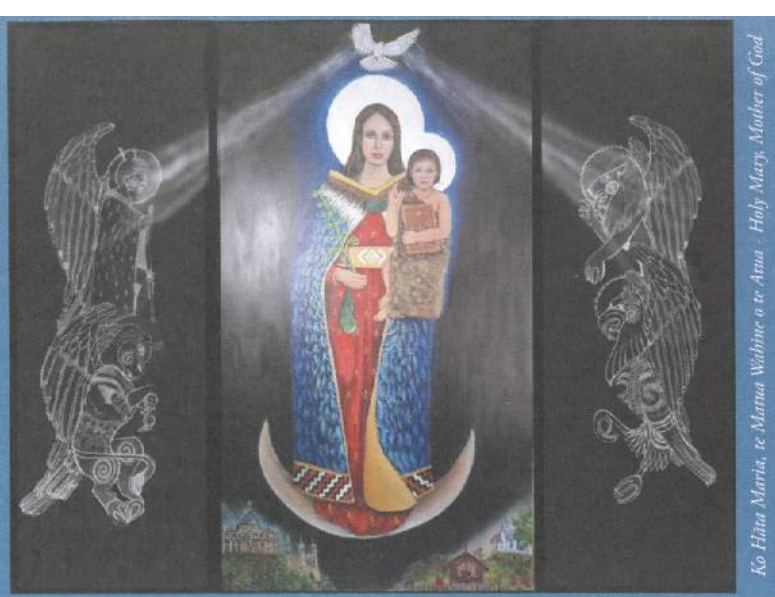


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19 May 2024, Pentecost Sunday

'When Jesus Drew Near and Saw the City, He Wept Over It'. (Luke 19:41)

Violence in Gaza and Israel – yet again.

How many times has this been said about the 'holy' land? The land that is held holy by Jews and Muslims and Christians alike – the three great communities of Faith who share love and respect for Abraham, their father in Faith.

Death and destruction in Gaza and Israel – yet again.

Where is God the Father in all of this? Has He abandoned this land where His Covenant was so solemnly revered for hundreds of years; where His only Son was born, walked and prayed, preached and celebrated the great feasts of his Jewish tradition; where He offered himself as a sacrifice for the Many; where His Spirit shaped the followers of Jesus into the community of believers we now call 'the Church'?

Immeasurable pain and suffering in Gaza and Israel – yet again.

It is especially sad and terribly frustrating to write these words on this day of Pentecost – the day when we remember and celebrate the subtle, hidden movement of the Spirit of Peace and Joy amongst the disciples in that very land nearly two thousand years ago.

Yet God never abandons his people! His Spirit is always with us! Reflect on these words addressed to the prophet Elijah:

"Then the word of Yahweh came to him saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah? Go out on the mountain and stand before Yahweh'. For at that moment Yahweh was going by. A mighty hurricane split the mountains and shattered rocks before Yahweh. But Yahweh was not in the hurricane. And after the hurricane, an earthquake. But Yahweh was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake, fire. But Yahweh was not in the fire. And after the fire, a light murmuring sound. And when Elijah heard this then a voice came to him." (1 Kings 19: 9ff)

The Spirit of Pentecost comes unexpectedly - like a 'light murmuring sound' - in the heart! In the hearts of men and women who are truly seeking God, who are open to his call. A call which may lead them along paths they never dreamed of and least expected. So it was with those disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem; and so it will be with us. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, does not force his way into our lives, force his peace and joy upon us. He is always waiting, knocking insistently with anguished patience, for us to open up our hearts to him. This is Pentecost.

Only an open heart will know the Spirit of Pentecost, the Spirit of Peace and Joy. A truth we must accept! As, surely, must all who now live in the Land called 'Holy' by so many throughout the world.

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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	2:1-11
<i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.</i>		
Second Reading	Galatians	5:16-25
<i>The fruit of the Spirit.</i>		
Gospel	John	15:26-27; 16:12-15
<i>The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.</i>		

Next Week's Readings

First Reading:	Deuteronomy	4:32-34; 39-40
Psalm:	32	
Second Reading:	Romans	8:14-17
Gospel:	Matthew	28:16-20



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3,797
Automatic Payments:	\$5,614
Total:	\$9,411

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

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

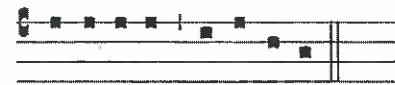
Responsorial Psalm 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**



Alle-lu-a. Alle-lu-ia.

Hibernian Society

The parish's Hibernian society will have its annual meeting in the St Mary of the Angels hall on Wednesday 22nd May at 5.15pm. St Joseph's Hibernians is a Catholic mutual aid society – Catholics helping Catholics. Parishioners are welcome to attend and learn about our medical and other benefit funds. All enquiries are welcome. Secretary is Philip O'Brien, 0274 220 242

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, 2 Rhine St. Island Bay. All of May, Tuesday-Friday 10am - 3pm and Sunday 26 May 12pm- 2pm.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Christiane Dubrevil, Anne (Nancy) Faherty

Anniversaries: John Smith, Brian Flynn, Michael Cenek, Margaret Fogarty, Mary Davidson, Maxwell Fernie, Paul Guerin, Colleen Pocock

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 Viloria, 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.

Pentecost Combined Service

Join us for our annual combined Pentecost service with St John's and St Peters. Held at St John's in the City Presbyterian Church on Sunday 19th May at 7pm.

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

Thank You from Fr Joe

"Thank you to all the parishioners of our parish for your prayerful support during my time of respite care and recuperation. I very much appreciated it and the messages and those who were able to visit me. I am now back home here at SMOA and taking things step by step. Once again, THANK YOU, FAAFETAI LAVA, KIA ORA... Fr Joe Savesi

St Vincent de Paul

Would you like to put your faith into action by helping needy people in the community through personal contact? If so, please join us. The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on May 21 at 6pm. New members are very welcome.

Laudato Si' Week

19th May - 26th May "Seeds of Hope"

"There are no lasting changes without cultural changes ---- and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." (Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum Pope Francis to All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis paragraph 70).

The planet is everyone's responsibility. For this year's Laudato Si Week we are invited to contemplate and nurture "Seeds of Hope" for our suffering planet. The Laudato Si' Week daily posts are a way we can all move together as seeds of hope for our common home. Go to the following link for access:

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/laudato-si-week-19th-may-26th-may-seeds-of-hope-2024/

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 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.

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

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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