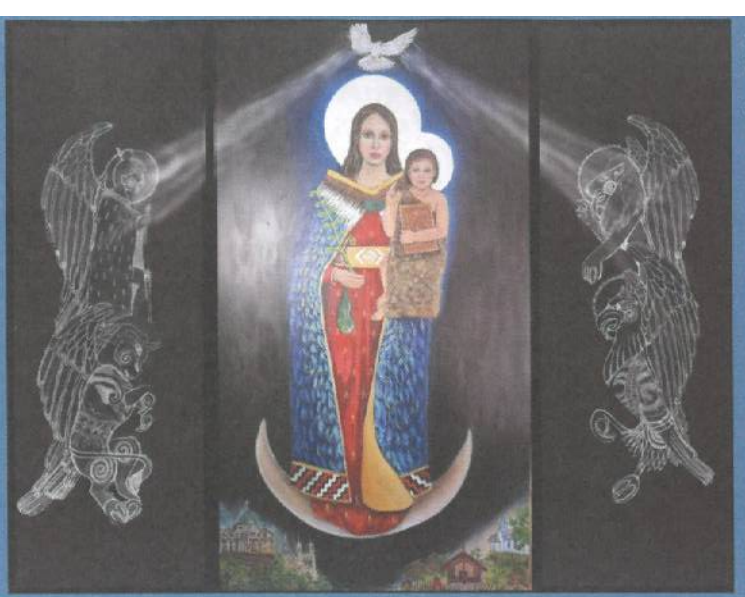


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Ariuā - Holy Mary, Mother of God

3 March 2024, 3rd Sunday of Lent

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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.

Our first reading for this Sunday sets before us the Ten Commandments which form the basic framework of our moral code. The first three commandments deal directly with the respect due to God and the seven commandments that follow are concerned with dealings with our neighbour. Respect for God and respect for one's neighbour go hand-in-hand. We cannot respect God if we disrespect our neighbour.

The Ten Commandments given to Moses were said to have been kept in the Ark of the Covenant in the inner sanctum of the Temple (the "Holy of Holies") until the First Temple was destroyed and the Ark and its contents were lost. However, with the rebuilding of the Second Temple, the presence of God in the Temple remained at the very heart of Judaism. Jesus' act of cleansing the Temple (as recounted in our gospel reading today) would have been seen as a direct attack on the corner stone of the Judaism of his day.

It was bad enough for Jesus to accuse the Temple authorities of turning this sacred site into a market place, but to accuse them of turning it into a "robbers' den" (as Matthew does in his gospel version of the cleansing of the Temple), well, it was tantamount to calling out the authorities as being corrupt. Jesus' action could easily have been seen as a desecration of the holiness of the Temple and used against him; and it was! He was indeed branded a rebel rouser, a blasphemer, a seditionist, and so, he had to die.

We are temples of God's Holy Spirit, which means that the framework of God's Law resides in the "holy of holies" of our hearts wherein respect for God goes hand-in-hand with respect for neighbour. We cannot respect God and not our neighbour. To do "churchy" things as if that were enough to satisfy our respect for God when, outside the church environment, we "stick it" to our neighbour, well, that would only reveal a heart divided and we may well find ourselves among those Jesus branded "hypocrites".

In cleansing the temple of our hearts this Lent we may just as easily find ourselves at odds with the Lord! Lent is an opportunity to view the cleansing of our hearts as a challenge to how we will respond to the Lord's call to "Repent, and believe the Good News".

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Psalm: 136

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,666

Automatic Payments: \$4,124

Total: \$7,790

Wellington Organ Proms Sunday March 10 2.30-4pm

International organist Christopher Hainsworth will present a special concert on the Fernie Organ from Dubois to Mendelssohn and Bach. All proceeds go to the Maxwell Fernie Trust, supporting young New Zealand organists. Entry by koha

Thought for the Week

Our greatest glory is not in never failing,
but in rising every time we fall

Responsorial Psalm 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R.**



Domi-ne. verba vi-tae aeternae ha-hes.

Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

Envelope Planned Givers

With the end of the financial year coming up and cash being less readily available, now is the best time to switch to bank transfer if you are currently giving by planned giving envelopes. If you wish to know more or make the switch to bank transfer/automatic payment. Please contact Abby in the Parish Office to help set you up.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Denis O'Neill, Gerald Hensley

Anniversaries: Jack Wills, Aileen Gallagher, Jan Tuinman, Richard Mansor, Fr Chris Penders AA, Phil Busby, Trevor Randall, Merle Barnett, Frederick Brennan, Joseph Pham Quang Viet

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



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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National Shrine Prayer

E te Atua , Creator of heaven and earth,
Source of all life, giver of all that is good,
We pray for Aotearoa New Zealand
And for all who come to her shores and make it their home.
We recall with gratitude our forebears in the Faith,
Who dedicated this country to the care of Mary,
Mother of God, assumed into heaven.
Pour out your Spirit upon us as we seek to respond to you,
Bringing your peace and harmony to this sacred land.
May we continue to praise you as we carry the Good News
of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Mary, assumed into heaven; pray for us.

Genesis to Jesus Bible Study

The Symbolon Team bring you the 'Genesis to Jesus' bible study - a series designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. 12 sessions in all, held every second Tuesday with the next session on 12 March from 6-7pm in the St Mary of the Angels' Parish Hall. Koha appreciated, supper provided.

Healing Service

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church Plimmerton on Tuesday 12 March at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please invite all those in need of Jesus' healing

Sunday Mass Parking

If you are interested in obtaining a carpark for Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish office for more information.

Welcome to University Students

We welcome all new and returning University students to the St Mary of the Angels Parish. We hope these next few years are successful in beginning the next journey. Please remember to touch base with our Young Adults Group and get involved with the many events coming up. You can find them on Face book—www.facebook.com/smayacs1

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.



Lenten Reflection Programme "The Time is Now"

A reflection group using the Caritas material will be held each week during Lent beginning on Monday's at 7pm at St Josephs Church Mt Vic. All are very welcome. You can also work through the reflections which are based on the Sunday Gospels in Lent at home. Go to <https://www.caritas.org/parishes> and look up Lent. Contact John Feeny ph 04 386 4956 for more details.

The Eucharist in Scripture

Eucharistia Young Adults (EYA) is a Catholic community for young adults to grow deeper in the Catholic faith and journey together towards Heaven. The group will be starting a six week Bible Study called "The Eucharist in Scripture" by Scott Hahn to start on Wednesday 28 February and will end on 3rd April. The young adults group will meet weekly on Wednesdays at St Mary's of the Angel's hall. Doors open at 6:00pm and the session starts at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be provided but please eat dinner beforehand/bring your own dinner. For more information, contact eucharistiawgtn@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Eucharistia.

Video of NZ experiences of Synodality

Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM, Wairarapa parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda, and Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley have shared their experiences of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. This YouTube video is a recording of a Zoom session they held with a live audience on Thursday 15 March 2023. Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COKdE6mlojU>

St Joes Tuesday Mass Cancelled

The 8.30am Mass on Tuesday 5 March is cancelled.



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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).



40 Days for Life

Prayer and Fasting to end abortion, will take place again in Wellington, February 14th - March 24th. For further information, please phone Maria Hammond 0273547367.

Catholic Women's League Wellington

The Catholic Women's League Wellington Archdiocese are celebrating 80 years of Faith, Service and Action in conjunction with their Annual Conference at St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Naenae on Saturday 16th commencing at 1pm and Sunday 17th March starting at 9am. Conference Mass is at 5pm Saturday, with the main Celebrant Monsignor Gerard Burns. One of the Keynote Speakers will be Joy Cowley on the subjects of "The Pros and Cons of Priests being able to Marry" and "Feminine Spirituality". Individual Registration Forms are available. For further information please contact Helen on archdio.sec@gmail.com

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.

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