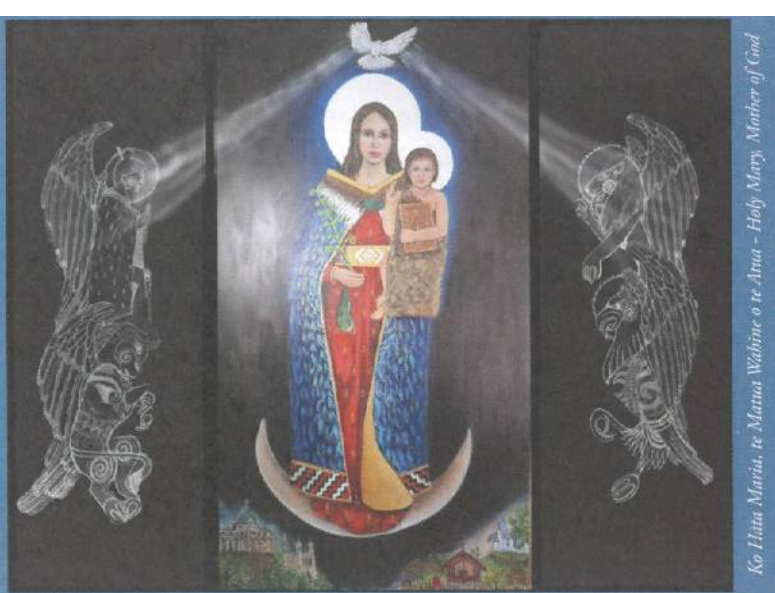


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Ko Hina Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

10 March 2024, 4th 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.

Here we are into the second half of Lent. We might ask ourselves where has this time gone? Holy Week and Easter are looming up very quickly. Looking back over the last three weeks of Lent, have there been any changes, or many changes in our lives that we have noticed?

When we were young we “gave up” things for Lent- sweets, icecream as a child; dances and parties as a teenager. It was good training for adulthood, BUT are we sure if it brought us much closer to God!

Today, Pope Francis has some excellent advice for us as to how we should fast:

“Let us pray as we enter the second half of Lent as we embrace the opportunity to:

Fast from Hurting words and say Kind words. Fast from Sadness and be filled with Gratitude. Fast from Anger and be filled with Patience. Fast from Pessimism and be fill with Hope. Fast from Worries and have Trust in God.

Fast from Complaints and contemplate Simplicity. Fast from Pressures and be Prayerful. Fast from Bitterness and fill our hearts with Joy. Fast from Selfishness and be Compassionate to others. Fast from Grudges and be Reconciled. Fast from Words and be Silent so that we can Listen.

We Pray that our only Desire and one Choice is to Choose what better Leads to the Deepening of God's life in us”.

During the rest of this season of Lent let us look at our troubled world with Hope in our God.

We still have many opportunities. We have looked at Fasting; now look at Alms giving. We have envelopes for Caritas at All the tables in the Church. Again an opportunity of making a little sacrifice to donate, knowing that this money is used for a very good purpose. The great work that Caritas does for the Church. These envelopes can be placed in the basket each Sunday and this is sent on. If this is unaffordable to you there are other ways we can give alms. Offering ourselves and giving our time to helping where help is needed in the Church or Community. There are many organisations who are continually looking for help especially with the sick and elderly. Think about it!

Prayer being a very important part of our lives. Again there are opportunities for joining the Lenten Groups at St. Joseph's Church. Our own groups with the Young people. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before morning Mass here. We are very blest at SMoA as we have three Masses a day during the week. Reconciliation several times daily. What better way to finish our days before we enter into Holy Week with the Lord, before we celebrate the great feast of the Risen Christ at Easter.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10
When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

Gospel John 3:14-21
God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: 50
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,789
Automatic Payments: \$3,789
Total: \$7,578

Wellington Organ Proms Sunday March 10 2.30pm-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

Nature, Time and Patience
are the three great physicians.

Responsorial Psalm 136

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**



Adhaeret lingua me- a fauci-bus me- is. si non memi-ne-ro tu- i.

Let my tongue cleave to my jaws, if I do not remember thee

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.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Joe Ulberg, Julie Gerrard, Denis O'Neill, Gerald Hensley

Anniversaries: Lorna Crewdson, J Donald Duerr, Coralie Leyland, Rita Kirwin

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



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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.

Taize Chanting

Held on Sunday 10 March from 7pm to 8pm in the St Joseph's Church Chapel.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Gala Dinner, Debate and Auction

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Bookings for sponsorship packages available
GOLD (\$4,000 +gst) includes a table of 10
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Table bookings (10 people) are being accepted (\$1,200 + gst)

Individual bookings also available \$120 + gst per head.

Sponsorships, tables and enquiries to
bobhouston@xtra.co.nz, 0274 898017. RSVP: 31 March 24 or until sold out.

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.

St Joseph's Men's Book Group

Tuesday 12 March at 7.30 pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members. John Dalgety 027 338 3576.

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 started 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 eucharistiaw-gtn@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Eucharistia.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 21 March at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Theme: "God reigns - no doubts" Speaker: TBC. Want to know more? Ring David Monas-tra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Community Gathering to Celebrate St Joseph (and St Patrick!) - 17 March

As St Joseph's Feast Day falls on a Tuesday this year, we'll have a community gathering after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 17 March instead to celebrate this. We'll gather in the garden for prayer and then enjoy a BBQ brunch. Please bring a plate to share - a salad or something for dessert.



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- **Prayer:** We have our **Young Adults Mass** (last Sunday of the month at 5pm) and **Eucharistic Adoration** (second Friday of the month after the 5.15pm Mass). We also have **Praise & Worship Nights** at the crypt (usually held on the third Friday of each month).
- **Formation:** Join our **Theology on Tap** sessions featuring our wonderful speakers (dates and times announced online monthly).
- **Fellowship:** We run a few social events throughout the year - but first, come along to grab a bite to eat or a drink after Mass and Adoration.

We are always looking for volunteers to help, especially for the Young Adults Mass, so flick us a message if you would like to serve. If you are a keen musician, you may also want to join our **Young Adults Choir!**

Stay connected and follow us online for more information and updates on all our events, including specific times and locations:

- Instagram: @smayacs
- Facebook: @smayacs1
- Email: smayacs@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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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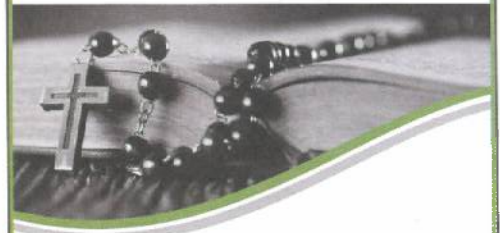
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