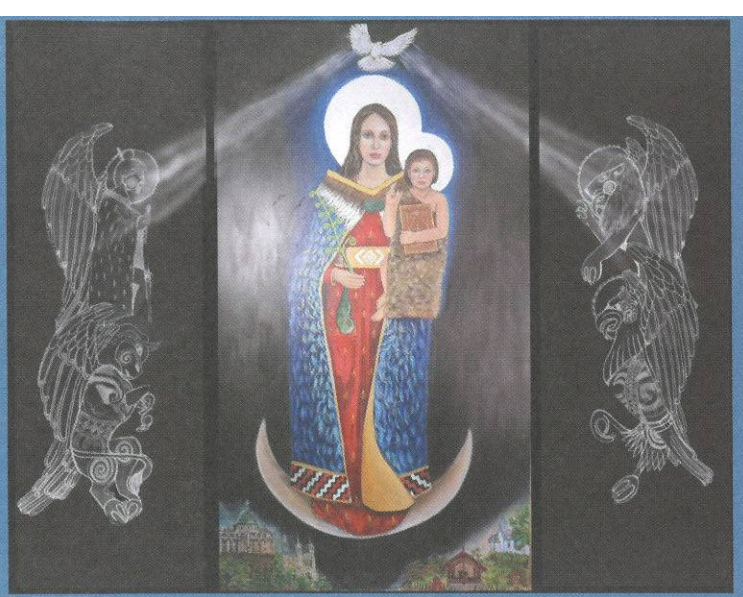


The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
The National Shrine of New Zealand
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
www.smoa.org.nz

St Mary of the Angels Church
17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central (04) 473 8074

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



Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

10 September 2023, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest

Fr Kevin Mowbray SM
parish.priest@smoa.org.nz

Assistant Priests

Fr Joe Savesi SM
dennys4life@hotmail.com
Fr Michael Young SM
mlyoungsm@gmail.com

Pastoral Worker

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB

Youth Minister

youth.minister@smoa.org.nz; 04 282 1746

Director of Music

William McElwee
wmcelweemusic@gmail.com

Parish Accountant

accounts@smoa.org.nz

St Mary of the Angels Church Office

office.manager@smoa.org.nz; 04 473 8074

St Joseph's Church Office

st.josephs.office@extra.co.nz; 04 385 0915

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.

All of us dislike the feeling of being in debt, the state of owing something to someone. We are all familiar with the big debts of life, like the seemingly unavoidable 'death pledge' that is a mortgage. We rightly rejoice once we have paid it off. But throughout our lives we are constantly engaging and discharging smaller debts too. I am in debt when a colleague offers to cover a shift for me at work, when a friend shouts me a coffee and donut, when my wife looks after the kids so I can play *Baldur's Gate 3* with my friends, when Grandad brings in a load of firewood from the farm. This is the stuff of life.

But there are some debts that are beyond total repayment. For example, our 'debt' to our parents who spend themselves raising us, can never be paid off. This is the basis of the commandment: "Honour your mother and father." Similarly, our 'debt' to God can never be paid off; "What can a man pay for his life?" We can never 'pay off' the gift of our own existence. Accepting this is the foundation of our worship of God and our natural obligation to offer sacrifice.

Nevertheless, the **attempt** to restore what is owed is important and coming to **accept** our indebtedness to God, to our families, and to our community is part of our journey towards holiness. We need to be comfortable being in a debt of love.

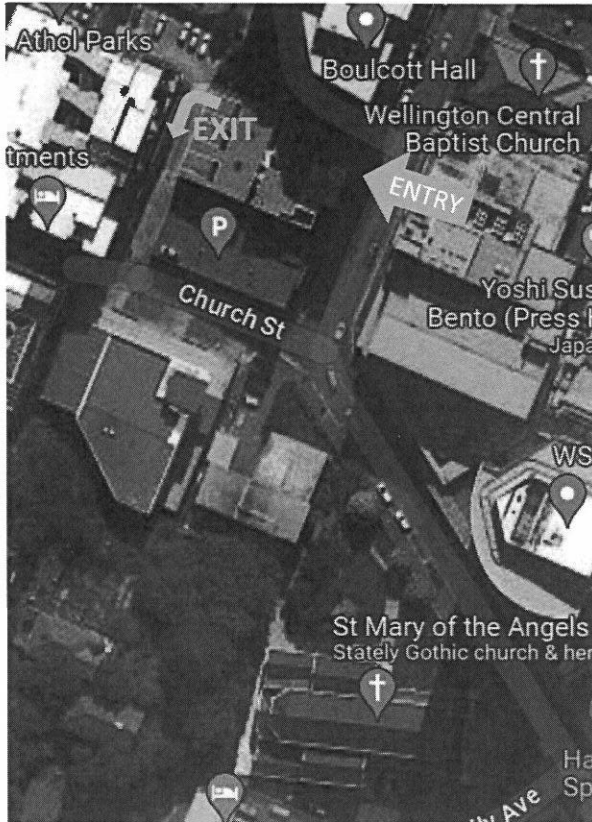
Sin can be a resentment of owing something of ourselves to others. People who struggle to ask for help often dislike the state of being beholden to someone else. But underneath this, we try to avoid the reality that we are not self-creating, but created. I have always been haunted by a monologue by Satan in *Paradise Lost*

