading** Philippians 2:1-11  
*Be united in your love.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:28-32  
*Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 5:1-7  
**Psalm** 79

**Second Reading** Philippians 4:6-9  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:33-43



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,281  
 Automatic Payments: \$4,530  
**Total: \$7,811**

## Friday Adoration Discontinued

There will no longer be Adoration held after the evening Mass on Fridays. Adoration will still be held on every second Tuesday of the month after the evening Mass.

## Upcoming Feasts

**2 October**—The Holy Guardian Angels  
**4 October**—St Francis of Assisi  
**7 October**—Our Lady of the Rosary

## Thought for the Week

You only live once,  
 but if you do it right, once is enough.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Koru Moss, Dallas Trew, Anita Woods, Bill Carroll, Shirley Mahony

**Anniversaries:** O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyons, Miriam Wilkins, Paul Barber, John Casserley, John Patrick O'Brien, Eileen Dysart, Claire Bourke

**Prayers for the Sick:** Noreen Kirwan, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Samara Jamed, Kay De Bernardo, Saturino and Magdalena Viloria, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki, Bernadette Coup, Philippa & Raymond Fagg, Phillip Hickey



*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 24

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
 Lord, teach me your paths.  
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
 for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
 and the love you have shown from of old.  
 Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
 In your love remember me,  
 because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.  
 He shows the path to those who stray,  
 he guides the humble in the right path;  
 he teaches his way to the poor. **R**



Remi-nisce-re mi-se-ra-ti- onum tu- a-rum Do-mi-ne

*Remember, O Lord the depths of thy compassion.*

## Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are available to purchase from the Parish Office during the week or at Sunday Masses for \$12.

## 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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## Celebration Sunday

Celebration Sunday, 1 October 2023, is celebrated in parishes and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand this weekend. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. The theme of 'United in compassionate love – Kua kotahi rota i te Pūaroa', has been chosen for this year's Celebration Sunday. While we wait and pray for Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

This year the Sisters of Compassion highlight the 100-Year Anniversary of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert setting up a Nurses Training School at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. In doing so, they highlight Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert's great love and care of Māori and all people, especially the most vulnerable and those on the peripheries of society. Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert gathered people into her arms and homes and loved them. She loved them back to health and into life, she accompanied them and saw Christ in each one.

This Sunday, let us be encouraged by her example as we pray for courage to act as she did. To sit by the bedside of the infirmed and dying, to include in our lives and families those who need our love, and to celebrate each person for who they are. As we celebrate her good works and life today, we hold in our own hearts her words 'Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all'. The Sisters of Compassion thank you for your support and prayer. Kia whakapaingia koutou e Meri Hōhepa. May you be blessed by Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert.

## St Anthony's School, Seatoun Centenary

We would love to have you join us at our centenary weekend events on 13th-14th October 2023. Visit the link below to book your tickets and tables! All event information is on the booking page. See you in October! **BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW** <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/OUW>

## Caritas Vacancy

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, is seeking applications for a part time Finance Assistant. To view more details please visit: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

## Staying Safe on Social Media

A nation-wide campaign to raise awareness of how everyone can stay safe on our Catholic social media platforms starts next Monday, 20 March. Check our Facebook, Instagram and other social media each day from Monday for tips on how to keep yourself safe. Details of the campaign are here: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/)

## Food for Faith

Fr John O'Connor from the National Liturgy Office has set up a website that includes reflections, prayer requests, podcasts and much more. Please visit [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

## New Parishioners

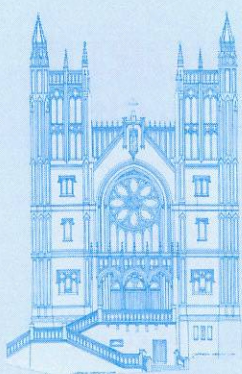
If you are new to the parish, not yet enrolled as a parishioner, or would like to start giving regularly to the parish through our planned giving program, please fill out one of our new parishioner forms available on our website—[www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new](http://www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new) or in paper form available at the back of the Church.

## Urgently Needing Readers and Minister for Holy Communion

We are looking for Readers and Ministers for Holy Communion for the 7am, 9am, 11am and 5pm Sunday Masses. If you are interested or want to know more please contact Sister Frances on [sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com). There will be formation for those who have volunteered.

## Aged Care Ministry.

The first formation day for Aged Care ministers took place in St Joseph's Church on 23 September. Numerous volunteers took part in this first stage of formation for this developing ministry. If you are interested in volunteering in this Ministry, which focusses on visiting aged, sick and dying people in retirement homes and hospices, please contact Sister Frances by emailing [sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com) or Fr Kevin on [parish.priest@smoa.org.nz](mailto:parish.priest@smoa.org.nz)



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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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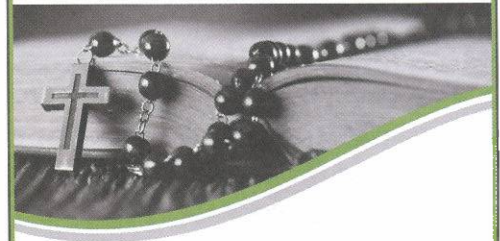
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