

# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish  
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Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven  
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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

14 April 2024, 3rd Sunday of Easter

## Prophets Of A Future Not Our Own

*After the great feasts of Easter, the very last verse of the Gospel reading this Sunday is very challenging, "You are witnesses of these things". I hope the following words will comfort and strengthen all of us so that we can really say, with conviction, serenity and courage, 'I will witness to the truths of Easter'.*

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom of God is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in a lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

No statement says all that could be said, no prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something and do it very well.

It may be incomplete but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

An opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

But that is the difference between the Master and the worker.

We are workers not master builders, ministers not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen

Saint Oscar Romero, archbishop. Murdered 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1980.

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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** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

*You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**Second Reading** 1 John 2:1-5

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

**Gospel** Luke 24:35-48

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*


## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 4:8-12

**Psalm:** 117

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18



**Last Sunday's Collection**

Sunday Collection:	\$3,914
Automatic Payments:	\$5,004
<b>Total: \$8,918</b>	

## 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 23 April from 6-7pm in the St Mary of the Angels' Parish Hall. Koha appreciated, supper provided.

## Thought for the Week

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas but for scars.

## Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Nance Mills, Clare Dwyer, James Davidson, June Eagle

**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 4

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**



Signa-tum est super nos lumen vultus tu- i Domi-ne.

*The light of thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us.*

## St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society ("Vinnies") will be held in the Mahony Room at the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on Tuesday 16 April at 6pm. We are a Catholic faith based charity, inspired by the Gospels, and dedicated to helping those in need through personal contact. If you would like to put your faith into action, please join us. New members are very welcome.

## 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

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.

### **ANZAC Day Mass**

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated this year by Archbishop Paul Martin, on Tuesday 25 April, 9am at St Mary of the Angels Church. We will remember all who have died as a consequence of war. We will also remember the Polish victims of the Katyn Massacre. Please bring a plate for morning tea after the Mass.

### **Planned Giving**

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 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.



### **Joshua Wellington**

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us this coming Thursday 18 April at 7:30pm to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by supper. Fr Kevin Mowbray SM will be speaking on "How good is our God". If you want to know more contact David Monastra 027-4477-280 or [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### **Pope Francis has Declared 2025 as a Year Of Jubilee With The Theme "Pilgrims Of Hope"**

"The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

*Pope Francis.*

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. The NZCBC has created an informative webpage. Please visit the website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> to find out more information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.

### **Taize Prayer**

We have our Taize prayer service this Sunday 14 April from 7pm to 8pm in the St Joe's Chapel at 152 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria. For more more info contact [johndalgety57@gmail.com](mailto:johndalgety57@gmail.com)



## **ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL**

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## 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](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz)

### The Fifth Gospel Project

Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation, and send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz) More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

### 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](mailto:mariapolis.nz@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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