I [disdained] subjection, and thought one step higher
Would set me highest, and in a moment quit
The debt immense of endless gratitude,
So burdensome still paying, still to owe,
Forgetful what from him I still received,
And understood not that a grateful mind
By owing owes not, but still pays, at once
Indebted and discharged; what burden then

In typical Fr. Hayden fashion, I got lost in my own thinking. This final Angelus cover is no different. The point I wanted to make with all this is that I am deeply indebted to the Parish of St. Mary of the Angels and St. Joseph's. It is here that I received my 'on the job' training to be a priest. I am grateful to all of you for the prayerful support, for putting up with my painful 'dad' humour, for encouraging me when I was disappointed or frustrated. My debt to you all is a debt that cannot be paid off, but it is a debt of mutual love. I am blessed to owe you all so much.

Fr. Hayden Powick
Acephalous Priest

Sunday Parking Available



St Mary of the Angels Sunday Mass goers have been offered a limited number of parking spaces on Levels 7 through to 10 (inclusive) at the carpark on 39 Boulcott Street, on the basis of a koha payment.

Parking is available at the **Secure Parking** building located on the corner of Boulcott and Church Streets. Entry is from the ground floor off Boulcott Street. The exit is from Level 10 by using the blue button to activate the roller door, then taking a hard-left turn into the alleyway which exits into Church Street.

As there are limited spaces available, vouchers will be issued and will be valid for 3 months until the end of October. Please email your interest to the Parish office at office.manager@smoa.org.nz with your name, contact number and Mass time required. If there are spaces still available, Abby will email you back a parking voucher that you must display on your dashboard. The Mass time is included so that we can make sure we do not overcommit ourselves with the number of vouchers issued. If you miss out on this quarterly allocation, we will automatically list you for the next quarter.

Following confirmation of availability from the Parish Office, please deposit your koha gift (an amount of \$50 is suggested) into the Parish account: **02-0536-0003242-24** putting 'Parking' with the Mass time in the Particulars field and your full surname in the code and reference fields (as shown below):

Particulars	Code	Reference
Parking 11pm	Forename	Surname

Once the koha has been received the voucher will be emailed to you.

This will run as a trial initially but will be extended if there is sufficient interest.

Should you have any questions or concerns then please call or text Wes Wernicki on 022-625-5093.

Conditions of using the parking building:

1. Parking at the location is at driver's risk. Neither St Mary of the Angels Parish nor the property owner are responsible for ensuring vehicle security. Nor are they liable for damage caused to vehicles. Any damage to vehicles will be up to the vehicle owner to remediate.
2. This is a parking building so the space may be tight. Please ensure you park within the lines and are mindful of other users when entering and exiting the building. This is especially true as people will be walking up or down the ramps to gain entry to and from their cars.
3. You will need to use the stairs adjacent to the entry to enter and leave the building. There is a lift that operates between levels 11 and 1 (Ground Floor). On weekends the other doors in the lift well are locked, so the Level 11 door provides the closest pedestrian exit to Levels 7-10.
4. You must have a valid voucher displayed on your dashboard to use the carpark.
5. Parking is valid for Sunday Masses only. The parking is not available on any other day of the week.
6. It is only to be used by those attending Mass and who intend to depart immediately after the Mass is finished.
7. The parking is not available for other uses on Sunday, e.g. to run shopping errands.
8. These terms are subject to change without notice.
9. By receiving a voucher, you agree to the conditions listed.

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Ezekiel	33:7-9
<i>If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.</i>		
Second Reading	Romans	13:8-10
<i>Love is the fulfilment of the Law.</i>		
Gospel Reading	Matthew	18:15-20
<i>If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading	Sirach	27:30-28:7
Psalm	102	
Second Reading	Romans	14:7-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew	18:21-35



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3,775
Automatic Payments:	\$5,109
Total:	\$8,884

Taize Prayer Service

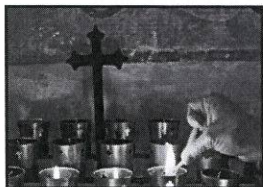
Held on Sunday 10 September at 7pm– 8pm, St Joseph's Chapel at 154 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria.
Contact: johndalgety57@gmail.com 027 338 3576 for more info.

Thought for the Week

Respect is not imposed or begged.
It is earned and offered.

Mass has been offered for:

- Recently Deceased:** Anita Woods, Bill Carroll, David McGee, Maria Gionotti, Shirley Mahony
- Anniversaries:** Fr Regis O'Reilly, Gerry Zuccollo, Pip Baxter, Noeline Stewart, Francis Renouf, Peter Feenan, Gillian Lescher
- Prayers for the Sick:** Noreen Kirwan, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Samara Jamed, 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 94

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**



Hódie, si vocem ejus audiéritis, nolíte obduráre cor-da ves-tra:
Today if thou shalt hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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.

