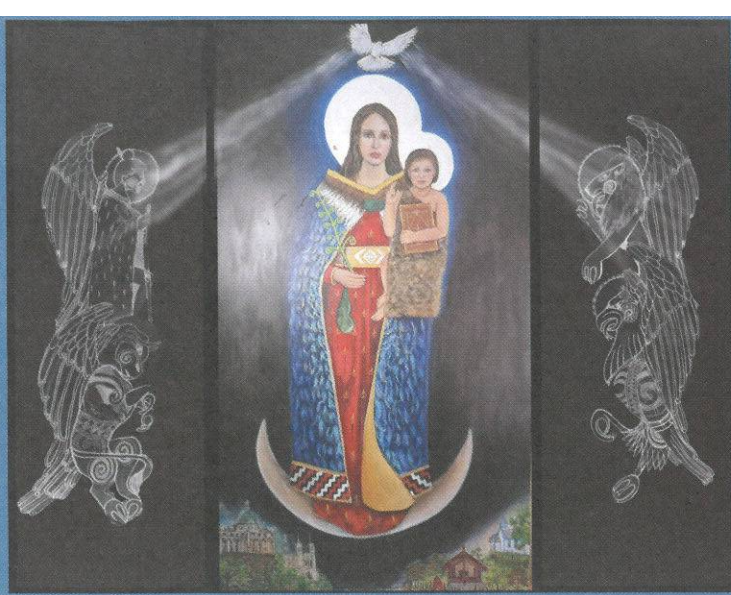


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St Mary of the Angels Church
MASSES
Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Saturday 11am
Mass of Anointing- 4th Saturday of the month
ADORATION
Mon-Fri 6.30am - 7.20am
Friday 11am - Noon, 5.45pm - 6.30pm
RECONCILIATION
Mon-Thurs 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.

17 September 2023, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgiveness is not the same as forgetfulness (or, more precisely, remembering). We are to forgive but we can't always forget! Both forgiveness and remembering are processes. They both take time. Both processes are closely related but should not be confused.

When a relationship has been badly damaged, we need to forgive otherwise we get *mired* in resentment. When a relationship has been badly damaged, we cannot forget – nor should we, because we are to *learn* from the experience. The process of forgiveness is to rid ourselves of the negatives (resentment, bitterness, the desire for revenge). The process of remembering (not forgetting) is focused on the positive – what more can we learn from the hurt so as avoid stumbling blindly into similar situations in the future.

Both processes are healing processes. Forgiveness gradually heals us of the negatives enabling us to eventually “shake the dust from our feet” and move on with our lives. Remembering (not forgetting) heals by making us wiser, which also enables us to move on but, now, better acquainted with the pitfalls to avoid as we continue our life's journey.

How do we know the process of forgiveness is on-going? If we're still going to bed resentful, angry and harbouring thoughts of getting even, that's a sure sign that we have yet to fully forgive. How do we know the process of remembering (not forgetting) is at work? If our remembering elicits feelings more akin to sadness or grief for what is broken (without the accompanying feelings of resentment or, worse, hate), then we can be reasonably sure that forgiveness has taken place but there is still wisdom to be gleaned from our remembering.

Why is forgiveness necessary? If we don't forgive we are bound by resentment, anger and vengeance. An unforgiving person allows a destructive, spiritual cancer to take root in their soul. That is why forgiveness is necessary if we are to live for the kingdom.

Why is remembering (not forgetting) necessary? If we don't remember we don't learn; and if we don't learn, that's just dumb, foolish; we're none the wiser from our experiences of life!

Now we see why Jesus was adamant we are to forgive not seven but seventy-seven times. In short, always, because not to forgive damages – it may even destroy – our life in God's Spirit, mired in the hell of our own making through resentment, anger and the insatiable drive to get even!

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

Passionist Family Group Update

Hi Mary-Ellen here - Parish Coordinator of the Passionist Family Groups in our Parish and I thought this would be a good time to give everyone an update on how the Passionist Family Groups are doing in the Parish.

Our newest group from our recent re launch, had a High Tea at Terry and Trish's in August and it was decided they would be known as the Stella Group (named for the time of the year - Matariki/Stella means star in Latin and also of Stella Maris, Star of the Sea - Our Lady as protector or guiding spirit at sea)

Their next gathering is the 24th of September Tulip Sunday at the Botanical Gardens at 1pm.

Our Hato Hohepa Group had a games afternoon in August, held at the Neal's place, where a very enjoyable time was had playing 'Articulate'. September's gathering is next Sunday, which is a visit to Wellington Zoo to visit the Snow Leopards.

