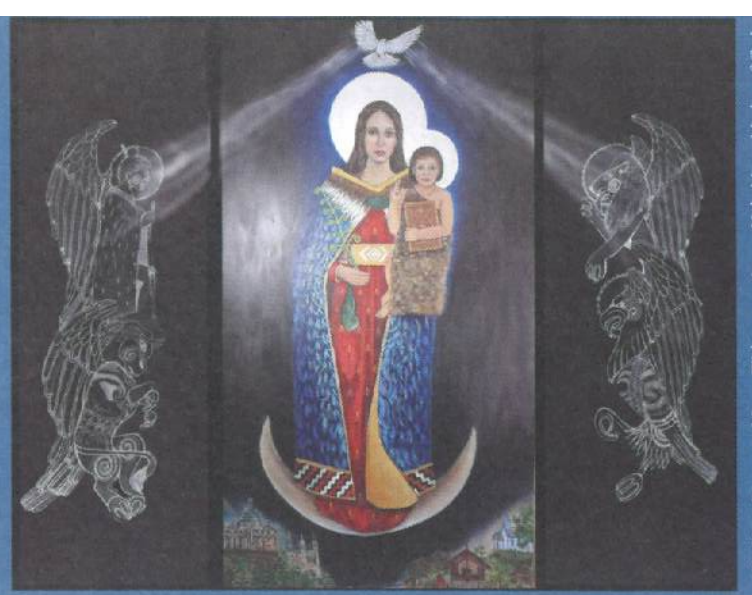


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

28 July 2024, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes

Took. Blessed. Broke. Gave.

Four simple words. Four words that are at the heart of our Gospel reading today. Four words that are at the very centre of each mass. Four words that the priest repeats each time he consecrates the bread and wine.

These are the words that John uses to describe what Jesus did when he went up on the mountain, sat down with his disciples, saw a large crowd was coming to him and asked Philip “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” Andrew desperate, no doubt, to indicate to Jesus the impossibility of feeding so big a crowd mentioned that the only food apparently available was five loaves and two fish a boy was carrying with him. It was then that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks (i.e. blessed) and distributed the loaves.

Matthew, in his Gospel, records the same event in this way: “Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds” (Matthew 14:19).

Matthew repeats these four words at the Last Supper on the night before he was to die on the cross: “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat this is my body.” Ever since that moment – that first mass – we have obeyed the command of Jesus, “Do this in memory of me”.

We know these words have always been deeply embedded in the memory of the Christian community because the two disciples on the way to Emmaus “recognised him in the breaking of bread”.

This is “The Mystery of Faith” we celebrate each and every Sunday. These four words capture all that Jesus Christ is for us: He took the form of man; he was blessed by the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry; he was broken on the cross; he was given back to the Father - and to us - through his resurrection.

These are the words that describe the way of Christ, the way we have chosen to follow. In each and every mass these four simple words tell us why we are here, in this church, gathering to celebrate this mass with the priest. We are here to be taken into Christ, blessed by His Spirit, broken for others and given to the Father.

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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: 2 Kings 4: 42-44
They will eat and have some left over.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6
There is only one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel: John 6:1-15
He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalm: 77
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,335
Automatic Payments: \$6,407
Total: \$9,742

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

Thought for the Week

Betray a friend and you'll often find
you have ruined yourself

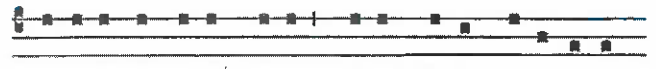
Responsorial Psalm 144

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**



Ape-ris tu manum tu-am, et imple omne a-nimal.
Thou openest thy hand and fillest every living creature.

Bach Choir Concert

Bach Choir of Wellington perform Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, Saturday 3 August, 2 pm at St Mary of the Angels. Tickets on Eventfinda. This masterpiece is unlike any other Requiem - it is neither a mass nor an oratorio - but a personal memorial for the two people he most revered; his mother and his mentor, Robert Schumann. Brahms wrote his Requiem not as an address to the dead but to comfort the living.

Seafarers Month

Needing volunteers to visit ships and offer hospitality to Seafarers, All cultures welcome especially Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Mandarin speaking. Contact Fr Jeff Drane on 027 492 0250.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Prudensia Loau, Ivan Smith, Pat McDonnell, Willie Leota

Anniversaries: John Gordon, Marion Alexander, Jadwiga Kolaczynska, Maria Sledzinski, Eileen Gregory, John L'Estrange, Zita Outtrim, Joan Ciurlionis

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, Joan Wolland



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.

Thank you to the Community

The Committee members of the National Shrine would like to thank everyone for supporting the recent movie fundraiser. We raised almost \$500.00 which will be use in the promotion of the St Mary of the Angels as National Shrine of New Zealand and contribution towards the general maintenance of Ko Hata Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua, Holy Mary, Mother of God artwork. We are grateful for your continued support and appreciate your generosity.

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.

Saturday Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer who can help Sister Frances on Saturday mornings. Please contact Sister Frances on sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com if you are interested.

July/August Mass Cancellations

Due to the absence of Priests there will be no 5.15pm Mass at St Mary of the Angels Church until Monday 19 August.

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.

No Holy Hour

There will be no Holy Hour in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for the months of July and August. We will be back in September.

Safeguarding Workshop

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. We are all challenged to work to develop a Culture of Safeguarding within the Church so that all those we interact with feel comfortable, respected and valued. Kevin Plant, the Archdiocese Safeguarding Coordinator, will be holding a Safeguarding Workshop at St Joseph's Church, Brougham Street, Mt Victoria on Monday 19 August commencing at 5pm. We would encourage all those involved in Ministries in our Parish to attend along with any Parishioners who are interested in increasing their understanding of Safeguarding.

Children's Sacramental Programme

Children who are Year 4 and above are encouraged to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion. The next programme starts on 17 September 2024. Please contact the Parish Office at office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8073 for more information and to enrol your child.



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Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture
 Held on Monday 26 August | 7pm – 9pm | Home of Compassion,
 Wellington. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Fr. Shenan Bo-
 quet (USA) give an informative and engaging presentation about *Proclaim-
 ing the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture*. He will discuss the dignity of
 the human person and address the life and family issues of concern today.
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Seasons for Growth Parent Program:

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An upcoming educational, evidence-based parent program designed to sup-
 port you and your child through the challenging times following separation
 and divorce. Held on Wednesday 31 July & Wednesday 7 August. For just
 \$25, which covers the cost of the journal, parents will have the opportunity
 to better understand the experiences of separation and divorce from your
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 contact Jess at Catholic Social Services seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz or call
 021 374 405. Registrations close Monday 29 July.

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
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