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

12 May 2024, The Ascension of the Lord

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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.

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord to Heaven. The ascension reminds us of the depths of human leave-taking. Jesus has gone home. He has left us and we are saddened. We can console ourselves and rejoice that we have known him. We can, however, rejoice far more in his abiding presence in his Spirit within us, and life in the Church.. We can rejoice, too, in the assurance that where he is, we, one day, shall also be.

What did the Disciples do once Jesus said his goodbyes and was gone? They went back joyous in their praise of God. For them this was a happy time- a time to be glad. The psalm reminds us; "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord".

In the Gospel Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation, he who believes will be saved". We too have been called to be proclaimers and evangelizers. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. By our lives we are commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life, love, hope and peace. This mission is not given to a select few, but to all who believe .

Therefore the Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ's promise to us. Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities we need a divine help in order to succeed, this help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom we must pay attention at all times. Let us pray for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in all that we do.

Today we also remember Mother's Day. For our Mothers living and dead. We all have been blessed in one way or another of the many sacrifices and love they have given us. For their patience, understanding, loss of sleep, comfort, by the example of their Christian lives, teaching us right from wrong, teaching us to pray, also the importance of loving God and each other. We ask a blessing on all Mothers, and our Caregivers. I share with you the following inspirational verse, "A Mother's Love" (author unknown)

There is no love like a Mother's, her heart is full of care,
With Christ as her example, her Saviour's love she shares.

A Mother's love is endless, not changing all the time
When needed by her children, a Mother's love will shine.

God bless these special Mothers, God bless them everyone,
For all their tears and heartbreaks, and special works they've done.

When days on earth are over, a Mother's love lives on,
Through many generations, God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our Mothers who love with higher love,
From power God has given, and strength from up above.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Mark 16:15-20
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Psalm: 103
Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,798
 Automatic Payments: \$5,614
Total: \$9,412

Prayer for Social Justice

Come and join us for a gentle time of praise, worship, and prayer intentions against Human Trafficking, Child abuse, War, Slavery, Prayers for our World etc. Sunday 26 May, St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay. We meet on the last Sunday of each month, same time and same venue. Starts at 1.30pm and finishes between 3.30pm-4pm. Stephen and Judy Bailey, Otaki. contact number 021-183-2445

Thought for the Week

Education is not the filling of a bucket;
 it is the lighting of a fire

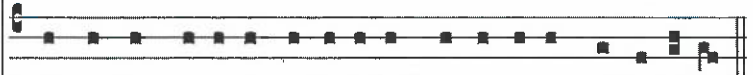
Responsorial Psalm 46

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
 cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
 great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God, sing praise,
 sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
 Sing praise with all your skill.
 God is king over the nations;
 God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**



Ascendit De-us in iu-bi-lo, et Domi-nus in vo-ce tubae.

God is ascended with jubilee: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

St. Patrick's College Service Group

Students from St. Patrick's College in Kilbirnie are extending a helping hand to elderly community members by offering to assist with gardening tasks. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please reach out to Fr. Hayden Powick at hayden.powick@stpats.school.nz

Religious Sculpture Exhibition

Be pleasantly surprised at the collection of 60 sculptured contemporary crosses made from different materials by local artist David Krstičević. On display at Home of Compassion all of May. 2 Rhine St. Island Bay. Tuesday-Friday 10am - 3pm.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Anne (Nancy) Faherty, Sir Vincent O'Sullivan, Danny Ginty, Ikoke Fagasoia, Anne Yip

Anniversaries: Oinah MacPherson, Mary Egan, John Smith

Prayers for the Sick: Jeanette Papesch, Noreen Kirwan, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Kay De Bernardo, Saturino Viloría, Jim Meachen, Tony Mackle, Dr Bill Glass, Stephen George, Greg Hayward, Kathryn Frances Lloyd, Steph Butler



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.

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

St Joseph's Men's Book Group

Tuesday 14 May at 7.30 pm, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. Book(s), Magazines, movies, websites etc. shared by members.

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!

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 23 May at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Theme: "The Lord God is our All-in-One". Speaker: Steve Ready. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Taize Chanting

Sunday 12 May from 7pm to 8pm in the St Joseph's chapel in the church.

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 15 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>

Pentecost Sunday

For next Sunday parishioners are invited to wear clothing representing their own culture to symbolise the multicultural nature of Christianity or to wear red, orange or yellow items of clothing to symbolise fire.

Family Life Catholic Gifts

Family Life Catholic Gifts is offering 20% off Rosaries and Fatima statues this month of May to honour Our Lady. Come and visit us online www.catholicgifts.co.nz. Phone (09) 629 0820.



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St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.

St Patrick's College Open Day Tours - May 2024

It is with pleasure that you are invited to register to attend one of our Open Day Tours which are to be held on Tuesday 28 May between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and again on Thursday 30 May at the same times.

To make a booking please either email admin@stpats.school.nz with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

On the front page of our website you will see a drop down menu labelled 'Enrolment' and if you click on that and scroll down on the left hand side you will see a tab for Open Day.