On Sunday the 27th of August the Mixed 4's Passionist Family Group attended a working bee at the Manawa Karioi Ecological Restoration Project in Island Bay. The work consisted of tree planting, track maintenance and removal of excess soil on top of the reservoir, which had gathered over time and needed to be removed to ensure there would be no cave-ins to the roof of the structure. The reservoir was constructed in 1907 to secure a water supply for the Sisters of the Home of Compassion.

Although the land is no longer owned by the Home of Compassion, it was fantastic to read the history of the area and note how our very own Mother Aubert, who was known for her ability to "move mountains" managed to, along with many helpers, get the reservoir and the access to it, built.

Back in 1907, some of those many helpers happened to be students from St Patrick's College and how fortunate were we to have in our group of 15 attendees on the day, 3 were past pupils and 2 are current pupils helping to preserve the reservoir 116 years later. Sectre Fidem! Also a special mention to 3yr old Matteo, who did not let his size or age get in the way of doing more than his fair share of the work! We rounded off the afternoon with a shared afternoon tea and a strong sense of community achievement prevailed.

If you're looking for a Family Group Event, then we absolutely recommend the walks along the different tracks and there is great spots to stop along the way and read the history of the area. The Mixed 4's will definitely be returning next year, as we will need to check on the tree that Cahill planted and probably shift more soil and weeds off the reservoir!

Our next events coming up are "A Bake Off Competition" with a mystery Judge to be held late September, followed by a Sleepover at Magnificat in Featherston at the end of October.

I would like to thank all our members from the Passionist Family Groups for making the effort to attend events that have been organised.

If you are reading this and would like to join the Passionist Family Groups we would love to see you. Please contact Mary-Ellen Leen on 0273336440 or email:

maryellenleen@icloud.com

Remember we are a family for all and we love building community and sharing our Christian values.



This Week's Readings

First Reading Sirach 27:30-28:7
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy seven times seven.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 144
Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,837
 Automatic Payments: \$2,957
Total: \$6,794

Readers to Meet after Masses

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

Thought for the Week

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai
If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Anita Woods, Bill Carroll, David McGee, Maria Gionotti, Shirley Mahony

Anniversaries: Joan Lynch, Helen Havasi, Freda Fernie, Mary Dysart, Fr John Aitken sm, Pepe Va'a, Mary Chinnock, Betty Mary Compton, Mary Frawley, Anthea Walters

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 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 102

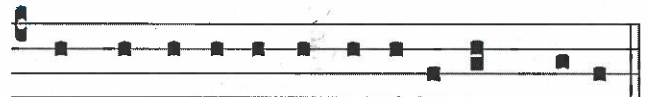
R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R**



Ut non obli-viscantur one-nim De- i.

That they may not forget the works of God.

Upcoming Feasts

20 September—Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions – Korean martyrs
21 September—St Matthew, apostle, evangelist
23 September—St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest.

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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

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>

Pro Life 101

Inviting all youth to participate in VFL Youth Wellington's PRO-LIFE programme where we meet once a month to watch and discuss a series of informational videos on how we can better protect and promote the pro-life message. The first session will take place on the **30th of September at Saint Mary of the Angels Parish Hall from 5pm to 6:30pm**. In this session, we will explore the essential things we need to keep in mind if we want to have a fruitful conversation with someone else about the issue of abortion. Please bring a gold coin donation for pizza. To RSVP, please direct message the VFL Youth Wellington instagram (@vflyouthwelly) or text Helena (02041086611).

Season of Creation

A group of Focolare in Oceania, NZ and the Pacific Islands have decided to do an online event of 1 hour. We have drawn contributions from around the region. The program will be broadcast online via zoom in French and English.

This program is made up of prayer, meditation, short talks, experiences and music all in celebration of working towards a better world.

Join us in person at St Francis of Assisi Parish, Ohariu 37 Doctor Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville, Wellington or join via zoom by logging in with the details below.

Meeting ID: 845 6543 7259

Passcode: 036442

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

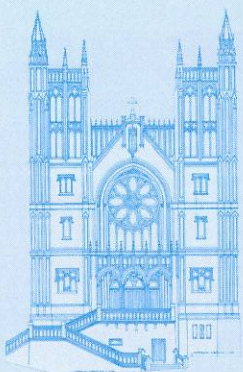
Would you like to put your faith into action by helping needy people in the community through personal contact? If so, please join us. The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St, Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on September 19 at 6pm. New members are very welcome.

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.

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. ON Saturday 23 September, 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



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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

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.



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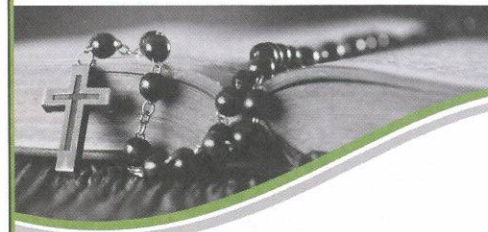
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