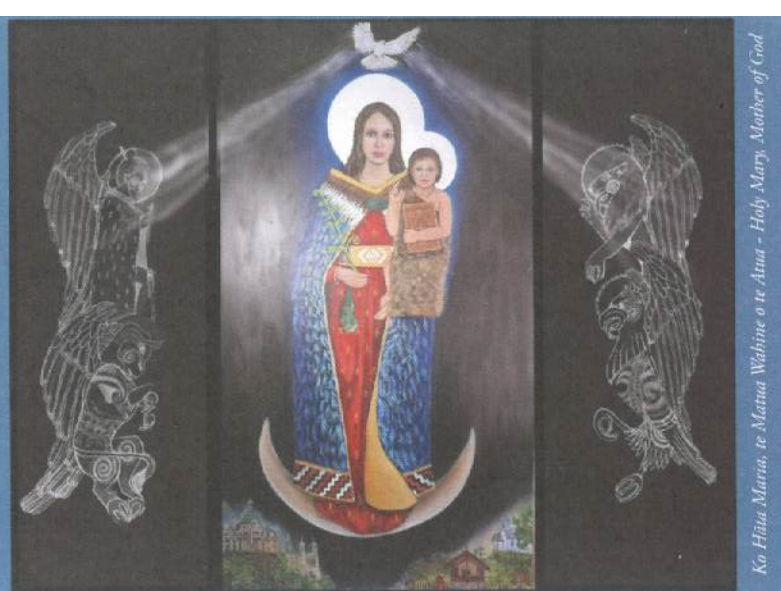


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Ko Hina Marua, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 3 December 2023, 1st Sunday of Advent—Year B

### The Season of Advent

The days are getting longer, school and university exams are over, holidays are about to start. Party-goers are walking the streets, a different kind of music and song is heard more frequently, decorations are appearing in shops, offices and even petrol stations, the art of gift-wrapping is being practiced everywhere. It is obvious that something is about to happen, something that is bringing an air of joy into everyone's life.

The atmosphere around the city is quietly changing. And the atmosphere in St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's is changing also. It begins with a change in colour. For many months green has been the colour of the vestments, the tabernacle veil and the hanging on the lectern. Now, on the first Sunday of Advent, the colour changes to purple. We Catholics use purple to remind ourselves to be watchful, to repent, to do penance. Many of us might remember this song still heard occasionally during this time of year:

"You better watch out,  
You better not cry,  
You better not pout,  
I'm telling you why,  
Santa Claus is coming to town!"

Yes, someone is coming to town. But someone far more important than Santa Claus! The infant Jesus, the Son of God, is soon to be born! The words of the prophet Isaiah express what the colour purple signifies, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

This change in atmosphere is further accentuated by the blessing, through prayer and holy water, of the Advent wreath and the Jesse Tree in the sanctuary. The Advent wreath is made of evergreen branches and four candles. The vibrant green colour of the branches remind us of the hope for renewed life we believe the birth of Jesus promises us. The circular shape signifies that this renewed life will be for eternity. The first of the four candles is lit on the first Sunday until all four are lit on the last Sunday – the light grows every Sunday increasingly pushing out the darkness.

The Jesse Tree is named after the father of King David. Symbols are gradually added to the tree representing persons who reflect the patient longing of the Chosen People of Israel for the coming of their Saviour. The persons represented are ancestors of Jesus, either in faith or in bloodline, such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Jesse, David, Solomon, Joseph and Mary.

So, the season of Advent, through sign and symbol, blends together a *penitential spirit* much like Lent, a *joyful spirit* as we await the birth of Jesus and a *spirit of preparation* – preparing for the second and final coming of Jesus as Lord.

The Advent season teaches us to wait for God who will come to us in unexpected ways.

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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**      Isaiah      63:16-17;64:1, 3-8  
*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

**Second Reading**    1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Gospel Reading**     Mark            13:33-37  
*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*


## Next Week's Readings—Year B

**First Reading**      Isaiah      40:1-5, 9-11

**Psalm**                84

**Second Reading**    2 Peter      3:8-14

**Gospel Reading**     Mark            1:1-8



**Last Sunday's Collection**

Sunday Collection:	\$4,177
Automatic Payments:	\$5,074
<b>Total: \$9,251</b>	

### Upcoming Feasts

7 December —St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

8 December—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### 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

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Shanahan, Ida Bale, Peter McGuinness, Sr Mary Scanlon, Maurice Pratley

**Anniversaries:** Marjorie Feitsma, Fred Scoon, William Jenkins, Frances Haughey

**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 Vioria, 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.*



## Responsorial Psalm 79

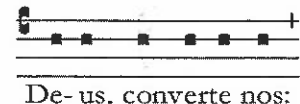
**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

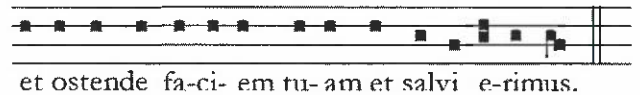
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **R**

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**



De- us. converte nos:



et ostende fa-ci- em tu- am et salvi e-rimus.

