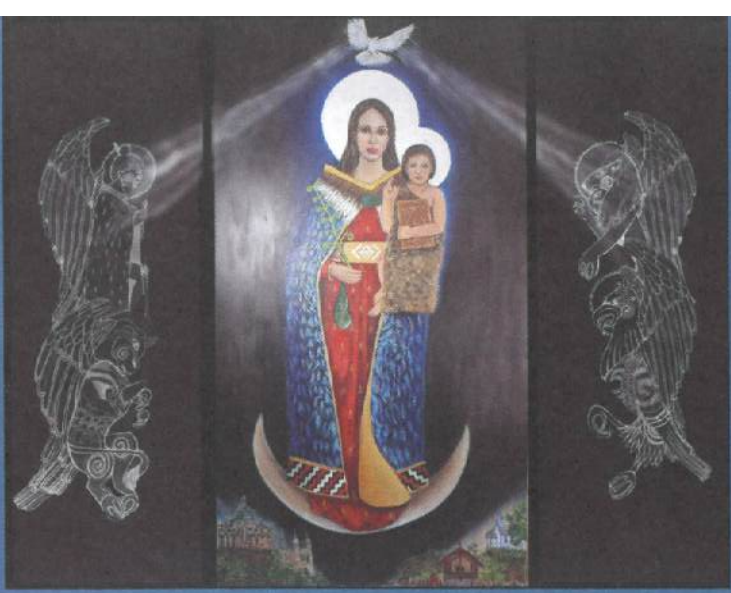


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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

29 September 2024, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we harbour and nurture an “us-and-them” mentality we tend to demonise or regard with disdain those whom we consider to be outsiders: the “them” grouping as distinct from “us”. We become blind to the work of God’s Spirit outside our circle of accepted associates or, worse, we come to believe God can only act for members within our own group. In both cases, are we not in danger of dictating where, when and with whom God can work; our way of taming God? Well, in our gospel reading this Sunday Jesus begs to differ. For Jesus, anyone who does what is good is acting for and not against God. Indeed, such a person enjoys God’s favour since all that is good has its source in God’s great Sabbath of creation.

Besides, Jesus’ name means one who saves. He himself has said, “I came not to condemn the world but to save it” (cf. John 3:17). He came to save the world. He did not come just to save those who will profess explicit faith in him. Need we be reminded that nothing which is genuinely human should fail to find an echo in our hearts? After all, anything that is genuinely human is the soil in which God intends to sow the message of salvation (cf. *Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*, Vatican II, #1).

So wherever and whenever we see people doing what is life-giving we ought to see the presence of God’s Spirit at work. If nothing else, to recognise the presence of the Spirit at work in the world wherever and whenever we see what is good being done can act as a deterrent against creating the real possibility of scandal in which we are shown to be the kind of people who do not practise what we preach, namely, people who preach the love of God and neighbour but who are selective as to whom we consider to be our neighbour!

Our gospel reading today warns us against creating any scandal that brings into disrepute the example given to us by the Lord. It is better that we cut off and throw away what is spiritually harmful in us rather than retain what is harming, only for us to later bare our souls to the deeply penetrating scrutiny of God’s judgement; a judgement that is exacting but always just.

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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: Numbers 11: 25-29
Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

Second Reading: James 5: 1-6
Your wealth is rotting.

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48
Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalms: 127

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,973

Automatic Payments: \$4,413

Total: \$7,386

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

First we make our habits, then our habits make us.

Responsorial Psalm 118

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

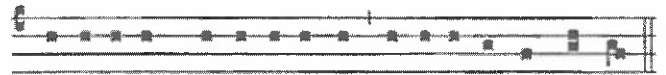
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,



Justi-ti- ae Domi-ni rectae, laeti-fi-cantes corda.

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts.

Annual Shoe Sale - Greenstone Doors

A big thank you to all those who donated shoes for our recent successful shoe sale! And also to those who came on Saturday to support us again by grabbing a bargain! As we are having another sale in October at our Upper Hutt centre we are still taking donations but only by phoning Monica on 021 2991138 to arrange as there will not be another drop box set up. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Kathryn Frances Lloyd, Kay De Bernardo, Joselito "Joey" Cabrera, Jim Meachen

Anniversaries: Norma Burns, O'Brien Reeve, Tina Lyons, Miriam Wilkins, Paul Barber, John Casserley, John Patrick O'Brien

Prayers for the Sick: Jeanette Papesch, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Saturino Viloría, Dr Bill Glass, Stephen George, Greg Hayward, Fr Joe Saveni 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.

Season of Creation

“Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things. (# 222 *Laudato Si'*)

Action: Say a prayer of appreciation for the small things that make you happy e.g. a tree starting to bud in your garden.

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

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.

Columban Calendars

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

Carparks for Rent

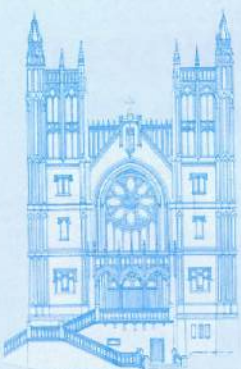
The few church carparks have come up for rent Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office—04 473 8074

Thank you!

A big thank you to those that gave up their Saturday morning last week to Lend-a-Hand in the community. The Parishes three Passionist Family Groups spent time cleaning up a local residents garden and a big tidy up around St Joe's grounds and the office.

A special shout out to Seamus, Cahill and Matteo - so good to see our young ones giving freely of their time! We finished up with shared kai and of course the 5 minute quiz from the Dominion.

Want to know more about Passionist Family Groups? contact Mary-Ellen on 0273336440 or email maryellenleen@icloud.com



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Welcome to Holy Smoke Candles

My passion for candles and scent, led me to create the Holy Smoke, eco-friendly range of candles. Saint Philomena is the figure depicted on the candle labels. Her name Philomena means "daughter of light." I didn't know this when I chose her image, so it seems something was pointing me in the right direction. Alongside the environmentally friendly nature of the candles, I wanted something that has the ability to also support communities.

The easiest way for to do this is by donating a portion of every candle sold to charity. Candles cost \$20 for the nativity candle ; \$25 for Our lady pillar candle and \$30 for the jar candle: They come unscented as well as scented in Floral , Household linen and a Christmas scent . Please purchase from the SMOA office or order online by emailing holysmokecandlesnz@gmail.com. I hope you love these candles as much as I do.—Mary Walsh



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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