

# The Angelus

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Ko Hāua 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.

## 29 October 2023, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The whole history of salvation could be summed up: God created me because God wants me to be with him forever. God fell in love with me and wanted to share His glory with me. This I believe is God's purpose for His creation of me. A question can be asked: if He wants me to share His glory why did He not take me when I was born. He could have, and yet He had to give me time to make a decision, a fundamental decision. Do I want to be with Him in return? This is the issue that I have to contend with in the time He gives me on earth. My time on earth is temporary, but enough to prepare for this big decision.

To assist me in my preparation He gives me the capacity to enjoy the beauty and gifts of this world. The Church and Sacraments to remind, guide and embrace me with infinite love. The Church reminds me of God's restlessness while awaiting my decision.

Has my life been a reflection of a love returned? A love with all my heart, soul and mind? Have I reached the point of loving my neighbour as myself? God eagerly waits for my answer. For nothing can bring Him infinite delight except the love by one He loves most.

1<sup>st</sup> November we honour the feast of All Saints, those declared by the Church and all living in the presence of God. They too were sinners with a future with human frailty like us, they discovered an alternative route. The route paved with the Christian values enshrined in the Gospel. The way to real happiness, or a state of blessedness, is in being poor in spirit, being meek, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, being merciful, pure of heart and peace loving. Saints are, mothers and fathers, soldiers, kings and queens, the poor and rich, men and women who carried out their responsibilities in life according to Christian values and principals. They discovered Christ and His teachings. They saw a different light and allowed their lives to be guided by it.

2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls Day is when we remember in prayer all the Souls in purgatory. On the 1<sup>st</sup> All saints Day we celebrate the Church Triumphant; on All Souls day the Church Suffering the souls in purgatory, the future saints. We the living, as Church Militant, unite to pray for all our beloved dead, all who have touched our lives. What better way can we do this but attend Mass here to pray for them, so they in turn will intercede for us when our time comes. May they rest in peace.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading** Exodus 22:20-26  
*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 22:34-40  
*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

**Psalm** 23

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-3

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:1-12



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,433

Automatic Payments: \$4,030

**Total: \$7,463**

## Upcoming Feasts

1 November — All Saints

2 November — All Souls

4 November — Charles Borromeo, Bishop

## 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

Parents should leave books lying around marked 'forbidden' if they want their children to read.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Anniversaries:** Margo McAuley, Stephen Reidy

**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 Viloria, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki, Philippa & Raymond Fagg, Phillip Hickey, Joan Wolland, Stephen George



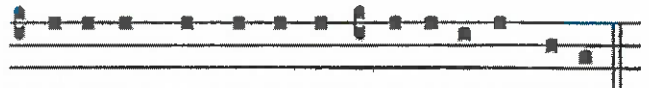
*Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the parish office.*

## Responsorial 17

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**



Di-li-gam te Domi-ne forti-tudo me-a.

*I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.*

## 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.

## 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.

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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

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

### 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>

### 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 through [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### 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

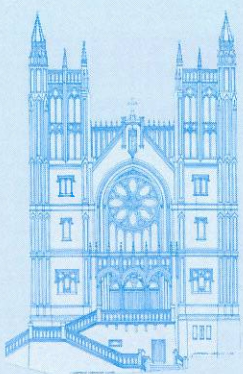
The Mass of Remembrance to celebrate all who have died this year and our relatives and friends who have passed on will be held on Saturday 4 November at 11am. All are welcome.

### New Parishioners

If you are new to the parish, not yet enrolled as a parishioner, or would like to start giving regularly to the parish through our planned giving program, please fill out one of our new parishioner forms available on our website—[www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new](http://www.smoa.org.nz/about/#new) or in paper form available at the back of the Church.

### 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)



## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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## 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](mailto:refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)

## 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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.

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