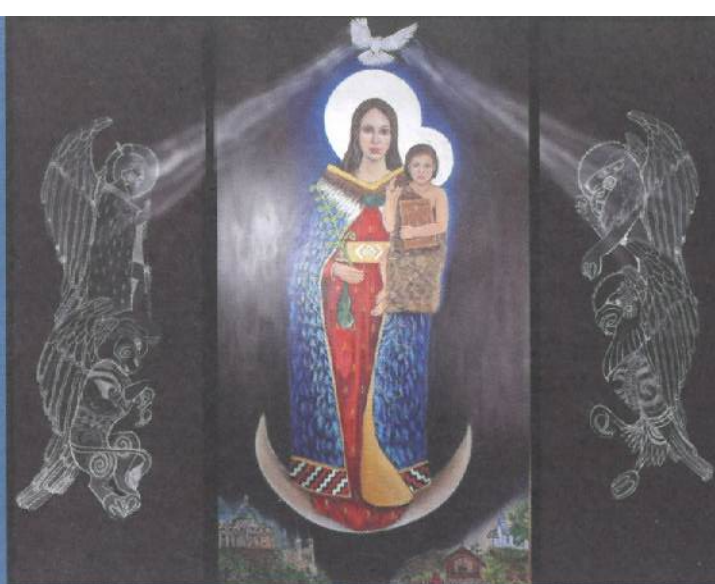


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Ko Huiā Maria, te Matua Whānau o te Aotua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

15 September 2024, 24th 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.

Who is Jesus Christ? What is a Christian? A twofold question which is always relevant. Even in the lifetime of Jesus, people raised many questions about him. Some, while they were astonished by the authority of his words, would declare: 'Is not this the son of the carpenter?' Others saw him as a rebel and trouble maker, even as one possessed by the devil. Others still considered him to be a prophet. For Peter the matter is clear: Jesus is the Christ, he will be the liberator, the savior of Israel! The Christ? But what kind of liberation, what kind of salvation, has he in mind? When Jesus discloses to his disciples that his destiny will pass by way of the cross, Peter is indignant immediately draws on himself a severe reprimand: Your idea of Christ is that of men, and not that of God.' Jesus is not the political savior that people were waiting for. He is not to be enclosed in ideas invented by men.

Today, what do we say about Jesus? Is he a kind of Gandhi, a Martin Luther King, is he Jesus Superstar, a fashionable idol? If we go no further than to repeat what other people say about Jesus, then we ourselves will have divided minds on the subject. In order to understand something of the mystery, we must take to heart the personal question which Jesus poses to us. "who do you say I am"?

Who is Jesus Christ? Still a living question. No amount of acquired knowledge about him will ever replace a personal knowledge of Jesus which results from a sharing in his life, to the extent of losing oneself and encountering the cross with him. The cross: place of truth for the Christian, the test if one is truly a disciple of Jesus, hidden under the features of the Suffering Servant. To share the life of someone we love, is that not the very logic of friendship? It is to this vocation of friendship with Jesus that we are invited. That is what it is to be a Christian.

Jesus asks each of us; 'Who do you say I am?' a personal question that only we can answer for ourselves. 'Who do you say I am?' is truly a profound question and I want my response to come from the depths of my heart. Like Peter this is an act of faith. As the Alleluia verse says: My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Psalm: 53

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,332

Automatic Payments: \$3,638

Total: \$6,970

EWaste Collection

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

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are available to purchase from the Parish Office during the week or at Sunday Masses for \$12.

Thought for the Week

Worrying is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

Responsorial Psalm 114

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**



Pla-cebo Domi-no in re-gi- o- ne vi-vo-rem.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Divine Retreat Centre NZ

One day mission in Wellington – Sacred Heart Church Petone, 6:30 p.m. to 9p.m. Lead by Fr Augustine Vallooran VC with Glen & Teresa La'rive from the Divine Retreat Centre Potta, India. Everyone is welcome. See the noticeboard for more information.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Kay De Bernardo, Joselito "Joey" Cabrera, Jim Meachen, Fr Denis O'Hagan sm

Anniversaries: Dr David McGee, Bill Carrol, Joan Lynch, Helen Havasi, Freda Fernie, Mary Dysart, Fr John Aitken sm, Pepe Va'a, Mary Chinnock, Betty Mary Compton, Mary Frawley

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

Passionist Family Group

The Parish Passionist Family Groups will be taking part in an inaugural annual Combined Community lending a hand event on Saturday 21st of September from 9.30am and finishing with a finger food shared lunch at the Bill Pearce Room at 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome. Just bring your gardening gloves!

Our three groups have each chosen a form of outreach:

One group is clearing a local residents section, who is elderly and lives on her own.

Another group will be tackling the task of de cluttering the St Joseph's Community Office and our third group is doing either a clean up of rubbish around the grounds of St Joseph's or a street clean up in the local area. (Yet to be confirmed).

If anyone can spare a couple of hours on Saturday the 21st of this month please contact Mary-Ellen Leen on 0273336440 and I'll make sure to put you to good use for a good cause!

Thanks

Mary-Ellen

Te Awa Kairangi Prayer Walk

An Ecumenical River Prayer Walk— Te Awakairangi Hutt River. Held on Sunday 15 September form 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.

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.

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 19 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

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.

St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on Tuesday September 17 at 6pm. We are a Catholic faith based charity, inspired by the Gospels, and dedicated to helping those in need through personal contact, If this appeals to you, please join us. New members are very welcome.

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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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.

HOPE and ACT with CREATION: Kaitiaki at Ōtari

Join church communities from the Catholic Parish of Ōtari, St Anne's Anglican Church Northland and St Luke's Anglican Parish Wadestown, on a reflective walk in the outdoors to celebrate the Season of Creation. Sunday 22 September at 2pm. Starting place - Ponga Lawn behind the main entrance to Ōtari/Wilton Bush. Bring kai for afternoon tea on the Cockayne Lawn. Easy grade tracks and paths. Wet weather plan – 2.00pm at St Thomas More Church, 30 Worcester St. Wilton. All are Welcome. Contact Estelle Henrys ev.henrys@gmail.com for details.

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.

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 at the parish office.



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