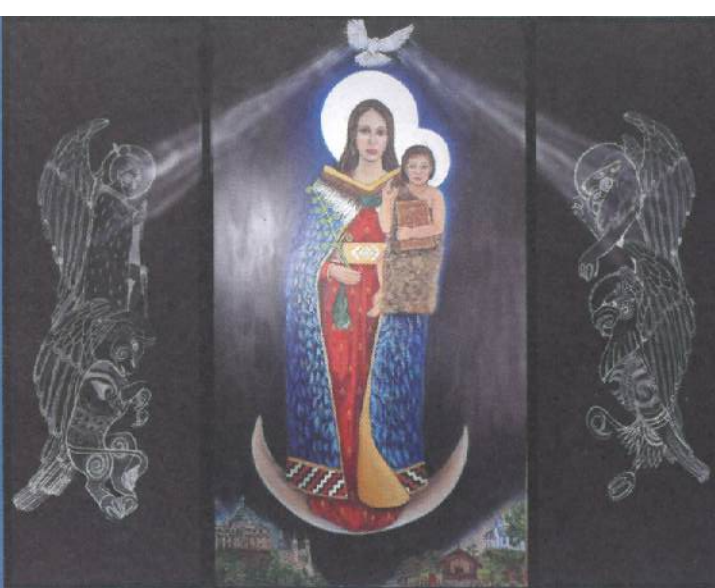


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

7 July 2024, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living Brightly in the Present Moment

The Word of God this Sunday is timely, as all three readings tell us *how* to brighten our lives. Our lives get dull because we have narratives that run constantly in our heads, that we have slowly built up from earlier childhood experiences and relationships in order to make sense of the external world and help us to survive. The only trouble is that external world changes rapidly and our narratives do not.

The three readings this Sunday help the narratives in our heads to catch up with the changing world around us. They will do so when we choose to hear them as if they are three sacred midwives giving us new ways of thinking. They can birth a much more synchronised life. We hear Ezekiel waking up to a new life, him being called to preach to the people about making their lives bright-eyed again, by being a friend of God rather than against God. We can hear St Paul advising the Corinthians they can step aside from their unhappy lives by changing their thinking about their failings. Rather than focus on their brokenness he says hand failings over to *God* who will repair them. Life gets lighter and brighter.

If we open up the tired narratives locked in our heads we will realise that our ordinary lives are already enough in the eyes of God, are all God wants for us is to be happy here on earth and eternally fulfilled in the next. We do not have to be rich and famous. We do not have to be addicted to pleasure, as society messages us daily. We do not have to be anything other than who we are truly meant to be. Jesus was a carpenter and the son of Mary. We have our own families, we have jobs and benefits, we have our lives as God intended for us. There may be more to come but God has all that in hand as well. Nothing will ever be sent that we cannot manage. All we have to do to live brightly is allow the tired narratives in our heads to change and live fully in the present moment. We do not have to control and fix everything. God will. Our lives are already beautiful and bright and will be even more so as friends of God.

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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.

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This Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
The people are rebellions; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6
A prophet is despised only in his own country.


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Amos 7: 12-15

Psalm: 84

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$
Automatic Payments:	\$3,759
Total: \$	

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

Thought for the Week

Life is fragile, handle with prayer

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Ivan Smith

Anniversaries: Paul Sparnaay, Ruth Garland, Fr Peter Wall, Maureen Ayling, Ngavaine Goodwin, Gillian Wills, Maria Blue, Fr Gerard Mills sm, Patricia Smyth, David Lemon

Prayers for the Sick: Jeanette Papesch, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Kay De Bernardo, Saturino Vilorio, Jim Meachen, Dr Bill Glass, Stephen George, Greg Hayward, Kathryn Frances Lloyd, Fr Joe Savesi sm, Neni Beres, Yvonne D'Souza, Fr Brian Wysocki sm



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 122

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
 you who dwell in the heavens:
 my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
 on the hand of their lords. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant
 on the hand of her mistress,
 so our eyes are on the Lord our God
 till he show us mercy. **R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord have mercy.
 We are filled with contempt.
 Indeed all too full is our soul
 with the scorn of the rich,
 with the proud man's disdain. **R.**



Our eyes are unto the Lord until He have mercy on us.

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 Fridays at 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.



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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.

RCIA Sponsors

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin again in our Parish this September. Once again, the Parish RCIA Core Team invites Parishioners to take up the important role of sponsor for those desiring to become full members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in accompanying those who are thinking of sharing in our Catholic tradition, please get in touch with Fr. Michael via his email address: mlyoungsm@gmail.com. In accompanying others we can grow and deepen knowledge and understanding of our own faith witness.

Lost Property

Two St Pauls Sunday Missals were left in the Church a few weeks ago. If you left them please call the office.

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.

Annual Shoe Sale - Greenstone Doors

Held on Saturday 21 September, 10am in St Peter and Paul's Hall, Lower Hutt. We are now collecting donations of quality new and near new shoes, handbags, belts, bags, backpacks etc. From this weekend there will be a large collection box in the foyer of St Peter and Paul's Church for you to make shoe donations. You can also call Monica on 021 2991138 if you would like your donations to be picked up or drop your donations to our centres in Naenae or Upper Hutt. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Joshua Retreat

Put this date in your diary. Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 17 August 8:30am to 5pm. The theme is 'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...' Retreat leader is Brendan Woodnutt, Christchurch. If you want to know more contact Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Living Wage Movement

You are invited to a discussion on **Sunday 21st July after the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church Mt Victoria**, to hear more about the Living Wage: how the Living Wage movement involves faith communities, current Living Wage initiatives and reflect how as individuals and a community we can support this cause. For more information contact John Feeney Parish Social Justice group: johnfeeney57@gmail.com

Prayer for Wellington

Join us in Prayer for Wellington on Saturday 27 July between 1pm and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Afternoon tea to follow. Hosted by Current of Grace Wellington. Contact: Josephine Olsen josie_olsen5@hotmail.com

Fundraiser Screening

You are cordially invited to join us for a movie fundraiser evening on Monday 22 July 2024, 6pm at Lighthouse Cuba, 29 Wigan Street. The movie "Fly me to the Moon" is a romantic comedy set during the 1960s space race between the United States of America and the Soviet Union. A relationship develops between the NASA director in charge of the Apollo 11 launch and the marketing specialist brought in to fix NASA's public image and stage a "back-up" fake Moon landing. Funds raised from the evening will help with general maintenance of Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua, Holy Mary, Mother of God artwork. Tickets will be available on sale after every mass at St Joseph's & St Mary of the Angels.



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Host Families Needed!

St. Patrick's College is urgently looking for host families, both long and short term stays.

Long Term: We are looking for two families to host our incoming international students arriving mid-July to attend St. Patrick's College until the end of the school year. One student is a 15 years old from Vietnam, and the other is a 16 year old from China. St. Patrick's College offers a homestay fee of \$340 per week.

Short Term: We are looking for four families to host short-term visiting Japanese students in July for 9 days. Host families for these boys would be asked to host 2 students together. There is a different homestay fee for these students.

If you would like to host any of these young men, or would like to learn more about hosting in general, please contact Meg Szulinski, the International Student Coordinator at St. Patrick's College, at 027-319-2858.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025! Registrations open July 14 at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

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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