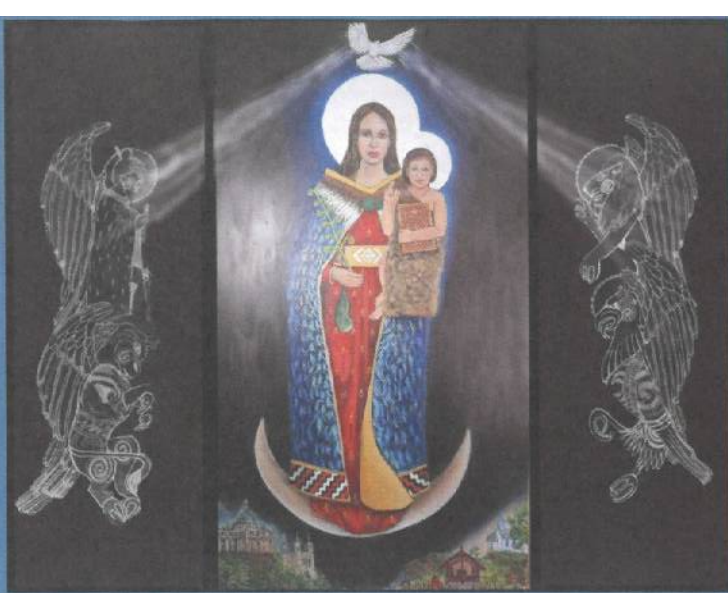


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Māua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

21 April 2024, 4th 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.

Most of us are familiar with natural history television programmes like those presented by David Attenborough that show such amazing animal behaviours like the ability of, say, penguins and seals to distinguish their own chicks or pups in the midst of a cacophony of sounds made by huge rookeries of penguins or colonies of seals. Well, in the market place of our human world there are many competing voices, yet the Lord is able to say that his sheep listen to his voice. His sheep are able to recognise his voice despite the cacophony of other competing ones.

It is our faith that enables us to pick up what is uniquely the voice of the Lord. Faith in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, who was crucified and rose from the dead and by whose name we are saved. The wonder is that the Lord has chosen us and has gifted us with faith in him; a gift not immediately given to all. It is similar to how the Risen Christ appeared, not to everyone, but to certain chosen witnesses after his resurrection and by their witness generations have come to believe. So faith in him may not be given immediately to everyone but to us – to certain chosen witnesses in every generation – who are called to continue the proclamation of the crucified and risen One thereby enlarging the sheepfold of Christ.

Through the gift of faith we learn to recognise, listen and follow the voice of our Shepherd. By Word and Sacrament and by living the values of the Gospel (which means patterning our lives on the life of our Shepherd), we grow and deepen that gift of faith. We worship the One in whom we believe, and we live the life of the One whom we worship and to whom we hold true. Thus, we make our own the confession of faith made by Saint Paul to the Galatians: "The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift..." (cf. Galatians 2:20-21). The life we live in our bodies we live in faith; and so, though many, we recognise his voice: the one flock led by the voice of our one Good Shepherd.

Fr Michael Young sm - Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:8-12
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2
We shall see God as he is.

Gospel John 10:11-18
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Psalm: 21
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,979
Automatic Payments: \$3,692
Total: \$7,671

St Vincent de Paul

A heartfelt thanks to those placing food donations in the Vinnies box at the rear of the church. These are a big contribution to our Food Bank, which is in great demand during the current high cost of living. Also, a big thank-you for the monetary donations we have received through the QR code on the St. Vincent de Paul statue next to the food box. This is greatly appreciated and allows us to help the needy in Wellington.

Thought for the Week

Since we cannot get what we like,
let us like what we can get.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jack Morgan, John Landon

Anniversaries: Jeanine Richardson, Terence McDonald, Vicki McPhee, James Jackson, Kaye Harrison, Rosalie Coyle, Malcolm McClure, John Blake, Joseph Churchward

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. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.

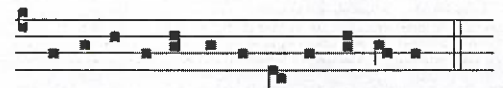
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

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

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R.**



Alle-lu-ia al-le-lu-ia al-le-lu-ia

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.

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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.

Game on! Men's Parenting Programme

We look at what our kids need, what is our role as Dads, communication, discipline and boundary setting, what makes a great family and more. We do all this along with kai, tea/coffee and conversation! Starting Wednesday 8 May from 6.30pm-8.30pm and will run for 8 weeks. Level 1, 132 Tory Street, upstairs of the Compassion Soup Kitchen. Registrations can be emailed to: reception@wn.catholic.org.nz. A koha to help towards costs would be greatly appreciated.

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.

ANZAC Day Concert

The Zimbelstern Foundation is delighted to invite you to a concert being given by International Concert Organist Paul Rosoman. Paul will present a programme showcasing works which reflect the importance of ANZAC day. People whose politics, beliefs and aspirations are widely different can share a genuine sorrow at the loss of so many lives in war, and a real respect for those who have endured warfare on behalf of the country we live in. The programme includes works by Bach, Buxtehude, Parry and Dupre. 'The Spirit of ANZAC is at St Mary of the Angels Church on Thursday April 25th at 2.00 pm and entry is free.

ANZAC Day Mass

The ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated this year by Archbishop Paul Martin, on Thursday 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.**

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 April at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

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.

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 More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>



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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

MTCC Presents! Songs Across the Pacific: America to New Zealand

Join us on a musical journey "Across the Pacific," as the Michigan Tech Concert Choir embarks on their concert tour to New Zealand! A diverse program that traverses spirituals, folk songs, bluegrass, and unique arrangements of traditional Polynesian songs. Held on Wednesday 8 May, 7.30pm in St Mary of the Angel's Church. Embracing the spirit of giving, entry to these memorable evenings is by Koha, with all proceeds benefiting Music Helps.

Founded in 1980 at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI, USA, the Michigan Tech Concert Choir is currently directed by Dr. Jared Anderson, whose leadership gracefully guides the choir as they bring to life the classics alongside the contemporary and draw in audiences through their love and passion for music.

Tickets for the show are available by registering via the following EventBrite link, with entry by Koha requested in lieu of a ticket sale price:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concert-with-michigan-tech-concert-choir-wellington-tickets-877632350987>

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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