L.T.
McGuinness
LIMITED
BUILDING CONTRACTORS

9 Francis Place,
PO Box 9639, Wellington
Phone (04) 384 8455
Email: ltm@mcguinness.co.nz

Councillor
Nicola Young
representing Lambton ward

*Please contact me if I can help
with a City Council issue*

021 654 844
Nicola.Young@wcc.govt.nz

DEVINE LAW
LIMITED

For your legal requirements
legal knowledge, human wisdom
Phone **Fintan Devine** on (04) 495 3747
Email fintan@devinelaw.co.nz
www.devinelaw.co.nz

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. Please take 10-15 minutes to either fill out



a form available at the back of the Church, by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/smoap> which will take you through to the survey or by using this QR code.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any enquires.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Fr Peter Ewart SM is speaking on "Make Unity Our Target". If you want to know more ring David Monastra on 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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.

Clergy Jubilee

Held on Wednesday 13 September at 10.30am in St Anne's Church, Newtown. Parking is limited so please plan ahead.

Readers to Meet after Masses Next Sunday

We are asking all St Mary of the Angel's Church Readers to please stay behind after the Mass you attend on Sunday 17 September for a quick update to this Ministry. If you are unable to make this meeting please contact Sister Frances at sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com

Upcoming Feasts

- 12 September—Holy Name of Mary
- 13 September—St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor.
- 14 September—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 September—Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 12 September

There is no 8.30am Mass being held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 12 September due to a funeral service.

Current of Grace Wellington

Everybody is welcome at the Current of Grace Wellington event "I am moving over the nations will you follow me?" on Saturday 7th October 2023 at St Joseph's Church Mt Victoria between 10:00am and 3:30pm. Speaker; Josie Olsen. Healing service led by Fr John Rea SM. Bring your own lunch. Refer to poster on the noticeboard. Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: currentofgracewellington@gmail.com

St Joseph's Men's Book Group

Held on Tuesday 12 September at 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book's, Magazines, movies, websites etc. will be shared by members. Our guest Matthew Jansen with present from Aftermath: Life in the fallout of the third reich 1945-1955. Contact John Dalgety on 027 338 3576 or johndalgety57@gmail.com for more info.

COME and SEE Priesthood Vocations Morning

Could God be calling you? Are you searching for your purpose? Come and be inspired! Meet priests and seminarians, find out their vocation stories. Ask those burning questions. Talk with other guys on the same journey. Join us for a morning of prayer, sharing and fellowship. Starting at 9am at St Francis de Sales Church, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay. To register, text 021 164 5800 or email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz Visit our Facebook page (Wellington Priests) or follow this link: www.wellingtonpriests.org

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

I would like to help preserve St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's Churches.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel:

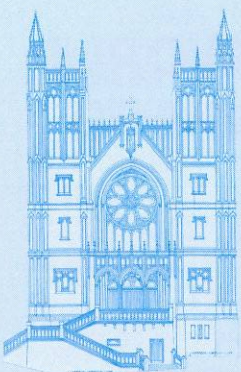
My contribution will be made by:

- Direct Credit
- Cheque *PLEASE SPECIFY AMOUNT*
- Cash \$

Donations can be sent to:
Ongoing Maintenance Fund
St Mary of the Angels Parish
17 Boulcott St, Wellington 6011

Bank Account Details:
SMOA - Parish Account
02-0536-0003242-24
BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington

St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.



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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats New Zealand

“Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time...”

Confidential and sensitive support for anyone whose life has been touched by abortion.

“Wipe the tears from your eyes...there is hope for your future.” Jer31

info@rachelsvineyard.org.nz

027 254 9222

www.rachelsvineyard.org.nz

Mahony Horner Lawyers



Know where you stand

www.mhllaw.co.nz

Everard & Antonella Aspell

for all your Real Estate Requirements

RayWhite

Licensed under REAA 2006

Everard Aspell

0274 445 248

everard.aspell@raywhite.com

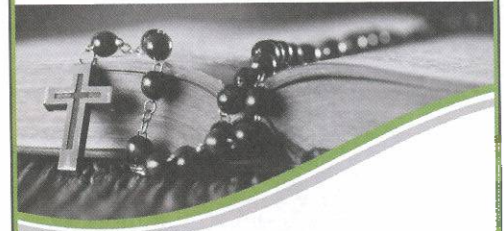
Antonella Aspell

0274 453 088

antonella.aspell@raywhite.com

Harbour City

FUNERAL HOME



Serving the Archdiocese of Wellington for 34 years.

Wellington

56 Onepu Road, Kilbirnie

Phone: 387 8301

harbourcityfunerals.co.nz



A LEGACY OF FAITH



Remembering St Mary of the Angels or St Joseph's in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Phone (04) 473 8074.



NEW WORLD
Wellington City

Open 7 days 7am - 11pm

279 Wakefield Street

Ph 04 384 8054

www.newworld.co.nz/wellingtoncity