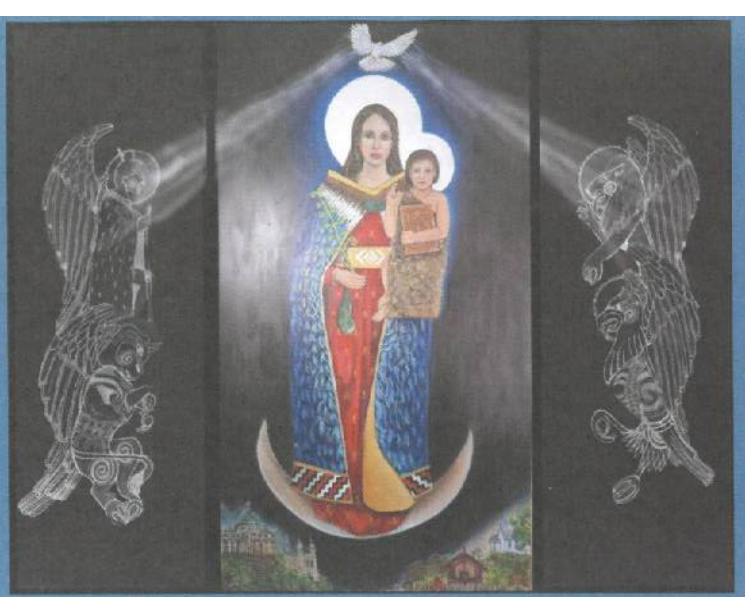


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

28 April 2024, 5th 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.

I am not a gardener, it has never appealed to me. I enjoy what I see others put into it and what it produces. In saying all this today's Gospel is one of my favourites The Vine and the Branches.

Sometimes people have the idea in their head of a wrathful God who punishes anyone who doesn't do what He says. They say, "You know what? My life is easier without all that," But that isn't the God revealed by Christ. As Jesus says, 'He didn't come to make things difficult for us, he came that we may have life'.

Jesus says, His Father is the vine grower. God is the source of life. Jesus is the vine. He is the life. The branches that grow off the vine- that's us. We have life as long as we stay connected to the vine. What happens if we are cut off? We wither and die. What happens when we cut ourselves off from the source of life. Jesus says these withered branches will be gathered and burnt. What matters if the branches get burnt? They are dead anyway. The part we need to avoid is being cut off from the Vine our source of life.

As the branch abiding in the vine bears fruit, when we abide in Jesus our lives become fruitful. Just as the vine is the life source of the branches. Jesus is our life source. We must learn to depend on Him and draw from Him our energy and strength. If we cut ourselves off from Jesus we are like the branches of the vine that wither and die. The branch of the vine is suitable for one or two things: either the vine or the fire (St. Augustine)

God the Father the Vinedresser, prunes the vine. Pruning is painful but productive. Useless branches drain the vine; they are better severed and thrown away. Fruit bearing branches are pruned so that they may bear even more fruit.

To believe in Jesus means taking seriously the things he says and does., repenting from our sins, taking advantage of the sacraments He gave us, and participating in the life of the Church He established. The foundation- the glue, if you will, that keeps attached to the vine- is Love. Love God, love each other, love ourselves. Without love we wither away: if we hate God, we start to hate each other, and eventually we come to hate ourselves. Then we are like this dead branch that's really only good for burning.

Jesus wants to spare us that, which is why He invites us today to remain in His love, that we might live and bear good fruit: Joy Love, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.(Gal.5:22)

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 9:26-31
He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel John 15:1-8
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm: 97

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 1 5:9-17

	Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:	\$3,184
	Automatic Payments:	\$5,264
	Total:	\$9,059

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/>

Thought for the Week

The best way out is always through.

Responsorial Psalm 21

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done'. **R.**



Adud te laus me- a in eccle-si- a magna.

With Thee is my praise in a great church.

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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Danny Ginty, Ikoke Fagasoia, Anne Yip

Anniversaries: Ches Tomaszuk, Jean Auld, Lnton Eskrigge, John Keating, Jung Jieun, Ian Jones, Stewart Dickson, Mark Fitzgerald, David Butler

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, Philippa Fagg, Phillip Hickey, Stephen George, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Joan Wolland, Greg Hayward, Fr Joe Saveli, Kathryn Frances Lloyd, Janice Quirke

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.

Planned Giving Receipts

The Planned Giving Tax receipts have been completed. If we have your email address for you in our database you should have received your receipt by now. If we do not have an email address for you or you have opted to receive a printed receipt this will be available at Masses on Sunday. If there are any errors or you need to update your details, please contact me in the Parish Office and I will be happy to help. Please email office.manager@smoa.org.nz or phone 04 473 8074.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to our Parish.

Healing Service

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church Petone 41 Britannia St. on Tuesday 7 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus` healing. All are welcome.

Marist St Pats RFC

The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12 May at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Volunteers Needed

Village at the Park Community is looking for weekday volunteer (s) to drive residents in care households (accompanied by their staff) in the Village Van on various outings. Contact Sr Elizabeth 0276805002.

St Mary of the Angels Working Bee

A working Bee is being help on Saturday 18 May from 8.30am-10.30am to prepare the Church for Pentecost. Many hand make light work!

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.

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.

St Mary of the Angels Parish

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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>

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If you want to serve in the parish community, become a catechist, Christian or youth leader, or want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, come and register at Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College. We offer programmes that will help you build intellectual faith as you build faith communities. For more information, please visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz, email us at office@ctc.ac.nz or call (04) 8198380. Scholarships and online options available."

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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