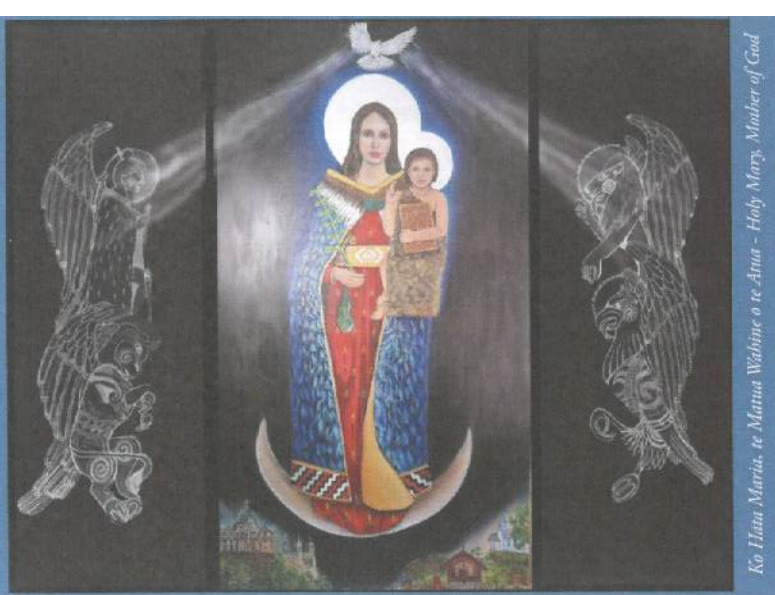


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Ko Hina Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 24 March 2024, Palm Sunday

### The Cross—Symbol of Love

When I was a little boy, still in primary school, I was taught by Irish nuns – the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. There was a joyful determination about everything they did which was all focused on making us good little Catholics. Every morning school began with a boisterously sung hymn, followed immediately by our catechism lesson. Each night we had to learn the answers off by heart to the catechism questions set for us each day. And woe betide anyone who couldn't remember them! The strap was never very far away. Though we knew the nuns cared deeply for us it was a strange, fearful way for them to teach the 'Faith of our Fathers'.

Such memories of the nuns came back to me as I began to think about Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the day on which we read the Gospel account of the passion and death of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Those many years ago the good nuns, well aware that as we stood at mass to listen to this long Gospel we would become restless, taught us that if we stood still and didn't make a noise we would succeed in freeing a little soul like ours from purgatory. Our sacrifice would somehow save another from more pain and suffering.

Fear, pain, sacrifice. Perhaps many still associate those words with memories of our catholic childhood. Yes, there was the joy and wonder of Christmas, the excitement of First Holy Communion, the mystery of incense and candle-light. But there was also fear, pain and sacrifice.

And Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, really made that pain and sacrifice fearfully clear. Jesus suffered and died for us because of our sins. This struck so deep into the hearts of Catholics that Good Friday was the day when the churches were overflowing with believers coming to honour the cross of Jesus.

What got lost in my catholic childhood was the true reason for Holy Week, for Palm Sunday, for the passion and death of the Lord. What was lost was Jesus' love for his Father. A love which made it impossible for him to deny that he was truly the Son of God the Father. Nothing could prevent him from preaching this truth. This so infuriated some of the most powerful leaders of the Jewish people they persuaded the Roman authorities to crucify him. Jesus went to the cross because of love.

The cross is a symbol of love, the cost of true and faithful love. That is why we honour it. Pain and sacrifice make no sense unless they are born of love. That is what the cross means. That is what we are called to believe. Jesus was not sent by God to be punished in our place for our sins. He was sent to reveal the Father's love for us. And that love cost him his life. He died because, with the Father, he loves us.

How many people would still be catholic if that was the truth they had learnt from their catechism so long ago?

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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      50:4-7  
*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

**Second Reading**      Philippians      2:6-11  
*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

**Gospel**      Mark      14:1-15:47

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:**      Acts      10:34, 37-43  
**Psalm:**      117  
**Second Reading:**      Colossians      3:1-4  
**Gospel:**      John      20:1-9



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:      \$3,882  
Automatic Payments:      \$3,932  
**Total: \$7,814**

### Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 March beginning at 7.30 pm in the Connolly Hall chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

### Thought for the Week

Be willing to be a beginner every single morning.

### Responsorial Psalm 21

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend'. **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons'. **R.**



De-us me-us. De-us me-us. ana-re me de-re-licni-sti?

*O my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

### The Harp in Concert

Canadian harpist John Layne on Tour in New Zealand. Held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 31 March at 2pm. Tickets are \$25, cash at the door.  
[www.joshlayne.com/ontour](http://www.joshlayne.com/ontour)

### Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Brian Quin sm, Fr Michael Tomasi, Laurie Butler, Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport, Anita Rae

**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, Fr Joe Savesi, Kathryn Frances Lloyd  
*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 9 April from 6-7pm in the St Mary of the Angels' Parish Hall. Koha appreciated, supper provided.

### Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is being held at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### Planned Giving

Donation envelopes for the new financial year are available for you to collect at the back of the church, listed by surname in alphabetical order. Please check that the number on your envelopes is the same as on your label. If any details are incorrect please contact the Parish Office on Monday 04 473 8074.

Please let us know if you would like to join our planned giving programme, or if you would like to opt to donate by internet banking instead of donation envelopes this year. End of financial year tax receipts will be available by the end of April.

### The Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Gala Dinner, Debate and Auction

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Sponsorships, tables and enquiries to

bobhouston@xtra.co.nz, 0274 898017. RSVP: 31 March 24 or until sold out.

### The Eucharist in Scripture

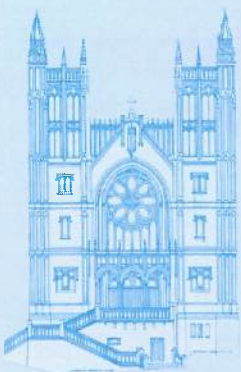
Eucharistia Young Adults (EYA) is a Catholic community for young adults to grow deeper in the Catholic faith and journey together towards Heaven. The group started a six week Bible Study called "The Eucharist in Scripture" by Scott Hahn that will end on 3 April. The young adults group will meet weekly 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](mailto:eucharistiawgtn@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page Eucharistia.

### A Taste of Theology

Take a glimpse into the profound and multifaceted realm of theology in 2024.

These one hour presentations are a great introduction to Theology and cover a range of topics including Scripture, official church teachings, moral and spiritual theology, Church history, Philosophy, pastoral and liturgical studies and Canon Law. Presenters are lecturers of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. Open to anyone who is curious about Theology.

Courses will be online via Zoom on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM. Click the link(s) to register. Fee for all courses is \$60 (one-off). You can register to all or as many as you want. Sessions will be recorded and made available to all registered participants. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology)



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## Calling all Young Adults in the Wellington CBD!

Join SMAYACS (St Mary of the Angels Young Adults) and find a vibrant community of faith, friendship, and fun!

We gather regularly at St Mary of the Angels for:

- **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](mailto: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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