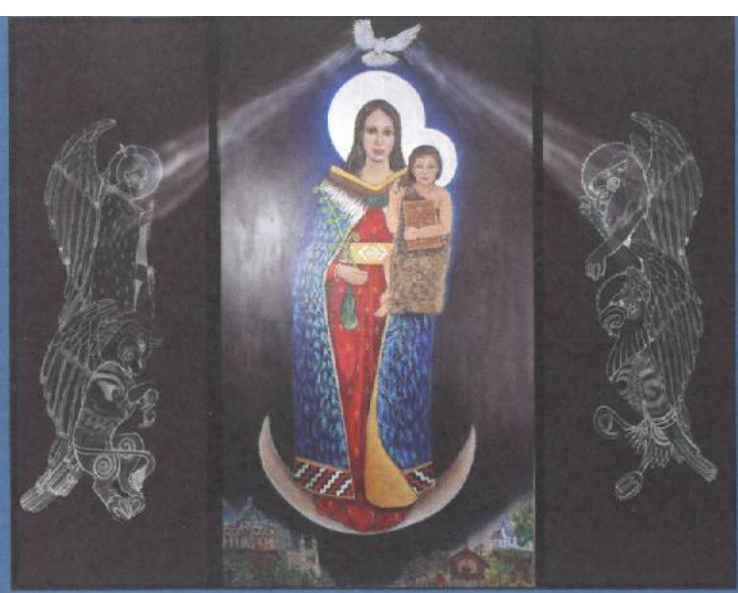


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

22 September 2024, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Inspiring Politician

On September 18, 1961 a plane crash in central Africa took the life of a man who was universally mourned as one who combined the roles of public servant and global leader - Dag Hammarskjold, then secretary-general of the United Nations. At the time of his death he was attempting to negotiate a cease-fire between the government of the Congo and the secessionist rebels in the Katanga region of that vast country. It was typical of his deep commitment to the cause of peace that he personally undertook to travel in dangerous times to dangerous places.

Dag Hammarskjold, born into a wealthy and influential Swedish family, is forgotten in our day and age. A pity, because his relatively short life – he was only 56 years old when he died – reveals that the art of politics can be both ennobling and uplifting. It is good, then, to pause and remember this honourable man, this principled politician, so near to his death anniversary.

It was only after his death that the world learned of the private faith that had guided his public role. There was found in his apartment a manuscript, based on journal entries and poems written over a period of several decades. It was published under the title of 'Markings'.

This manuscript made clear that he lived day by day in a very conscious confrontation with the Absolute. Over the years, along his spiritual path, he came to a profound sense of inner resolution and so managed to calm his tendency to scrupulosity and doubt. Some months before his untimely death he wrote:

"I don't know Who – or what – put the question, I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer *Yes to Someone – or Something –* and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender had a goal. I came to a time and place where I realized that the Way leads to a triumph which is a catastrophe and to a catastrophe which is a triumph, that the price for committing one's life would be reproach, and that the only elevation possible to man lies in the depth of humiliation. After that, the word 'courage' lost its meaning, since nothing could be taken from me."

Dag Hammarskjold was an example of someone for whom public service is not simply a career or a means to power, but a religious vocation, a way of being faithful to God.

In troubled and, perhaps, dispiriting times it is good to remember and be inspired by someone like Dag Hammarskjold.

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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: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...
All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*


Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29

Psalm: 18

Second Reading: James 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

	Last Sunday's Collection
	Sunday Collection: \$4,120
	Automatic Payments: \$5,743
	Total: \$9,863

Pilgrimage with the Saints Tour 2025

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788.

Thought for the Week

The way we live our days is the way we live our lives.

Responsorial Psalm 53

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**



Domi-nus susceptor est a-nimae me-ae.

The Lord is the protector of my soul.

Season of Creation

"We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival." (# 22 *Laudate Deum*)

Action: Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Anthea Walters, Breda Smith, Olive Va'a, Zoe Moriarty

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 Savesi sm, Neni Beres, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Maisie Sinclair, Mark Horton



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.

COME & SEE Priesthood Vocations Morning

Held at Hāto Mere St Mary's Parish, Otaki on Saturday 28 September, 10am till 2:00pm. Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Starts with Mass at 10am at St Mary's Church, 4 Convent Road, Ōtaki- Text 021 164 5800 to let us know you're coming!

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.

Columban Calendars

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

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

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.

XLT Youth Worship Night - Calling All Teens and Young Adults

Join us for the last two XLT (eXaLT) worship nights of the year! XLT is a night of fellowship, prayer, food, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, all centred around a theme and aimed at college students and young adults. Join us at 7pm on Friday 18 October and 29 November at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. Follow our page on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram!](#)

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.

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

Youth Mass

Please join us at 5pm on the last Sunday of the month, Sunday 29 September to get together for Mass and a meal afterwards! If you would like to serve at Mass, please get in touch via the SMAYAC's Facebook page— www.facebook.com/smayacs1. See you there and God bless!



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Forum on Housing

A Forum on Housing sponsored by the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission. Saturday 28th September, 10am-3pm, St Bernadette's Church Hall, Naenae. The Forum on Housing will raise awareness about housing issues in Aotearoa, and provide an opportunity to consider our personal and collective responsibilities as Church. This forum is for everyone concerned about housing issues. Keynote speakers: Fr Tom Rouse on Housing as a principle issue in Catholic Social Teaching; Community Housing Aotearoa on an overview on housing issues and how to address them; Teresa Homan (Upper Hutt Housing Trust) on the practical challenges faced by people seeking to secure a house to call a home. For more information, please contact Deirdre Meskill, d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz; phone: 04 385 8642. A contribution of finger food to share for lunch is appreciated.

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.

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