*Convert us O Lord: and show us thy face and we shall be saved.*

### Symbolon

Come join us for a video and discussion on preparing for Advent, on Tuesday 5 December at 6pm in the parish hall. Supper provided and feel free to bring a plate.



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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.

### Thank You,

#### from our St Vincent de Paul Conference

Warm thanks to our fellow parishioners who make donations to support our work either through the Poor Box or via the QR code beside it. This year your generosity has enabled us to help people in many ways including: paying for emergency accommodation for a distressed woman just arrived in the city; moving household goods and furniture to help a refugee family into a home; assisting with the cost of school stationery, uniforms and footwear or activity fees for the children of families in need; contributing to payment for urgent repairs to the Home of Compassion Soup Kitchen oven; buying items for the food bank to supplement donations. Grateful thanks to those who donate non-perishable goods to the food bank. Season's greetings from the Wellington City St Vincent de Paul Conference.

### The Jesse Tree

During Advent we reflect on how God was revealed to people in Old Testament times before the coming of Jesus. Matthew's Gospel (1:1-17) links the Old and New Testaments. He sets out the genealogy or whakapapa of Jesus' earthly family through which history, knowledge, philosophies and spiritualities were handed down until the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse tree is a visual reminder of this. The name comes from Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 11:1) that the Messiah or Saviour would come from among Jesse's descendants.

The symbols on the tree are based on centuries of Christian tradition. The symbols vary between Church and the St Mary of the Angels Church symbols are explained further in the Parish App under 'Links'. We will add 4 symbols each week of Advent beginning with the Creation (Earth), Adam and Eve (tree), Noah's Ark, and Abraham and Sarah (stars).

## A Merry Vinnies Christmas

A Merry Vinnies Christmas offers a shopping style experience to families seeking help over the holiday period, giving them the dignity, ownership, and choice to choose the presents they receive from us.

We need support to collect gifts for the Merry Vinnies toy shop. Gift criteria: Appropriate for 0-16 year olds, Unwrapped and new/near new condition. We are always short on gifts for teenage boys (12-16 years old)

Other ways to support include, donating decorations, wrapping paper, Christmas food and spreading the word! Donations can be brought into any St Vincent de Paul Op Shop or to the main office, 207 Riddiford Street, Newtown.

## Rosa Mystica Celebration

Our Lady of Fatima Church is celebrating Rosa Mystica on Friday 8 December from 12.10pm- 1.45pm. Our Lady of Fatima Church, 169 Main Road, Tawa. For more details contact: Steven on 0272435119, Mary on 0275556333 or Lucia on 02102289544 All are welcome.

## Carols with the Angels

Our annual *Carols with the Angels* concert will be held on **Wednesday 13 December** at 7pm here at St Mary of the Angels Church Please join us for this special event in our parish, which will feature the Salvation Army Brass Band, St Mary of the Angels Choir, Wellington Young Voices, organists David Trott and James Young, and your favourite carols. Free entry with a collection.

## Volunteers Needed!

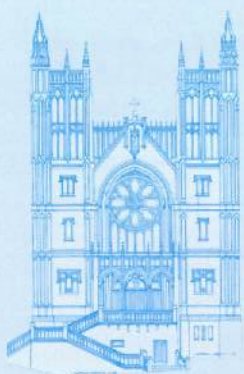
Volunteers needed to run EasyWorship slides on a laptop for displaying Mass responses on Sundays at the 9am and 5pm St Mary of the Angel's Church Masses. Training given. Enquiries welcome.

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Emma: [ebickers@gmail.com](mailto:ebickers@gmail.com)

## Christmas, A Time to Remember

When you have lost someone dear to you, anniversaries and the times you were happiest are often the times you are at your saddest. Come and join us at our service of remembrance and gather strength from others at Old St Paul's, Thorndon on Friday 8 December at 6.30pm. This Christmas let us support one another.



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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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