

# The Angelus

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

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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.

## 15 October 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our gospel reading today can easily be manipulated to suit our own selfish self-interests. Indeed, it has sometimes been used to justify a separation between Church and State as if what belongs to God refers only to what people consider as “churchy” or religious affairs in contrast to what belongs to Caesar; to what belongs in the secular realm of “worldly” affairs.

All too quickly, this kind of thinking justifies two sets of rules for living: on the one hand, a sanctimonious piety of the pharisaical type so abhorred by Jesus and on the other, a “leave God out of my business” attitude in our dealings with people where personal profit overrides all considerations of justice and fair play.

We forget that Jesus’ reply, clever as it may have been, was directed at the malice behind those who asked him the question about the rights and wrongs of paying taxes to Caesar. They were out to trap him to say something they could use to discredit him in the eyes of those whom he attracted by his teachings and example. In short, Jesus was exposing the evil in their hearts. Let us never forget that God judges the heart, not by appearances.

If God judges the heart, then give “to God what belongs to God” takes on a whole different meaning. We are to give to God our hearts. So the way we treat God cannot be separated from the way we deal with others in our everyday activities. We are to render to Caesar what is Caesar’s with the same heart that we render to God what belongs to God.

So, in all things for God or for others we act from a heart that beats with the values of the Gospel. Consequently, even in our secular affairs our motivations for what we do must come from a heart that is given over to God. We may give back to Caesar that belongs to Caesar but if we do so with a heart given over to God we will always be giving to God what belongs to God – the heart – regardless of the sphere of our activities – be they considered “churchy” or otherwise.

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest



## This Week's Readings

**First Reading**      **Isaiah**      **45:1, 4-6**  
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

**Second Reading**      **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**  
*We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.*

**Gospel Reading**      **Matthew**      **22:15-21**  
*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading**      **Exodus**      **22:20-26**

**Psalm**      **17**

**Second Reading**      **1 Thess**      **1:5-10**

**Gospel Reading**      **Matthew**      **22:34-40**



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:      \$3,577

Automatic Payments:      \$3,287

**Total: \$6,864**

## Upcoming Feasts

**22 October**—Mission Sunday

**28 October**—Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

## 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.

## Thought for the Week

“Start where you are. Use what you have.  
Do what you can.”

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Koru Moss

**Anniversaries:** Desmond Ashe, Keegan Lawrence

**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.*

## Responsorial 95

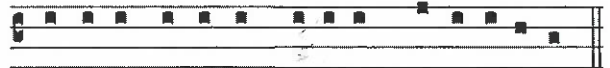
**R. Give the Lord glory and honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**



Afferte Domi-no glo-ri- am nomi-ni e-i-us -

*Bring to the Lord glory unto his name*

## Labour Day Tomorrow

There will only be one Mass tomorrow, Monday 22 October due to it being a public holiday. The Mass will be held at 12.05pm with no Reconciliation. The Parish Office will be closed.

## Samoan Language Mass

Held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 30 July at 11.30am. All are welcome.

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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.

### Healing & Evangelisation – Brother Johnson Sequiera

*“Brother Johnson Sequiera is the most amazing minister I have ever met. Full of healing gifts and understanding of the scriptures.” Fr Dr Kevin Connors.* With the approval of Archbishop Paul, International Catholic Healing Evangelist, Brother Johnson Sequiera will be ministering at St Joseph’s Church, Upper Hutt on Tuesday 24 October at 7:30pm and Wednesday 25 October at 7:10pm. Brother Johnson will also be in the church foyer on Tuesday from 4pm–6:30pm and Wednesday 3pm–6:30pm.

### Columban Calendars

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

### Pallium Mass

On Sunday 5 November at St Mary of the Angels 5pm Mass the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa will invest Archbishop Paul with the Pallium. The Pallium is a white woolen band with pendants in front and back worn over the chasuble by the Pope or a Metropolitan Archbishop. It symbolizes the close relationship between the Bishop of Rome and the local Church. The Pallia for all newly appointed Metropolitan Archbishops were blessed by Pope Francis in Rome on 29 June 2023, the feast of Ss Peter and Paul. The bishops of New Zealand will be present as the bishops’ conference starts in Wellington the following day. All are welcome to attend the Mass and to a cup of tea in the Hall afterwards.

### Mass of Remembrance

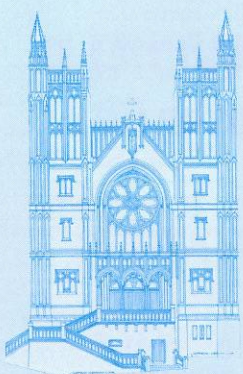
The Mass of Remembrance to celebrate all who have died this year and our relatives and friends who have passed on will be held on Saturday 4 November at 11am. All are welcome.

### Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 October at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

### 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)



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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

Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for 2024. Programmes offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, NZ Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, our programmes will empower you to analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. Enrolments close Friday 24 November. For more information, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes) You can also share this on social media thru [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

## 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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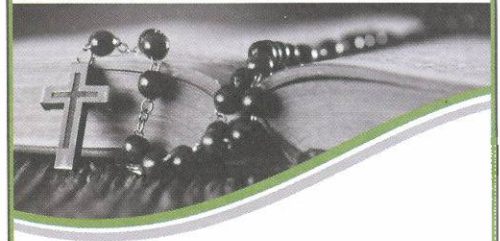
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