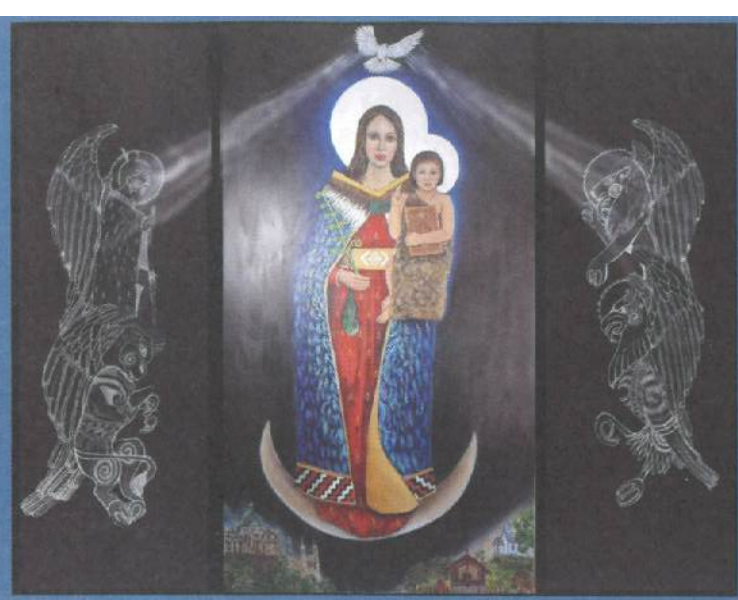


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Ko Hāia Maria, te Mama Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

8 September 2024, 23rd 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.

Jesus' miracles may draw and amaze the masses but it remains a moot question whether miracles are a reliable means of engendering belief in him. After all, crowds are fickle! They could just as easily turn against him.

In a similar vein, we have no idea whether the man Jesus cured in our gospel reading today became one of his disciples. But, from other healing incidents, it could be inferred that the man's gratitude would have, at the very least, made him conducive to following with some interest any future news about Jesus' exploits. After all, if truth be told, his cure was personal and life changing! So one could say that the *personal* element is a vital and necessary component to give the seed of faith a chance to take root and to grow.

It could be argued that for all the exuberance in our first reading this Sunday (an exuberance that lifts "all faint hearts" in the hope of good times to come), without some personal experience of a change of heart for the better, such words of exuberance may simply fall on deaf ears (no pun intended in the light of our gospel miracle today!). As disciples of the Lord, we need to cherish experiences that could broadly be described as personal and life changing. These life changing experiences need not be earth-shattering. They need only be significant to us; moments we can look back on and realise we've been transformed and, hopefully, have become a little wiser and stronger.

Such moments can engender experiences of 'healing', not just physically but also psychologically and spiritually; experiences of 'healing' that enable us to become more 'at home' with ourselves. These moments are rich in potential for encountering Jesus, the divine physician; moments that are our personal experiences of the Lord's healing touch. Such moments provide the *personal* element so vital and necessary in allowing the seed of faith to take root and to grow, especially if these moments have changed our lives for the better. The Venerable Bede once wrote: "Only the soul for whom the Lord does great things can glorify and praise him as [the Lord] deserves" (cf. Commentary of St. Bede on St. Luke's Gospel, Bk 1, 46-55). Our personal and life-changing encounters with the Lord could certainly be numbered among the "great things" to 'up' the glory and praise we offer the Lord.

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7
Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5
Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
Psalm: 114
Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,169
Automatic Payments: \$5,678
Total: \$8,847

Te Awa Kairangi Prayer Walk

An Ecumenical River Prayer Walk— Te Awakairangi Hutt River. Held on Sunday 15 September from 8am with various stages to join in along the way. For more info please search 'Te Awa Kairangi Prayer Walk' on Facebook or contact Abby in the office and she can send you through the details.

Thought for the Week

Life is fragile, handle with prayer.

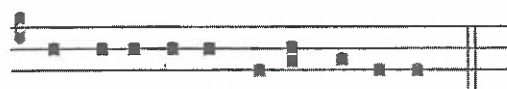
Responsorial Psalm 145

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



Lauda a-ni-ma me-a Domi-num.

Praise the Lord O my soul.

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

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Kay De Bernardo, Jim Meachen, Fr Denis O'Hagan sm

Anniversaries: Dr David McGee, Bill Carrol, Shan Fonseca, Marje McWilliams, Fr Regis O'Reilly, Gerry Zuccollo, Pip Baxter, Noeline Stewart, Francis Renouf, Peter Feenan, Gillian Lescher

Prayers for the Sick: Jeanette Papesch, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Saturino Vioria, 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, Maisie Sinclair



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.

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.

Taizé Chant

Held at 5pm on Sunday 8 September in the chapel at Village at the Park, 130 Rintoul St, Berhampore. Along to the corridor between A & B apartment blocks.

St Joseph's Men's Book Group

Held on Tuesday 10 September in the St Joseph's Church Bill Pearce room at 7.30pm.

EWaste Collection

Saturday 21 September 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item. 027-245-8859.

Carparks for Rent

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

Sunday Mass Parking

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

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington back in Connolly Hall again after 6 years; next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on Thursday September from 7pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting followed by supper. The theme is on "Your faith has saved you" with Testimonies from recent Retreat. If you want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Season of Creation

Social Justice Week 8-14 Sept

"The reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones." (# 9 *Laudate Deum*)

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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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.

Guardians 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.

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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