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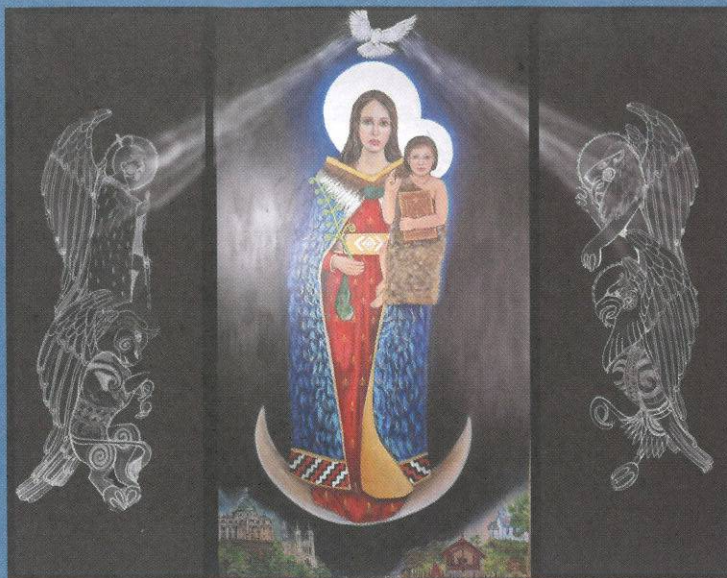
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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Ariu - Holy Mary, Mother of God

5 November 2023, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Understanding our Parish Priorities

As an insert in the Angelus this week is a summary of our Parish Priorities. This document has been developed by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to help focus our prayers, thoughts and planning, so that our activities support our mission as church.

Please note there are three mission themes: Sharing our Faith, Growing in Community and Working for Justice and Peace. These three themes are taken from the Archdiocesan Mission Statement. Under each theme is a summary of what we see as the scope of each area of mission. What needs to be developed next, is the detail of the activities which sit under each theme – a task that involves all our people, not just those members of the PPC. To get us to this point, we are grateful to PPC Member Neal Swindells who, with others, has led this piece of work.

Whilst this Parish Priorities summary gives us a useful way to think about decisions that we need to take, there are two significant issues in particular about which we wish to update the parish:

- On Sunday 12 November after the 9am Mass at St Joseph's, there will be a presentation on the Parish Properties that are adjacent to the Church. PPC member Nigel Prince will lead this discussion.
- On Sunday 19 November after the 9am Mass at St Mary's, there will be a presentation on our revenue and fundraising opportunities, and the recommendation about insurance cover. PPC member Wes Wernicki will lead this.

Please look through the Parish Priorities summary as this sets the context for our thinking. Please note also the presentation dates and topics. You are invited to offer comments in person at each event, or by email through the parish office or by talking with any of the PPC members.

Thank you.

Suzanne O'Rourke (PPC Chair)
Neal Swindells (PPC Deputy Chair)

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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

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.

DETERMINING THE PRIORITIES FOR OUR PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS



St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's – a shared history and a new future together.

This overview document has been prepared by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

The purpose is to provide a summary of the themes that will guide our thinking and help us to prioritise our mission activities. There are three broad themes:

- Sharing our living faith
- Growing in community
- Working for justice and peace.

Please take time to read through this document. Under each of these themes is a range of activities some already well-established, others yet to be explored. In early November, there is to be an update to our parish on two specific matters – our parish properties and the decision about our insurance commitments.

If you wish to add a comment or need more information, please contact Abby Cummins at the Parish Office:

Office Manager, Abby Cummins (office.manager@smoa.org.nz)

PRIORITIES FOR OUR PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS

We acknowledge our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and those who have passed on the Faith to us.

Objectives

To provide guidance for decisions that our Parish Pastoral Council, our priests and our parish committees will be making for the foreseeable future.



Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington Vision

“We the Catholic people of the Archdiocese of Wellington, challenged to follow Christ, are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God by celebrating God in our lives, sharing our living faith, growing in community, and working for justice and peace.”



SHARING OUR LIVING FAITH

This would include:

1. Providing regular opportunities for the celebration of the sacraments, for a variety of forms of liturgy, for prayer and peaceful reflection.
2. Encouraging strong lay leadership, involving women, working to become more inclusive, educating and forming our people and building strong relationships with other Christians and other faiths.
3. Encouraging a spirituality of welcome, of hospitality and of manaakitanga – to all
4. Promoting and developing St Mary of the Angels Church as the National Shrine of New Zealand; Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way.
5. Making the care for creation an integral part of our activities.



GROWING IN COMMUNITY

This would include:

1. Building community and journeying together as a participatory church that recognises our bi-cultural partnership and our ethnic diversity.
2. Listening to and involving young people, including young families.
3. Enabling young people to live as disciples through involvement in spiritual, service and leadership activities.
4. Developing links to our Catholic secondary schools.
5. Improving our chaplaincy and support services to tertiary students in our city. Making our parish facilities a hub for Wellington's young adults.



WORKING FOR JUSTICE & PEACE

This would include:

1. Looking at how we can best support people within and outside our community.
2. Supporting both the formation of and continuation of parish groups who work to deepen our understanding of the causes of injustice, and to offer a practical hand up to the disadvantaged in our society.
3. Supporting connections with local and national organisations who work directly to support the vulnerable.
4. Supporting the international church including the mission outreach of the Society of Mary.

Careful stewardship should underpin all our priorities.

This will include:

1. Sensible management of our material resources and ensuring our Parish is financially viable.
2. Maintaining and enhancing our two beautiful churches where we and the wider Wellington community celebrate our Faith in Jesus Christ.

This Week's Readings

First Reading Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-12
They do not practise what they preach.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 62
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,739
 Automatic Payments: \$4,419
Total: \$8,158

Upcoming Feasts

9 November—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 November—St Leo the Great
11 November—St Martin of Tours

Columban Calendars

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

Thought for the Week

Courage is not the absence of fear,
 but rather the judgement that something else is
 more important than fear.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Hellen

Anniversaries: Paul Churchward, Leslie Thomas Jones, Marion Hyland, Fr Barry O'Connor, Romola Sullivan, Peter O'Meeghan, Denise Sutich

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 Vilorio, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki, Philippa & Raymond Fagg, Phillip Hickey, Joan Wolland, Stephen George, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa
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.



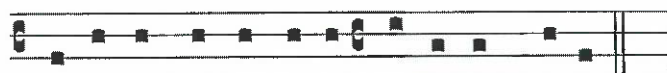
Responsorial Psalm 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
 nor haughty my eyes.
 I have not gone after things too great
 nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
 in silence and peace.
 A weaned child on its mother's breast,
 even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
 both now and for ever. **R.**



Domi-nus susceptor est a-nimae me-ae.

The Lord is the protector of my soul.

Refugee House Goods

Refugee house goods. Thanks to our church communities for responding quickly to the request to donate house hold goods for a refugee family settling into a new life in Wellington. Social Justice Group.

Guardian Needed

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. We are in need of someone to cover the Thursday 2.30pm-3.30pm slot. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office

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St Mary of the Angels

Parish Donations



To make a donation to St Mary of the Angels Parish please scan the QR code and follow the link to our website.

Caritas Jerusalem update

Between 8 to 23 October, 5,791 people have lost their lives in Gaza. A humanitarian crisis is looming. A Gaza Health Ministry spokesperson says that 7,000 patients and wounded in Gaza hospitals are at risk of death as fuel supplies, providing electricity, for kidney dialysis, intensive care support, and oxygen supply begin to run out. 12 hospitals and 32 Health centres are already out of service. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has called for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers have been published on the Caritas Facebook page and website. Caritas is also receiving donations through its website:

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land> “

Sunday Miha (Maori Mass)

Miha for Te Kāinga is celebrated at the Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay every Sunday at 11am.

