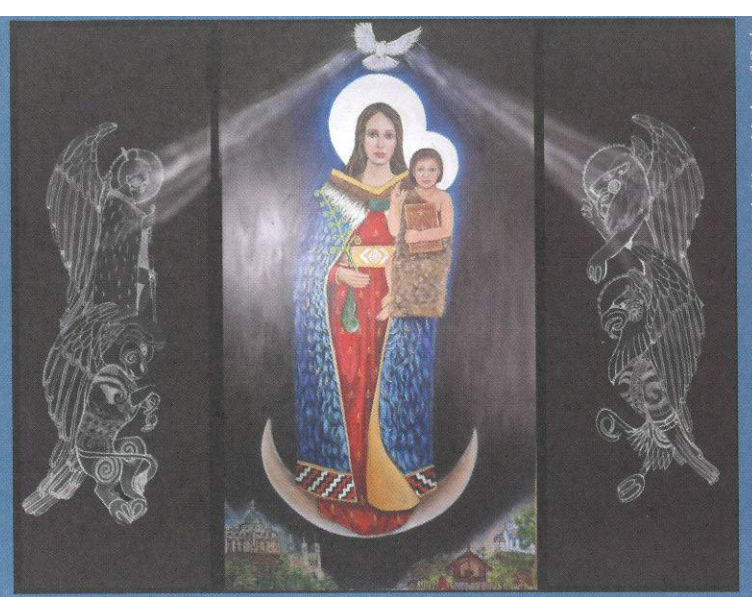


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 26 November 2023, Feast of Christ the King

### Damaged Good are the Royal Emblem

The feast of Christ the King, though it's a feast of our whole catholic church, is a very special day for our Samoan catholic community at St Joseph's. We always celebrate this feast as an annual event with lots of entertainment, lots of fun, games, dancing, and finish with a great feast!

But there is a deeper meaning to this Feast that we must not overlook. We can uncover this meaning by reflecting on the following questions: Do we choose to avoid "the lower classes" because they ostensibly have no claim on us? Do we prefer to disassociate ourselves from the poor and suffering since the welfare system provides for them? Do we tend to muffle the cry of the poor because they apparently have no right to upset our peace? If we do, then in all such cases, we fail to uncover the image of Christ the King, the master of disguises. We don't realize that **damaged goods are the royal emblem**.

In the first of our scripture readings this Sunday from the prophet Ezekiel, God must intervene because the upper classes particularly have neglected the demands of the covenant. They have refused to become involved in the plight of fellow Israelites. As king and shepherd, Yahweh provides for the lost, those who have strayed, and the weak. As king and shepherd, He also condemns the leaders of His people for not recognizing Him in the needs of His sheep. For Ezekiel, **damaged goods are the royal emblem**.

In the Gospel reading from Matthew, those on the left have disparaged the image of our king. Jesus, the king and shepherd, is equated with the outcasts and the neglected of society. To alleviate the suffering of such people is to uncover the image of Jesus. To refuse concern is to refuse allegiance to our king and shepherd. Jesus is reflected in all who stand in need of help of whatever kind. For Matthew too, like Ezekiel, **damaged goods are the royal emblem**.

Leaders who react to the injustices suffered at the hands of oppressive governments recognize the presence of the king. Those who work patiently and reverently with the handicapped acknowledge the subjects of the king. Those who meet the needs of the elderly and the dying witness to the image of the king. Those who fight prejudice of whatever form reverse the insignia of the king. These and all those who strip away the façade to discover the sisters and brothers of Jesus affirm that **damaged goods are the royal emblem**.

The Eucharist is the presence of Christ the King amongst us. The Eucharist proclaims the presence of Christ the King in the forms of bread and wine. The Eucharist challenges our community to make real and active our faith in Christ the King through their service of others. The Eucharist insists that the presence of Christ the King is to be uncovered or discovered in others. The Eucharist testifies that **damaged goods are the royal emblem**.

Happy Christ the King's Feast Day!

Augafa Petelo,  
(Samoan Catechist)

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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

- First Reading** Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17  
*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*
- Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*
- Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:31-46  
*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

## Next Week's Readings—Year B

- First Reading** Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1, 3-8
- Psalm** 79
- Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Gospel Reading** Mark 13:33-37



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,099  
Automatic Payments: \$4,787  
**Total: \$8,886**

## Upcoming Feasts

- 26 November —Christ the King  
30 November—St Andrew, apostle

## Jerard Heffernan Piano Recital

Held in the Adam Concert Room at Victoria University of Wellington on Friday 15 December 15 at 3pm. Music by Beethoven, Schubert and Schumann. Free entry and all are welcome.

