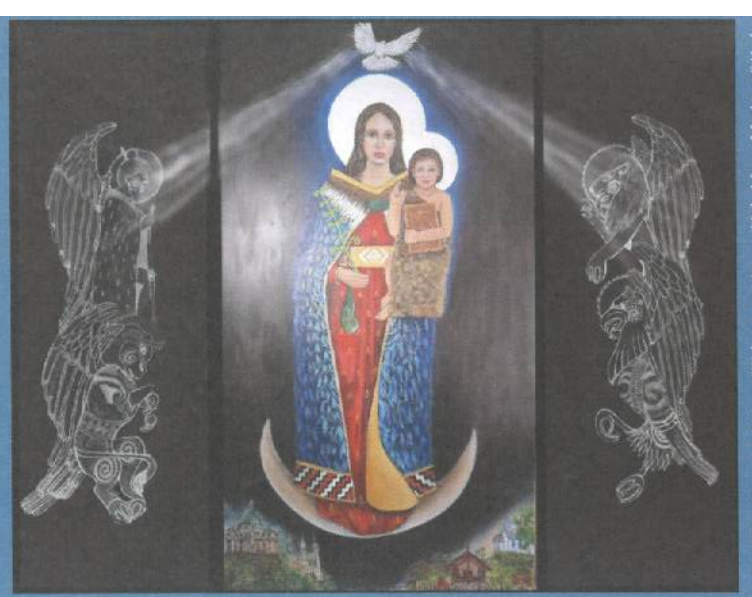


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Ko Hira Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Aina - Holy Mary, Mother of God

28 January 2024, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B

Getting back into the swing of things after a break is always a bit of a jolt to the senses and this year is no different. Christmas seems ages ago and all the preparation for gift-giving and spending time with family and friends, is now spoken of as “last year”. Added to this, the realisation that Ash Wednesday is just over a fortnight away on 14 February is a little intimidating. Happily, we are not “journeying” through 2024 on our own and we can expect joys as well as challenges in the year ahead.

One of the gifts of last year from the perspective of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is the way the parish has made progress on some persistent issues. The work of the sub-committee that is looking at the properties around St Joseph's will continue throughout this year. This is important work and there are no easy answers in finding the way forward for us. As speculation about the effects of a second Mt Victoria tunnel becomes clearer, so too will the options for those properties. This work remains “top of mind” for 2024.

At the St Mary's end of the parish, the question about insurance options has been thoroughly interrogated and there is a recommendation to bring our insurance commitment into line with what is currently in place for St Joseph's. This still leaves the parish with a significant financial commitment to cover insurance for all our buildings, but it means we can now focus on the revenue-generating activities we need to undertake as a whole parish to support our mission. Generating income is the responsibility for the whole parish, so it is encouraging that there is plenty of scope for our people to be involved. The Revenue subcommittee has explored several options to improve our revenue and, as a matter of some urgency, this work will be a priority this year.

The Waitangi Day mass this year provides an opportunity for everyone, parishioners and visitors, to appreciate the work of our National Shrine subcommittee, which has worked with the Catholic Bishops' Conference to install the Te Ara a Maria artwork. Waitangi Day is a significant date for our nation and this image, which has elements of the Catholic history of Aotearoa New Zealand, is a reminder that we are not the first, nor will we be the last, to follow this path in faith. What the image shows us too, is that wherever our starting point, we are making the journey together.

Ngā mihi. With gratitude,

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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 Deut 18:15-20
I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28
This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Job 7:1-4. 6-7.

Psalm 146

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39

Responsorial Psalm 94

**R. If today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
 hail the rock who saves us.
 Let us come before him, giving thanks,
 with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
 let us kneel before the God who made us
 for he is our God and we
 the people who belong to his pasture,
 the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
 as on that day at Massah in the desert
 when your fathers put me to the test;
 when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



If to - day you hear his voice, harden not your hearts



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,603

Automatic Payments: \$5,194

Total: \$8,797

Upcoming Feasts

31 January—St John Bosco, priest

2 February—The Presentation of the Lord

Thought for the Week

Motivation is what gets you started;
 habit is what keeps you going.

Sunday Miha (Maori Mass)

Miha for Te Kāinga is celebrated at the Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay. Sundays at 11am except the 3rd Sunday of the month which is Liturgy of the Word. Miha is not celebrated during January. Miha resumes in February.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Lydia Baltazar, Samara Jamed, Angela Y Jung

Anniversaries: Br Luke Paget sm, Brian McKeown, Stella Brown, Joan Shanahan, Sophie Robison, Matthew Barnett, Catherine Symes, Fr Gordie Kerrins sm

Prayers for the Sick: Noreen Kirwan, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Kay De Bernardo, Saturino Vioria, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Tracey Wernicki, Philippa Fagg, Phillip Hickey, Stephen George, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa,



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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Waitangi Day Mass

The annual Waitangi Day Mass will be held on Tuesday 6 February at 9am beginning with a blessing of pounamu gifted by Ta Mark Solomon. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea afterwards.

Passionist Family Groups Annual Planning Afternoon

Held on Sunday February 11 - 2pm Shared afternoon tea and planning of our gatherings for 2024 St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre.

RSVP to your Group Coordinator - if you're unable to be present please let your coordinator know what you would like to organise and what month.

Remembering Edward and Stella Lee's Family in Prayer

Stella Lee's mother passed away during the week. Our condolences and prayers to the Lee Family

World Day of the Sick—Sunday 11 February

In his message for the World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis says: "Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane. On this World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness."

2024 Bible Diaries

The Bible Diary can be your most treasured companion as you go through this year. Each day features the scripture readings and an inspirational reflection that can set the tone for your own personal conversations with God.

Fundraising for the Mission in India the diaries are available to purchase from the Parish Office for \$20 (or contact Sister Frances).



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.



Samara Jamed Funeral

Samara Jamed's Funeral will be held on Monday 29 January, 11am at St Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria. The Vigil will be held on Sunday 28 January at 7pm at St Joseph's Church.

We send our sympathies and prayers to Peter Jamed and his family at this time.

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 or in paper form available at the back of the Church.

Faith Rosaries

We sell rosaries in the Parish Office designed and hand made by Ngaire Greger from Faith Rosaries. If you are looking for a rosary as a gift or for yourself, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in.

Columban Calendars

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

A Medjugorje group pilgrimage is planned to depart 19 May. Group leader and chaplain to accompany. See noticeboard for details. Visit www.pilgrimage.nz or phone 0274219064.

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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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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