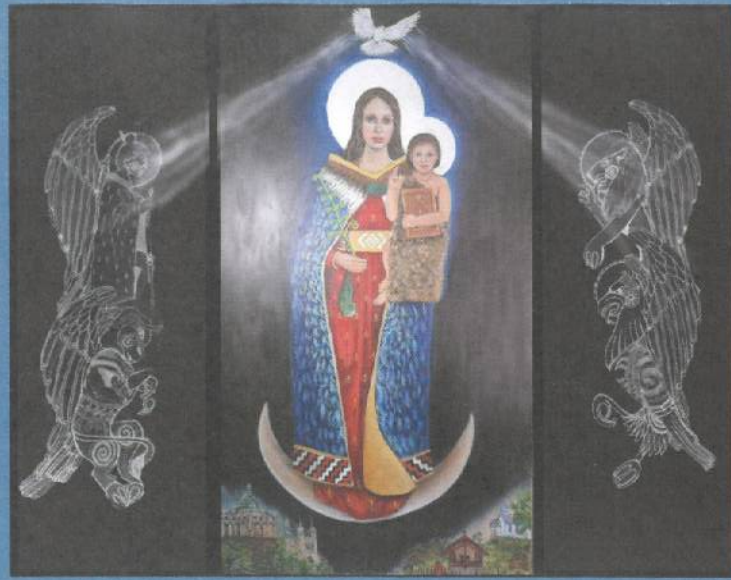


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Auaa - Holy Mary, Mother of God

5 May 2024, 6th 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.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my Love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

When Father Kevin asked if I would write this I had a wonderful thought and a feeling of love for the opportunity to praise and worship our Lord. *'That our joy may be complete'*. I thanked our Lord again for the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout my life as a liturgical organist. A liturgical organist is unique: one has to truly believe in God and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit - any number of things can happen – even when there is a set format to follow. Timing to coincide with what is going on in the sanctuary. Coping with the organ when something 'goes wrong' ... for example, at Christmas we had an important piece of string break which left three quarters of the organ inoperable !

I was born in the UK and arrived in Wellington in the mid-1980s. My journey here included a 'stop over' of almost 20 years in Johannesburg, South Africa where I was at both Cathedrals, either as Director of Music (DOM) or Organist. A chorister from Christ the King Johannesburg living in Wellington insisted my first port of call should be St Mary of the Angels! I was introduced to Father Gerry Mills and Maxwell Fernie who both made me feel very 'at home' – the rest, 'as they say', is history.

As a child, I was fascinated by the organ with its vast array of pipes, knobs, pedals, buttons, dials and that one "insignificant" player could produce such a variety of sounds. My legs were not long enough to reach the pedals and so keyboard life began at the piano. When my legs *were* long enough, I played for my first service when I was 8 at Prittlewell and more regularly when I was 12. At 16 I was appointed DOM at Hadleigh and since then have had to choose music to match the readings! I'm "spoilt" at St Mary of the Angels (though I still study the readings) because there is the wonderful William McElwee, DOM who chooses the music to be sung !!

While working in London, I played at a number of churches and at St Paul's Cathedral. What an acoustic ! A call for help from a friend sent me to St Luke's, Victoria Dock - one of the four "Dickens Churches" in the East End of London – an amazing experience !

On a return visit to the UK, I was thrilled to play the organ at Westminster Cathedral. I have been blessed to play many organs in the UK, Europe and Australia, including one in the Vatican. One day I'd like to play the largest organ in the world in Atlantic City !

And so the story continues – As the psalmist says: *Praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord .*

David Trott—St Mary of the Angel's Organist

This Week's Readings


First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10
God is love.

Gospel John 15:9-17
No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: 46
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

	Last Sunday's Collection	
	Sunday Collection:	\$4,339
	Automatic Payments:	\$4,794
Total: \$9,059		

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.

Thought for the Week

Examine what is said not the one who speaks.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Sir Vincent O'Sullivan, Danny Ginty, Ikoke Fagasgaia, Anne Yip

Anniversaries: George Bright, Terry Chamberlain, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Joseph Hermon, Mariette Hopman, Christopher Eastwood, Anasetasia Churchward, Fr Augustine Hill sm, Pua Magasiva

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, 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.

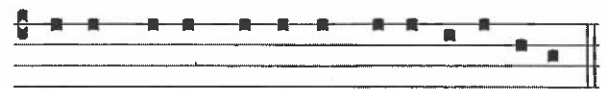
Responsorial Psalm 97

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**



No-tum fe-cit Domi-nus sa-lu-ta-re su-um.

The Lord hath made known his salvation

Festival of Life Sunday – May 5th 2024

In baptism, through water and the word, a person is immersed in Jesus Christ, and journeys with Christ, through his death and resurrection to a new life. This week we celebrate an initiative of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue. We highlight Baptism, and its significance for Christian unity. This initiative affirms the shared belief “in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins” as confessed in the Nicene Creed. Today we spend some time focussing on Baptism which is the seedbed from which Christians can develop a deeper appreciation of one another on our journey to wholeness.

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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.

Challenge 2000 Concert

Challenge 2000 are excited to host a Community Variety Concert! A fundraising event by donation to coincide and conclude NZ Youth Week 2024. This year's Youth Week theme is "WE MAY NOT HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER, BUT TOGETHER WE HAVE IT ALL" The event aims to showcase the musical, theatrical, and cultural diverse talents of children, young people and other community members. A platform where they could express and share their God given gifts and talents with the world.

Come along and bring the family to what is planning to be an epic night of live entertainment. **Held on Saturday 25 May at St Patricks College, 581 Evans Bay Parade, Kilbirnie. Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm start.** Check out the poster for more details and we look forward to seeing you and your family there. Together we can make a difference and change our world.

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.

St Mary of the Angels Working Bee

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

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.

Join the New Zealand String Quartet at St Mary of the Angels!

New Zealand's very own string quartet will perform at St Mary of the Angels on **Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm**. There'll be something for everyone with music by Claire Cowan, Shostakovich and Debussy. This is a special concert as it is second violinist Monique Lapins' final full concert with the ensemble at home in Wellington before she departs to pursue other artistic endeavours.

The NZSQ would like to invite St Mary of the Angels & St Joseph's parishioners to join them on the 15th May.

They're offering a 20% discount on General Admission and Senior tickets to all parishioners. Simply input the code **NZSQ20** at the checkout when booking online.

Book now: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/nzsq-soundscapes/wellington>

Welcome to Fr Kevin Head

We welcome Fr Kevin Head sm to St Mary of the Angels Parish. Fr Kevin will be celebrating Masses for 3 days during the week.

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.



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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>

Family Pilgrimage with Mary

This May, join us as we visit sacred sites to honour our Blessed Mother asking for her intercession for the needs of families, the Church, and the world. The pilgrimage will be on Saturday, May 18. It will start at St Mary of the Angels National Shrine of Aotearoa at 8am, followed by Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8.30am/ For the full itinerary, visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz. Best contact Joel—0276837808.

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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