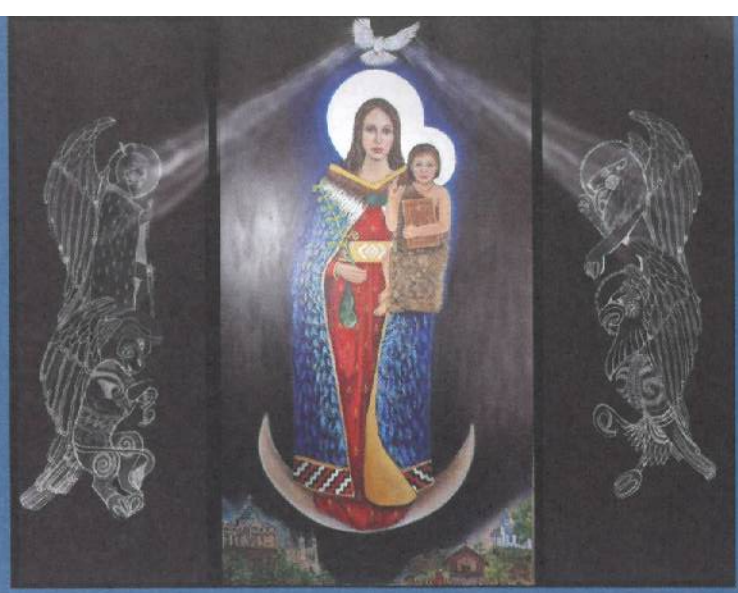


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

25 August 2024, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Words of Pope Francis On the Eucharist – The Bread of Life

In today's reading from the Gospel according to St John we come to the end of the teaching of Jesus on the 'Bread of Life'.

Pope Francis has frequently spoken about the Eucharist – the "Bread of Life". On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, in his own down-to-earth style, he reminded us of why Jesus shares his body and his blood with us in Holy Communion. Here are some extracts from what he shared on that Feast:

"The Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are tired and hungry along the journey, let's not forget this!"

"The church of the perfect and pure is a room where there isn't a place for anyone; the church with open doors that celebrates around Christ is, on the other hand, a large hall where everyone — the righteous and sinners — can enter. It is not a small exclusive club, but a community with its arms wide open, welcoming to everyone, and willing to lead to Christ the wounded, the wayward and those who have done wrong."

The Eucharist shows "the strength to love those who make mistakes" because Jesus gave the world the bread of life on the night he was betrayed.

"Jesus reacts to the evil of Judas' betrayal with a greater good, responding to Judas' "no" with the "yes" of mercy. He does not punish the sinner, but rather gives his life for him, he pays for him."

"When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners. This is why he exhorts us: 'Do not be afraid! Take and eat.'"

"To celebrate and live the Eucharist we, too, are called to live this love, because you cannot break Sunday's bread if your heart is closed to others, you cannot eat this bread if you do not give the bread to the hungry, you cannot share this bread if you do not share the sufferings of those in need."

"We have to go into the city, encounter people, learn to recognize and reawaken the thirst for God and yearning for the Gospel. It will be that renewed thirst that brings people to the altar to encounter God in the Eucharist."

Here, surely, is a vision for you and for me: to be a community centred on the Eucharist, arms wide open, welcoming everyone and going into the city to reawaken the thirst for 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.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church

Gospel: John 6:60-69

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2,6-8

Psalm: 14

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3,662
Automatic Payments:	\$6,088
Total: \$9,750	

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.

Thought for the Week

Rules for today: 1) Pray 2) Laugh 3) Repeat

Responsorial Psalm 33

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**



Gusta-te et vi-de-te quo-ni-am su-a-vis est Domi-nus.

O taste and see how sweet the Lord is.

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

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Joan Killen, Peter Aston, Patricia Goulter, Eunice Clarke, Michael Loftus, Simon Michael Lai, Fr Patrick O'Neill SM, Brett Gray, Mark Crewdson

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 Saveasi 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.

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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.

Theology on Tap: Grill the Archbishop

Attention to all Young Adults - This is an exciting and unique opportunity to ask your burning questions to Archbishop Paul Martin on Friday 30 August at 6:30pm at St Joseph's Church, doors open from 6pm. Please get your questions through the survey link by the 22nd August (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMPD3KN>) or email smayacs@gmail.com "

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.

Poverty, by Design

The systems that hold families in poverty, and what needs to change. A series of lectures is being held at the Stout Centre Victoria University, Pipitea Campus. Wednesdays at 5.30pm 24 July to 28 August. For more details go to <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/stout-centre>

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.

August Evening Masses Resumed

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

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.

Sunday Mass Parking

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

NET Recruiting

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.

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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Life Teen Leadership Convention

30 August - 1st September 2024. International SpeakersBreakout Groups/
 Networking. Held at Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt, Wellington. \$120
 Per Person. Year 13 +. Find out more www.lifeteen.nz

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
onstage 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 pro-
 grammes - counselling services, youth activities and group work. We look for-
 ward 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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby
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