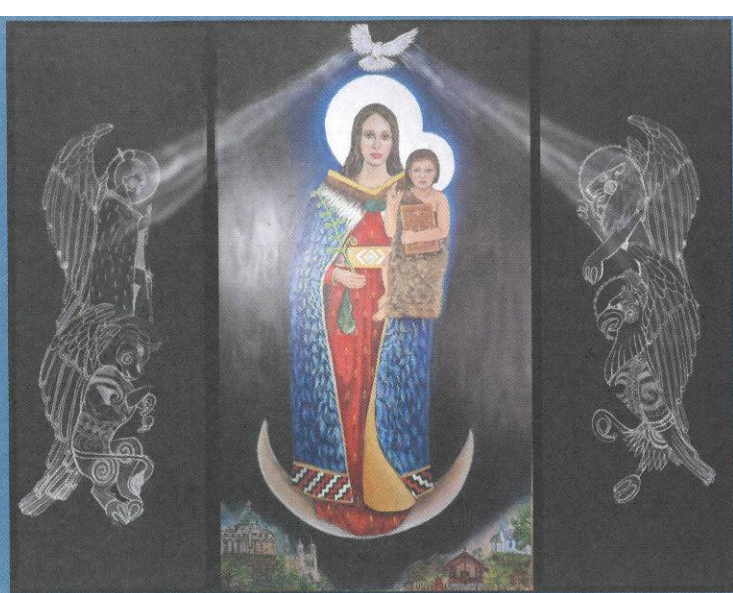


# The Angelus

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Ko Hāina Māria, te Matua Wāhine o te Ariua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

15 October 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Invitation to Share the Company of Jesus.

In Matthew's Gospel we heard the parable of the king who gave a wedding feast for his son but the invitations were spurned. When he extended the invitation to the people of the streets, "they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." But one of the guests did not dress in a wedding garment - perhaps as insulting to the host as today coming to a wedding in a bathing suit. When he refuses to answer questions about his dress, the king orders, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

You can't help thinking that this king's response to his guest was the complete opposite to the way Jesus invites us to be with him through the story of Lazarus. His beloved friend had died and Jesus stood in the doorway of the tomb comforting Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha. Then Jesus called, "Lazarus come out!" and Lazarus responded immediately to Jesus' invitation. He came out of the tomb.

Where the king ordered the guest's hand and feet be bound and cast into the darkness, with wailing and grinding of teeth, Jesus does the opposite with Lazarus - and with us. He calls for Lazarus to have his hands and feet unbound from the burial cloths and to come out of the darkness of the tomb into the light of Jesus. Rather than a wailing in the darkness, Lazarus was met with the rejoicing cries of his sisters and all those who loved him as he came to life again.

Jesus invites us to that summoning back to life, the invitation to unbind ourselves from the things that tie us up. Today we can become aware of how much God longs for a deeper relationship with us, one where we realise that God is not in our minds, but deeply settled in our hearts, just waiting for us to notice. And if we really take time today to listen, we will hear Jesus say deep in our hearts, 'Untie him/ her and let him/her go.'

The banquet to which God is inviting us is not reserved only for the next life. In the midst of many challenges, our lives have their joyous moments when we are called to pause and celebrate with God and with our friends and loved ones. Today's liturgy urges us not to be so caught up in the challenges of life that we fail to respond when God, the gracious and generous host, invites us to pause, to sit down and enjoy the banquet prepared for us.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

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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.



## This Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>25:6-10</b>
<i>The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.</i>		
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Philippians</b>	<b>4:12-14, 19-20</b>
<i>I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.</i>		
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>22:1-14</b>
<i>Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.</i>		

## Next Week's Readings

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>45:1, 4-6</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>95</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Thessalonians</b>	<b>1:1-5</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>22:15-21</b>



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3,296
Automatic Payments:	\$4,588
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,884</b>

## Upcoming Feasts

**17 October**—St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr  
**18 October**—St Luke, evangelist

## 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)

## Thought for the Week

Don't mistake activity with achievement.

## Responsorial 22

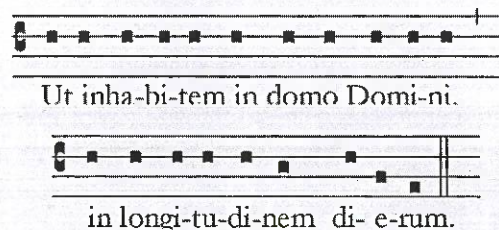
**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
 there is nothing I shall want.  
 Fresh and green are the pastures  
 where he gives me repose.  
 Near restful waters he leads me,  
 to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
 he is true to his name.  
 If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
 no evil would I fear.  
 You are there with your crook and your staff;  
 with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
 in the sight of my foes.  
 My head you have anointed with oil;  
 my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
 all the days of my life.  
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
 for ever and ever. **R**



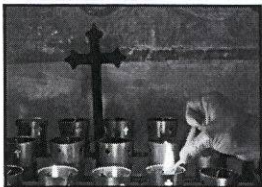
*And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
 unto length of days.*

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Koru Moss

**Anniversaries:** Michael O'Loughlin, Ann Ross, John O'Rourke, Colin Hooper, Bryan Outtrim, Peter Bradley, Maria Doriguzzi, Hannah McGuigan, Kathleen Cosgrove

**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 Viloría, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki, 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.*

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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.



### Refugee House Goods

The Social Justice Group is looking for a new or near new Microwave oven and a vacuum cleaner for a refugee family arriving in Wellington mid October. If you can help please contact John Feeney ph 043864956 email [johnfeeney57@gmail.com](mailto:johnfeeney57@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>

### Guardians Needed for Two Time Slots

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. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office on [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) or 04 473 8074.

### St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Feel like putting your faith into action by helping needy people in the community through personal contact? Then 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 October 17 at 6pm. New members are very welcome.

### 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.

## Joshua Wellington

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to come to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm followed by supper. Kim von Lanthen will be speaking on "What do we need to do differently?". If you want to know more ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### Urgently Needing:

#### Readers and Ministers 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.

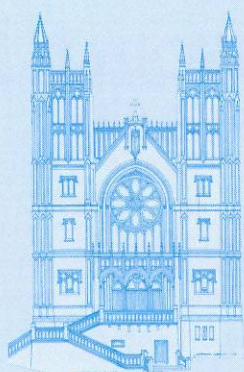
The first formation day for Aged Care ministers took place in St Joseph's Church on 23 September. Numerous volunteers took part in this first stage of formation for this developing ministry. If you are interested in volunteering in this Ministry, which focusses on visiting aged, sick and dying people 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)

### 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](http://www.marypotter.org.nz/vacancies/spiritual-carer)

### Columban Calendars

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



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## Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region -The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Send us an enquiry—[www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College

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## Hastings Hibernian Education Trust Grant

The Hibernian Catholic Education Trust is a grant for those in need to help defray the cost of education, ie uniform costs, camp costs, and any fees associated with education. Applications are reviewed by our trustees and then decisions are made based on need, if you would like an application, please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.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.

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