## Thought for the Week

Most people do not really want freedom because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility.

## Responsorial Psalm 22

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **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**



Domi-nus re-git me. et ni-hil mi-hi de-e-rit:

*The Lord ruleth me, and I shall want nothing.*

## Marist St Pats RFC: AGM

Tuesday 28 November, 7pm at the Marist St Pats Clubrooms in Hatatai. All are welcome.

## Friday 1 December 5.15pm Mass CANCELLED

The 5.15pm Mass held on Friday 1 December is cancelled due to the Mass for Life happening at 7pm. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Hellen, Christabel Gibson

**Anniversaries:** James O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Nora Johnson, Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley, Veronica Rigby

**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, Roger Havell

*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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## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

As has been the custom for many years now an Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on our Diocesan feast day at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori at 7.00pm on Friday 8 December. The Archdiocese will again be entrusted to the care of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception at this Mass.

### St Mary of the Angels Church Working Bee 9am Saturday 2 December

Come and help us prepare for Christmas. Will be limited to work inside the Church. Please bring cloths/rags.

### St Joseph's Working Bee - 8.30am Saturday 2 December

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Christmas. Many hands make light work! We would be particularly grateful for as many trailers, utes, trucks and station wagons as possible to help take garden refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to.

### National March for Life

You're invited to love them both by attending the seventh annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday, 2 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life that also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm.

[www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

### Combined Advent Service

Our local tradition is to celebrate our unity at the start of Advent by joining together for combined worship. And this year we are starting a new tradition...

Sharing our experiences of each other's specific denominational practices, and how these shape our spiritual journey. **St John's in the City Presbyterian Church is hosting our annual Combined Advent Service Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7:00pm.**

The theme chosen by St John's is "What were those stropky Protestant Reformers so worked up about?" Come and join the other congregations and choirs as we anticipate the coming Prince of Peace.

## Carols with the Angels

Held on Wednesday 13 December at 7pm

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of December as well and they will also be delivered to SVP on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

### Volunteers Needed!

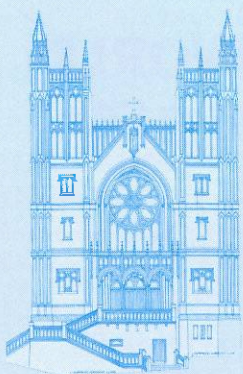
Volunteers needed to run EasyWorship slides on a laptop for displaying Mass responses on Sundays at the 9am and 5pm St Mary of the Angel's Church Masses. Training given. Enquiries welcome.

Wes: [wes.wernicki@gmail.com](mailto:wes.wernicki@gmail.com)

Emma: [emma.bickers@wgc.school.nz](mailto:emma.bickers@wgc.school.nz)

### Mass for Life

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels Church. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. [www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents)



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## Bach Choir—Tidings of Comfort and Joy

The Bach Choir of Wellington and the Wellington Brass Band present, *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, a feast of festive favourites in a spirited afternoon of glorious harmony with Christmas music for choir and brass band. There is something irresistibly joyful about hearing the warm tones of choir and brass band coming together to perform your favourite Christmas classics. The Bach Choir and the Wellington Brass Band invite you to celebrate the season with joyful carols and jubilant works from across the ages. This family-friendly event is sure to delight the hearts of everyone. We wouldn't dream of a Christmas concert without inviting our friends to join in the merriment of a festive carol-sing!

Start your Christmas season with our whānau and yours!  
2pm Saturday, 16 December at St Mary of the Angels, (Boulcott Street)  
Tickets on Eventfinda: \$35/\$40; schoolchildren free

## Columban Calendars

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

## Catholic BnB

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics . To purchase a book of details of hosts , contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.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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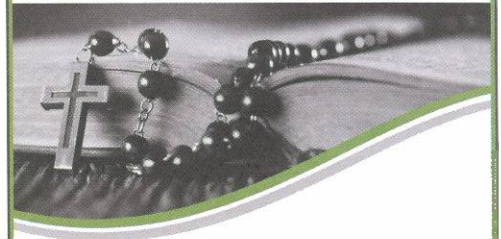
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