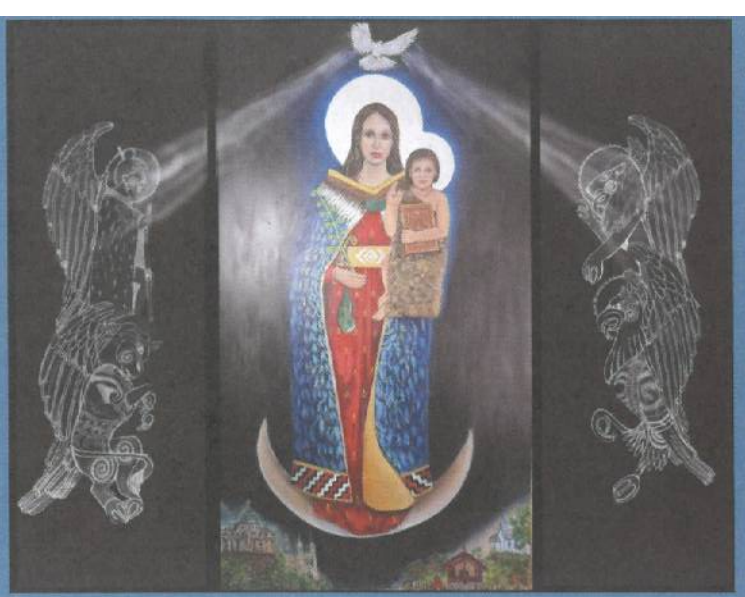


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

7 April 2024, 2nd Sunday of Easter

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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.

“We have seen the Lord”. The risen Christ has already appeared to the disciples in the absence of Thomas. He had shown the wounds of His passion and imparted to them His peace. In the anticipation of Pentecost He had given them the Holy Spirit.- the Spirit who by their means would effect the work of salvation. Then comes Thomas, and careless of what others thought, but true to himself, said flatly, ‘unless I see, I refuse to believe.’

Thomas the apostle was a very honest man. Here he shows us what concerns the adventure of faith, he is not easily convinced. How like ourselves he is, in the pursuit of the real, the tangible, mistrustful of ideologies unless they are vouched for by every day experience. Yet God is not displeased by this! The most amazing thing about faith is that one can believe. The Lord understands this, and a week later Thomas takes Him at His word and submits to His demand: ‘give me your hand and put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’

And what about us, are we going to drift through the liturgical celebration of the Easter season, repeating abstractedly: ‘Happy are they who have not seen, yet believe.’? We ought rather to follow Thomas in trying to see the power of the resurrection manifested in our lives- as individuals and as a community! We should see this power healing our brothers and sisters; undoing oppression; bringing back those men and women who still don’t believe.

At least we can offer them a helping hand. Another amazing truth about faith is that we believe in the impossible and do our utmost to achieve it. Then, and only then, dare we say, quite truthfully: ‘My Lord and my God.’

Today we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. This Feast was established by Pope John Paul 11. for the 2nd Sunday after Easter. It also links in with today’s Readings. It is a devotion that has spread throughout the world and many are very faithful to the prayers attached to it.

As profound as Thomas’ confession was after he came to believe, the faith of those who do not enjoy the kind of experience he and other disciples had is more remarkable. St. Peter speaks beautifully of this faith: ‘you did not see him, yet you love Him, and still without seeing Him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that cannot be described because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.’ (Peter 1:8-9)

We are Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm: 4

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$9,192

Automatic Payments: \$5,764

Total: \$14,956

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

A problem is a chance for you to do your best.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jack Morgan, John London

Anniversaries: Birja Nand, Patricia Wallis, Leo Connolly, Dorothy Cook, Katherine Butler, Sandra Southon

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, 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. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

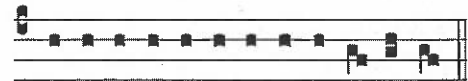
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**



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

Wednesday 10 April Midday Mass Cancelled

The Mass held at St Mary of the Angel's on Wednesday 10 April at 12.15pm has been cancelled.

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.

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National Shrine Prayer

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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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Thank You

A special thank you to those who have taken part in the Easter Liturgies. 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.

For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

St Joseph's Book Group

Held on Tuesday 9 April 9 at 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce Room, St Josephs Church, Mt Victoria. Members will share books etc then Peter Cullen will present. Contact John Dalgety on 027 3383576 for more info.

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage Program for Engaged and Married couples

Joy-Filled Marriage is a marriage program designed to help engaged and married couples embrace God's plan for the sacrament of matrimony. It offers a comprehensive approach to marriage that covers not only the sacramentality and theology of marriage but also the practical life skills necessary to live out the rich Catholic vision of marriage. The first component about the sacramentality and theology of marriage will be covered on the weekend of May 4 & 5 at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay. For more information or to register, visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

Called and Sent!

A day for the whole family to explore living the Gospel and reaching out to society at large. A program for children will be provided. An initiative of the Focolare Movement. Held on Saturday 20 April 2024, 9am to 4pm – BYO shared finger lunch. Held at Home of Compassion, Rhine St, Island Bay. \$10 per adult, children by donation. Contact Gloria - 022 1931957 or email: mariapolis.nz@gmail.com



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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.

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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