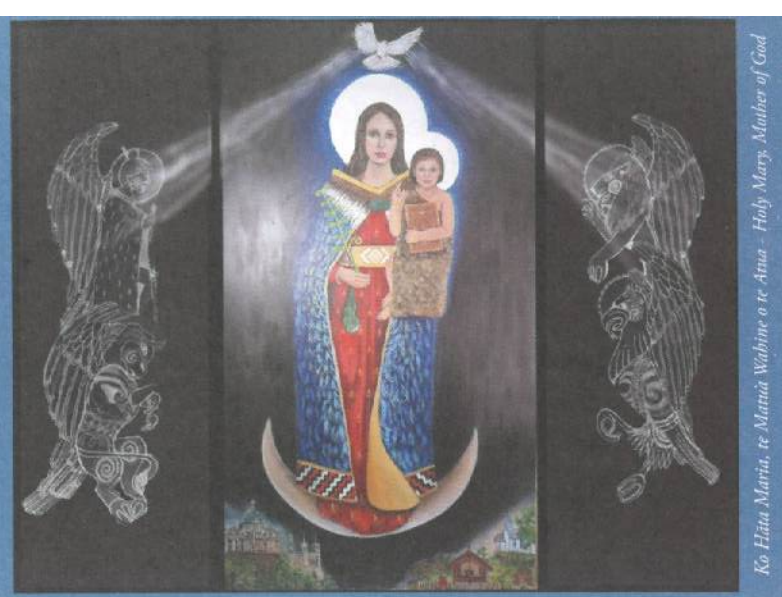


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Aina - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 4 February 2024, 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B

### The Treaty of Waitangi

Tuesday, this week, is the 6th of February, the day on which our nation joins together, in different ways in different places, to celebrate our founding document. Here, in the Archdiocese of Wellington, Catholics are invited to come together and celebrate mass at St Mary of the Angels at 9.00am on Tuesday with the community from Te Ngakau Tapu parish, the parish personal to Maori in the Archdiocese, to give thanks for the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

In 1835 Britain had accepted the Maori chief's request to recognize their independence. It was already acknowledged internationally that New Zealand was an independent country. Britain also agreed to the chief's request to extend Crown protection to New Zealand. Lieutenant Governor Hobson was tasked with ensuring that such an agreement was reached.

Hobson arrived in New Zealand on 29 January, 1840. A meeting of chiefs was organized for a week later. Over 400 Maori attended this meeting but it ended indecisively. The Maori then sought the advice of Henry Williams, leader of the Church Missionary Society. Following his advice, the chiefs decided to sign the Treaty. The next day, February 6, over 40 chiefs signed or marked the Treaty of Waitangi. Over the next seven months the Treaty was carried around the country until more than 500 chiefs signed the Maori version of the Treaty.

What the Treaty establishes is that Aotearoa New Zealand is founded on an agreement which continues today as a pact of partnership between Maori and Pakeha. It is an agreement which established our continuing links with the Crown; an agreement which continues to act as a national symbol of unity and understanding between cultures.

This Waitangi Day our continuing search for true national unity will be highlighted by the welcome and blessing of a pounamu, gifted by Ta Mark Solomon of Ngai Tahu, to St Mary of the Angels as the National Shrine of Aotearoa New Zealand. This pounamu will be a sacred addition to our church symbolizing the protection Mary, "Mother of God, assumed into Heaven", offers to the peoples who live here. In reverently touching this pounamu, as we enter and leave the church, we are expressing our trust in Mary as our intercessor and protector.

This is what we will be celebrating in the mass on Tuesday this week here at St Mary of the Angels. We give thanks for the Treaty, though imperfectly implemented, because it is the guarantee for all New Zealanders, no matter who they are or where they come from, that we all belong here, we all have a place here, under Mary, Mother of God, assumed into Heaven.

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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** Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:29-39  
*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading** Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46  
**Psalm** 31  
**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1  
**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:40-45



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,549  
 Automatic Payments: \$3,929  
**Total: \$7,478**

### Upcoming Feasts

5 February—St Agatha, virgin, martyr  
 2 February —St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs  
 10 February—St Scholastica, virgin

### Thought for the Week

Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.

## Responsorial Psalm 146

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good:  
 Sing to our God for he is loving:  
 to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
 and brings back Israel's exiles,  
 he heals the broken-hearted,  
 he binds up all their wounds.  
 He fixes the number of the stars;  
 he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
 his wisdom can never be measured.  
 The Lord raises the lowly;  
 he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



Lauda-te Domi-num



qui sa-nat contri-tos corde.

*Praise the Lord who healeth the broken of heart.*

### Parish Reflection Day

A Parish Reflection Day sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council is being held on Saturday 10 February, 1pm-4pm at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend.

### Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Adolf Eibl, Graham Townsely, Patricia Lockhart QSM, Olive Drane, Richard Wright, Brendan O'Connor

**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, Joan Wolland



*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.

### 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."

### 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.

### 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.



### Columban Calendars

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

### Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to both men and women to come to a MASS followed by a light supper on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7:30pm at 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets.

Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain  
Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 4477 280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### Caritas Lent Reflection Programme 2024

Each year Caritas provides a weekly reflection programme based on the Gospels in Lent. The theme this year is "The Time is Now". We will be having a weekly small group meeting at St Joseph's Church Mt VIC beginning Monday 12 Feb 7pm. All our very welcome. We could also hold a group at SMOA church if there is enough interest. You may wish to work through the weekly reflection at home during the season of Lent. The material can be downloaded from [www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources). For more information contact John Feeny ph 043864956

### 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.



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## Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Co-Coordinator

This volunteer role requires a commitment of up to 8 hours per week. Catholic Social Services (CSS) are looking for someone who is passionate about enabling former Refugees to get a great start in their new life in Aotearoa NZ.

CSS collaborates with Red Cross, Catholic, other parishes and community groups in the Wellington area providing household goods to assist in the resettlement of people arriving into NZ via refugee pathways. **The coordinator role is to ensure the smooth running of the resettlement project so being organised is essential.**

It is anticipated that there will be 7-10 intakes across a year.

For more information please contact Wellington Catholic Social Services on 043858642 or email [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College

If you want to serve in the parish community, become a catechist, Christian or youth leader, or want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, come and register at Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College. We offer programmes that will help you build intellectual faith as you build faith communities. For more information, please visit our website at [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz), email us at [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz) or call (04) 8198380. Scholarships and online options available.”

### 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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