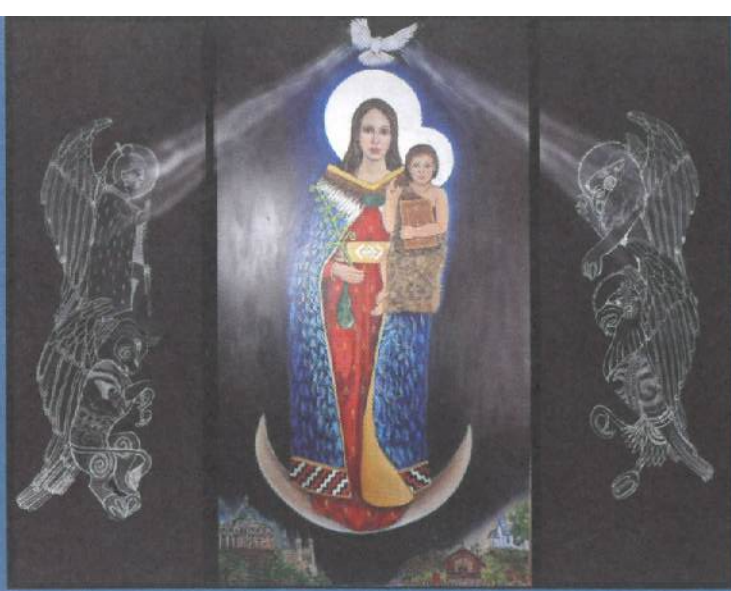


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Ko Hūta Māria, te Matua Whāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

1 September 2024, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I'll Be There For You

Life can be so overwhelming at times. It seems that people's expectations and demands of our time and energy is never ending. The more innovations that are created to supposedly make our lives easier, seems to have the opposite effect. Take for example the rise and rise of social media. Through it, the world is literally in the palm of our hands. The cellphone has become the centre of our lives. Why sit down and converse with someone when a text or using one of the messenger apps will suffice. Why be informed and kept up to date through reputable and well established sources of information, when one can follow a particular group, which fits in with your own particular narrative and will always inform you of what you want to hear, but may not necessarily be the truth. What seems to prevail is one's own truth as opposed to the TRUTH. It seems that we live in a world where if you repeat something often enough and loud enough, it must be true.

For most of this year I have been in respite care at Te Hopai Home and Hospital. I have had to come to terms that my body no longer functions as it once did. There is a certain amount of grief in realizing this. One of the things I have realized during my stay here is that I rely far too much on my cellphone. I seem to spend far too much time with my gaze fixed on this electronic device, that is the cellphone, rather than looking up and acknowledging who and what is around me. I am surrounded by residents that are well and truly past the age of retirement. I don't hit the retirement age till next year! In the faces of my fellow residents I see more truth, more life experiences, more reliable information, than I could ever hope to find gazing at my cellphone.

If you want to know what life is all about turn off your cellphone and sit down and have a conversation with an elderly relative or acquaintance. If you want to deepen your faith life, pray with the elderly and the sick. If you want to experience joy and laughter, observe groups of our senior citizens enjoying activities together. This is not to say that our elderly don't have difficulties and challenges that they face daily, but life experiences have taught them to appreciate and make the most of it, despite the hurts and setbacks.

As people of faith we have to constantly remind ourselves that Christ dwells in everyone we meet and therefore we should act accordingly. I'm reminded of a quote by St Francis of Assisi...

"Preach the Gospel, and if you have to, use words." When we truly believe that Christ dwells within each of us, we will always hear Him say, "I am here for YOU."

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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: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2,6-8
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you—keep the commands of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Be doers of the word.

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalm: 145

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,462

Automatic Payments: \$4,823

Total: \$9,285

St Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is pleased to announce the election of a new Area Council President for Wellington. Paul Cameron, from the Northern Suburbs Conference, has succeeded Andrew Bridgman. Congratulations to Paul and thanks to Andrew for his service over the last few years.