St Vincent de Paul Food Bank

Special thanks to those who donate to the Food Bank basket or donate cash to the Poor Box at the back of the St Mary of the Angel's Church.

As the end of the year approaches, St Vincent de Paul in Wellington Central is making an extra effort to top up our Food Bank – there is a growing demand for emergency food parcels.

We invite you to donate long-life food (dry, bottled, or canned) or personal care items to share with people in need.

Also, we'll be collecting at the New World supermarket in Chaffers St next Saturday, 11 November, from 9am to 4pm. You may wish to donate items if you are shopping there at that time.

Pallium Mass—POSTPONED

The Pallium Mass due to be held today at the 5pm Mass has been postponed due to the hospitalisation of the Apostolic Nuncio. Please keep Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa in your prayers as he recovers. The date of the ceremony will be advertised once confirmed.

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>

Passionist Family Group

The Passionist Family Groups are collecting for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Shop this year.

This is a shopping style experience for families seeking help over the holiday period.

SVP are looking for donations of toys unwrapped - age 0 to 16 (new or near new in good condition) Donations of Decorations, wrapping paper, Christmas treats or monetary gifts.

The old saying goes 'Christmas is a time for giving'

Let's go a step further and make sure this 'giving' puts the dignity and mana of our wider community whanau first.

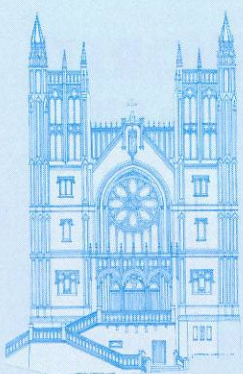
If group coordinators could gather items during the month of November from their Group Members and bring to Mass on the 3rd of December. (this will happen at both Mass centres) All items will be bought up at Offertory time, then I will ensure all items get to SVP Newtown on Monday the 4th December.

I'm sure lots of our Parishioners would love to get involved in such a good cause, please bring your donations along on Sunday the 3rd of December as well and they will also be delivered to SVP on Monday the 4th.

If you would like any further details please contact Marie at St Mary of the Angels on

0211289848 or Mary-Ellen at St Joseph's 0273336440.

Also the 3rd of December will be our End of Year gathering for the PFG's. We will be celebrating this with a sausage sizzle after 9.30 Mass at St Joseph's - Everybody is Welcome!



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:

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Ongoing Maintenance Fund

St Mary of the Angels Parish

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SMOA - Parish Account

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BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington

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

Catholic Social Services Refugee Resettlement Project

Newly arriving families are also being settled in the Wairarapa and Levin. Rightly so our parish communities in those areas are supporting the local resettlement efforts. This means that greater pressure now falls on to the remaining communities to keep on supporting this ongoing project in the Wellington area.

We really need your help:

Option 1 – become one of our volunteer groups who provide a house pack and pantry items once or twice a year. We will provide you with a list of items.

Option 2 – gather some likeminded people together and start fundraising so that Catholic Social Services can purchase household items and pantry packs as we need them

Option 3- Be an ongoing gatherer of good quality electrical goods and kitchen ware to donate over the course of a year. (To be stored at CSS) If you would like to participate please contact us at refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Spiritual Carer Vacancy

Mary Potter Hospice is looking for a Spiritual Carer to join our dedicated and friendly multidisciplinary teams. You will be supported collegially by our Multi-Disciplinary Teams and we can support you to develop palliative care skills so you can grow within our organisation. If you want flexible working arrangements, to make sure that the role balances your family and social commitments, we would be happy to explore this with you. The salary range for this role is \$66,500 to \$72,000 for 18 hours a week. If you would like to know more, please visit www.marypotter.org.nz/vacancies/spiritual-carer

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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