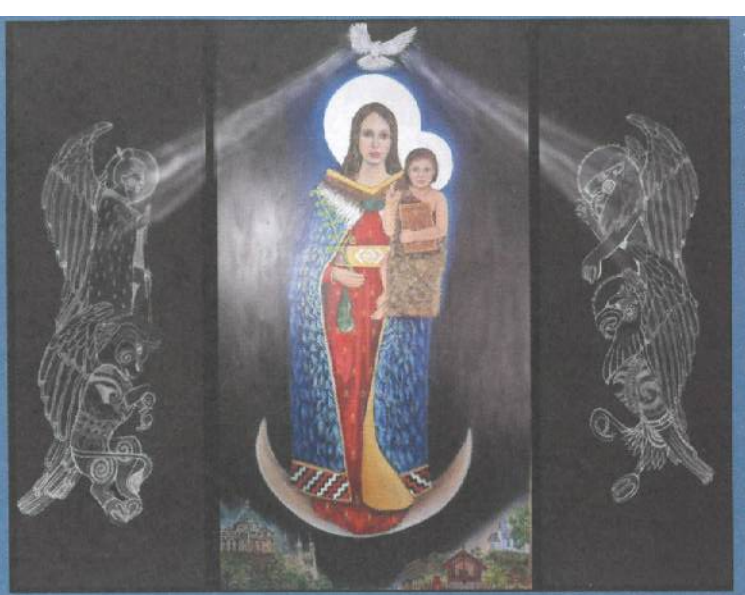


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Ko Hina Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 31 March 2024, Easter Sunday

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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.

The Lord has risen as he said: "I am the Resurrection" (cf. John 11:25). He is the fulfilment of the Scriptures from creation to the fulness of the kingdom.

When God created the world and us, God said what he had done was indeed very good. But what God did, we spoilt. However, God loved the world so much he desired not to condemn the world but to save it. So to Abraham the promise was made that he would be the father of many nations; nations that would come to know and love God's Holy Name. It was a promise that continued to take shape when, through Moses, God led a people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land of Canaan. Then, when the time was right, God became flesh in the Person of Jesus Christ

In Christ, God's Word was made flesh and became visible and tangible in human history. The death and resurrection of God's Word – the Christ – has drawn people to himself from every tribe, nation and language to know and love his Holy Name. This was the growing harvest that is the gradual realisation of the Lord's promise to Abraham who, by his faith, would become the father of a multitude as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the grains of sand on the shore of the sea. Generations of believers that now encompass the whole world share in the faith of Abraham as recounted in Scripture: "When God made the promise to Abraham, God swore by his own Self: I will shower blessings on you and give you many descendants. Because of that, Abraham persevered and saw the promise fulfilled" (cf. Hebrews 6:13-14).

But there is much more to God's abundance. By his death and resurrection God's Holy Name is not only embraced by many but God's Name has also given all believers a glorious future in which the children of God will live eternally in the fulness of the kingdom.

All the above God has done and is contained in what we remember and celebrate today. Indeed, this day was made by the Lord. We rejoice and are glad! So let us affirm again what he asks of us this day: "I am the Resurrection....Do you believe this?" And, like Martha, let us answer, "Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who was to come into this world" (cf. John 11:25-27).

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

## Easter Sunday Readings

*Mass of the Day*

**First Reading** Acts 10:34, 37-43  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**Second Reading** Colossians 3:1-4  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel** John 20:1-9  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 4:32-35

**Psalm:** Psalm 117

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,914

Automatic Payments: \$4,564

**Total: \$9,478**

### 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.

### Thought for the Week

"Peace be with you .... Why are you troubled?  
And why do questions arise in your hearts?"  
(from Luke 24 – the Resurrection)

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Jack Morgan, John London

**Anniversaries:** Lucie Halberstan, Fr Mark Beban sm, Fr Jim Beban sm, Margaret Hyland, Gerard O'Brien

**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, 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.*



## Responsorial Psalm 117

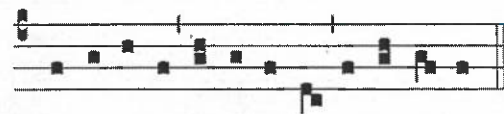
**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end'. **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**



Alle- lu-ia Alle - lu-ia Alle- lu- ia

### Columban Calendars

We still have a few Columban Calendars available for sale for \$12. If you are interested in buying one, please visit the Parish Office during the week.

### 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.  
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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.

## St Mary of the Angels

### Parish Donations

To make a donation to St  
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please scan the QR code and  
follow the link to our website.



### Thank You

A special thank you to those who have taken part in the Easter Liturgies during Holy Week. Those who have organised the Liturgies, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choirs, Collectors and all those in between. Your help has been very much appreciated and wishing you all a Happy Easter.

### 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.

### Come work for us – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team.

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### 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

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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.

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