Open this section and click on the Blue button – Sign up.

Enter your details and make your selection regarding day/time.

A reminder email will be sent closer to your booked day.

Open Day is a chance for parents to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9 to 13.

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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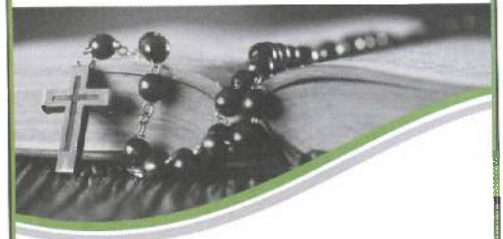
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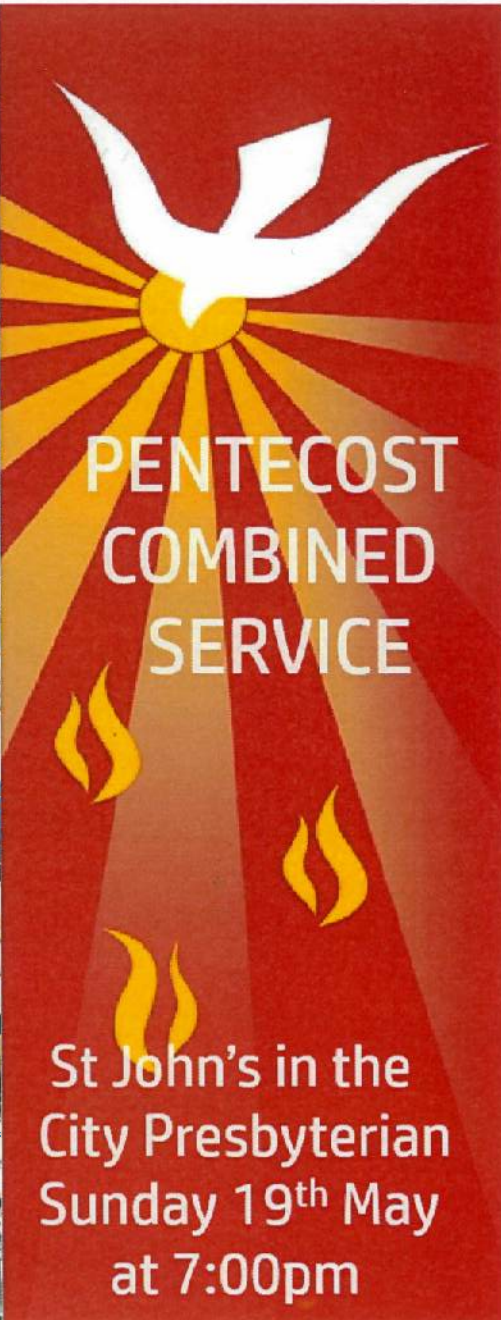
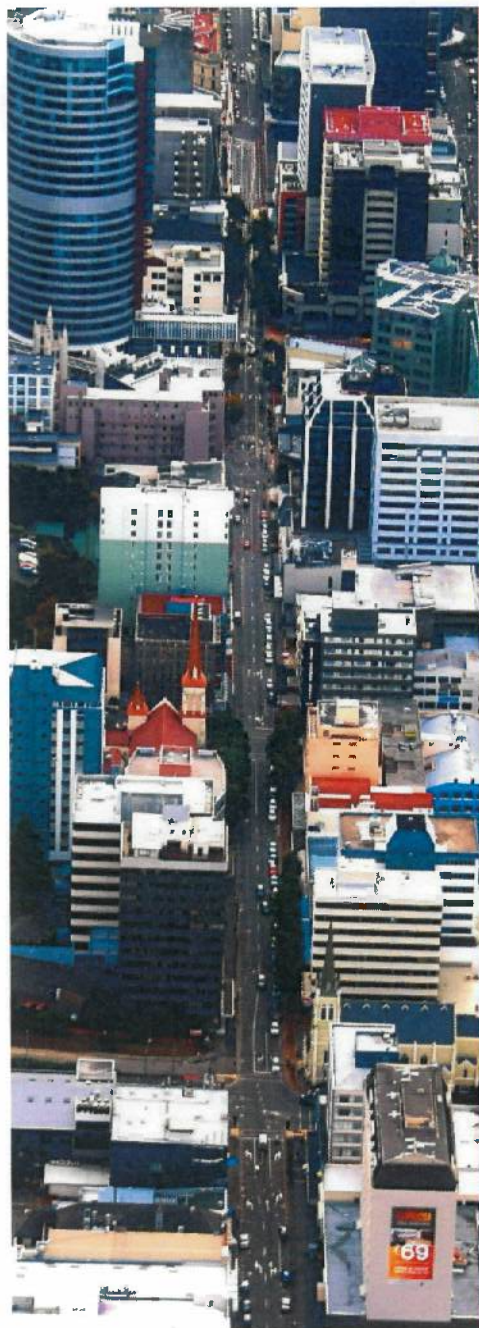
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