Thought for the Week

Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first and the lesson afterwards

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Jim Meachen, Fr Denis O'Hagan sm, Prudensia Loau, Ivan Smith, Pat McDonnell

Anniversaries: Louis Hannan, Brian Stempa, Patricia Smith, Judith Mary Balir, Carmel Pledger

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, Dr Bill Glass, Stephen George, Greg Hayward, Kathryn Frances Lloyd, Fr Joe Savesi sm, Neni Beres, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Perei, Stephanie 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.

Responsorial Psalm 14

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm forever. **R.**



Dómine, quis habitábit in taberná-cu-lo tu-o?

Lord, who can dwell in your tabernacle?

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to join our Aged Care Ministry. Volunteers will join a ministry which visits the aged, the sick and the dying in various retirements villages and centres around Wellington Central providing companionship, prayer and the access to the sacraments. Training and formation takes place regularly. All visiting is undertaken by teams of volunteers. If you are interested please contact Fr Kevin on parish.priest@smoa.org.nz or Sister Frances on sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com

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National Shrine Prayer

E te Atua , Creator of heaven and earth,
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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.

Social Justice Week: 8-14 September 2024

Imagine Peace for all: Choose forgiveness, know peace. Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week.

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.

Jim Meachens Funeral

Jim Meachen's Funeral will be held in St Mary of the Angel's Church on Wednesday 4 September at the 12.05pm Mass. The Vigil will also be held at St Mary of the Angel's on Tuesday 3 September at 7pm.

Carparks for Rent

The few church carparks are coming up for rent for use on Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office—04 473 8074

August Evening Masses Resumed

The 5.15pm Masses at SMOA have been resumed from Monday 19 August.

Sunday Mass Parking

If you are interested in obtaining a carpark for Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish office for more information.

Guardian Needed

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office on office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.

Season of Creation

Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

"To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces; to walk together with all people of good will...to extend this harmony between human beings to creation... with responsibility for a humane and integral ecology." (*To Hope and Act with Creation' Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024*)

Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for more volunteers for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 11am and 5pm Masses. If you are interested or want to know more please contact Fr Kevin Mowbray by emailing parish.priest@smoa.org.nz or Sister Frances on sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com. There will be a formation programme for those who have volunteered.

Eftpos at SMOA

We now have an Eftpos terminal available for one off donations in the office and will be available at Sunday Masses in the coming weeks. The system is unable to print tax receipts for rebate. If you would like a tax receipt you must email Abby a photo of your printed receipt along with your Planned Giving number or personal details. Please note that this is a trial period until we get the finer details ironed out. If you have any queries, please contact Abby in the office – office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.

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Young people deserve to hear the hope that Jesus brings. God has a plan for their lives! NET are accepting applications from 18-35 year olds for ten months of life changing mission in Australia & New Zealand for next year. Are you good at running camps? Are you interested in building up youth groups? Will you step out and share your story of how Jesus has impacted your life? NEW Ministries Australia and New Zealand do this in teams, fostering authentic relationships, being peer with peer on this journey of life together—sharing that faith 'fully alive' is possible. If you want to take up the call of mission with NET, express your interest at www.netaus.org. NET will be excited to hear from you! OR—if someone you know comes to mind, encourage them to check NET out.

Challenge 2000 Fundraiser

Challenge 2000 warmly invites you to our movie fundraiser "Ghostlight" *when a construction worker joins a local theatre's production of Romeo and Juliet* the drama on stage starts to mirror his own life.- Sunday 1 September, 5pm, Penthouse Cinema Brooklyn. Contact Gabrielle Lawson gabriellelawson@challenge2000.org.nz to book your ticket. If you are unable to attend, but would like to sponsor a ticket please let Gabrielle know. All proceeds will go towards unfunded programmes - counselling services, youth activities and group work. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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