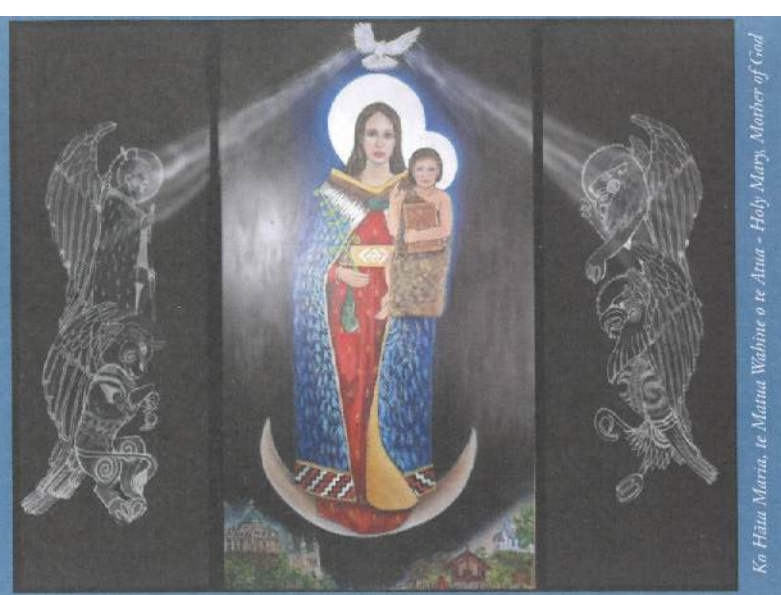


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16 June 2024, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

On this 11th Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us that, as part of God's kingdom, the Church is like a tree planted by God in the world. From the smallest of all seeds, she becomes the noblest of trees and fills the earth. The Church is the physical evidence of God's kingdom. So, like the birds of the air we are called to make our home in her.

Today's Readings focus on faith, growth and humility. The messages show God's power to nurture and transform lives, encouraging us to trust and follow Him. God's nurturing power; God takes a small shoot/ seed and grows it into a great tree.

The First reading is a message of hope and restoration. Through Ezekiel God promised to re-establish and elevate His people who were in exile in Babylon. This means that God wishes to transfer his people from a kingdom of oppression, poverty and misery to a realm of justice, prosperity and peace of mind.

This is the kingdom where Christ reigns as king and as the fountain of life. This is the kingdom where God wishes us to be. The Church is the visible sign of this noble cedar that gives refuge to people.

The second reading, Paul reminds us that we are on a journey towards the kingdom of God to be with Christ, our Lord and King. Hence, whether we are 'living in the body or exiled from it, we must remain focused on pleasing the Lord.

The journey to this kingdom is journey that must be approached with faith and courage. Hence Paul reminds us: "Going as we do by faith and not by sight, we are full of confidence.. and want to leave this body with Christ," in light of this, we must advance diligently to be admitted into this kingdom by Christ. Today's Gospel Jesus uses two parables to describe the kingdom of God. The kingdom he invites us to is a simple and peaceful one. It is open to all who seek it with a sincere heart. The easiest way to enter into it is by sowing a seed of faith in Christ. This is the key.

The second parable, the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds refers to our faith." If we have faith like the mustard seed,, nothing will be impossible.. This includes entering into the kingdom of God. It is important to note that the authenticity of our faith must be tested.

Faith is caught, not taught. Faith grows, our faith draws others to Christ and His Church, if we are sincere. Lives can be touched and transformed and many people might come to believe in God.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24
I have made the small tree great.

Second Reading Corinthians 5:6-10
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel Mark 4:26-34
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11
Psalm: 106
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,445
Automatic Payments: \$3,966
Total: \$7,411

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 **Tuesday 18 June** from 6-7pm in the St Mary of the Angels' Parish Hall. Koha appreciated, supper provided.

Thought for the Week

It isn't where you came from.
It's where you're going that counts

Responsorial Psalm 91

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



Bo-num est confi-te-re Domi-no

It is good to praise the Lord

Marist Vocations Morning

For young men who want to know more about the Society of Mary and how to discern a call to religious or priestly life, come along to St. Mary of the Angels on the **30th of June**. We will begin with Holy Mass at 11am in the Church followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. We will then discuss the following topics: how to discern one's vocation, what are the differences between Religious and Priestly Life, who are the Marists, and priestly celibacy. We will conclude with an open panel for questions. If you are interested, email Fr. Hayden at vocations@smnz.org.nz.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Tony Mackle, John Woods, Sean Frantz Garlick

Anniversaries: Christina Sheppard, Wilma Giles, George Swensson, Patrick Smyth, Trevor Hyde, Althea Walters Salvatore Famularo

Prayers for the Sick: Jeanette Papesch, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam



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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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence again on the 12th of September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs from September to May and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in joining this programme, or would like to support as a leader or sponsor in this programme, please make contact with Fr Michael on mlyoung@gmail.com. Registration closes once the programme begins.

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 20 June at 7:30pm in 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Steve Ready is speaking on "Pray with meaning". If you want to know more, contact David Monastra 027 447 7280, joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Matariki Celebration - Friday 5 July 2024

Matariki is a time of companionship, thanksgiving and remembrance and will be celebrated with a social gathering at St Joseph's on Friday 5 July. Please join us at 6pm for "bring your own takeaways" kai and enjoy them in the fellowship of others. We will conclude with a short time of prayer and reflection.

June Mass Cancellations

Due to the lack of Priests the following Masses are cancelled in June:

St Joseph's Church

18 June, 8.30am

St Mary of the Angels Church

17-21 June, all evening Masses (5.15pm) and Reconciliation (4.30pm).

18-21 June, 7.30am Masses and Adoration.

Liturgy of the Word

(The 2nd of four workshops centred on The Mass). This workshop presented by Fr Patrick Bridgman is on **Wed. 26th June at Sacred Heart Church, Petone from 7pm-9pm**. Tea & Coffee available from 6.30pm. Anyone wanting to deepen their appreciation and understanding of the Mass is very welcome. Registrations:

c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz

St Vincent de Paul

A sincere thank-you to those donating food into the St. Vincent de Paul basket or giving money by means of the QR code at the rear of the church. If you would like to help people in need through personal contact, why not join our Vinnies group centred at St. Mary of the Angels. The next meeting is on Tuesday June 18 in the Mahony Room of the Presbytery at 6pm. Together we can put our faith into action.

Wellington Pathfinders

Have you recently found yourself out of work? Are you wanting to meet other people who are going through a similar experience and can understand? Are you wanting to talk about a way forward in a supported environment? Come along to Wellington Pathfinders, a group facilitated by Jules which meets on Monday mornings from 9.30am and Friday 3pm in the Bill Pearce Room at St Joseph's Church by the Basin Reserve. All are welcome you don't have to be Catholic.

Peters Pence Collection

Donations for Peters Pence will be collected on 30 June, however donations are accepted anytime. For those that do not give by planned giving envelopes, there will be envelopes available at the entrances for cash donations. If you wish to give by bank deposit, please put Peters Pence in the reference.



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Common Grace Aotearoa

Save the dates! Common Grace Aotearoa is offering a programme 'Belonging in this Land - Treaty Basics from a Christian Perspective'. This consists of two video presentations followed by group discussion. The programme is an opportunity for us to learn more about Te Tiriti, and what it means to be Tangata Tiriti in the face of the Treaty Principles Bill. It is very important that all of us: Māori, Pākehā, recent migrants as well as those whose ancestors came to this country in the 1800s, have an understanding of te Tiriti and the Treaty (note they are separate documents). Sir David Moxon, former Anglican Archbishop of NZ is one of the presenters.

Date Session 2: Monday 24 June at 7pm -8.30pm

Venue: St Anne's Church.

Common Grace would be very grateful for any donation. Go to treatyandbelonging.nz/resources. There will also be a donation basket at the back of the church Please let the Catholic Parish of Wellington South Parish office know if you wish to attend so a participant's booklet can be prepared for you.

Email: office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org. (You can also download the booklet from the above website.)

Sunday Miha (Maori Mass)

Miha for Te Kāinga is celebrated at the Home of Compassion Chapel, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay.

Sundays at 11am except the 3rd Sunday of the month which is Liturgy of the Word. Miha is not celebrated during January. Miha resumes in February.

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.

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