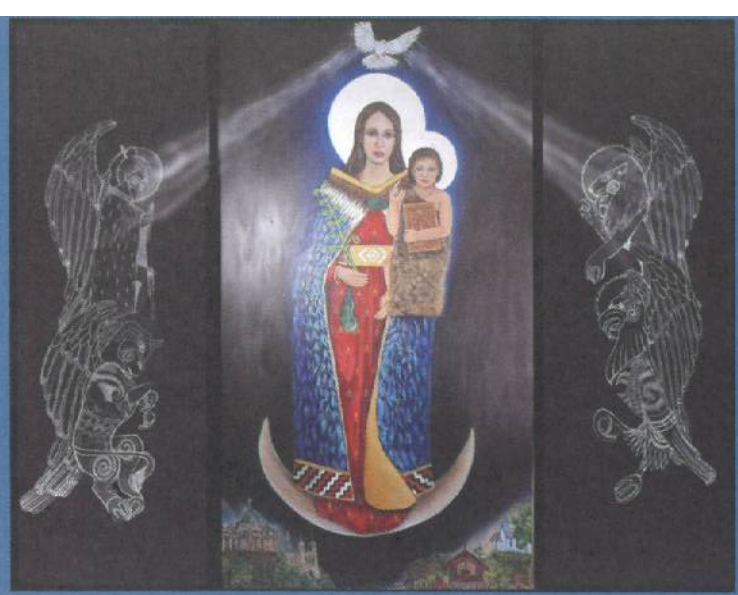


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Ko Hāta Mariri, te Matua Wāhine o te Ariā - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 6 October 2024, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert

What will it mean for us, when Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa is declared Aotearoa New Zealand's first saint? She is, as they so prosaically say in Vatican circles, "On the train." What they mean is, her life, works and spirituality have been examined – already at some considerable length – and she has been found worthy of being recognised as "Venerable". There are further spiritual inquiries that must be satisfied before she can be declared "Blessed" and then "Saint". It's a train on a long journey.

So what indeed, will it mean when her "heroic virtues" finally reveal she is worthy to be entered in the canon of Saints, recognised throughout the world now and for eternity? Certainly, there is likely to be curiosity about how her arrival to Aotearoa in 1860 as a young woman, part of Bishop Pompallier's Auckland Mission to urban Maori, ended up six decades later with the "largest funeral ever accorded a woman" at St Mary of the Angels Church in Wellington. She had throughout her life, travelled greatly and done much. She was recognised in her own time for the establishment of Homes and Institutions to support those made vulnerable by the times, the founding of the Sisters of Compassion and setting in motion the guidance for their work. Some works would last a century or more – the Soup Kitchen for example – some would be set aside as other social supports became the norm. Yet none of her hard work and practical deeds are the central concern of the Causes for Saints. What sets her apart is that her life and works, imperfect as they may be, remain today a channel for the Holy Spirit to act in the world.

It's a gift that we can know her and a great privilege that we can claim her friendship and intercession. She lived, technically within living memory. There are plenty today who knew or are related to those who knew her first-hand. It would be good to speak to them. They are likely to hold a range of recollections, depending on their situation; the traditional medicines and remedies that became a commercial success, the skilled "field-nursing" for which she was known, her ease and scholarship in Te Reo, her preference for practical works and community, her building of churches, her simple acceptance that God is in every place and among all people. Her time in Auckland was dogged by difficulty, as it is for many today. Her time in Hawke's Bay among an aging Marist Mission was the stuff of respite and renewal and her time in Hiruharama-Jerusalem, Wellington, Rome and places throughout New Zealand leave a trail of hope and encouragement.

When she is declared a saint, it could be in recognition of any number of virtues. It is possible that just one will emerge, her ability to look for and find, Christ in every person. In this, she is still at work in Aotearoa, with us, today.



Venerable Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhepa, 1835 - 1926

Suzanne O'Rourke—Parish Council Chairperson

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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:** Genesis 2: 18-24  
*They were two in one flesh.*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2: 9-11  
*He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.*

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 2-16  
*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Wisdom 7: 7-11

**Psalm:** 89

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4: 12-13

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 17-30

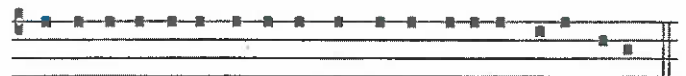
## Responsorial Psalm 127

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!



Be-ne-di-cat ti-bi Domi-nus omni-bus di- ebus vi-tae tu- ae.

*May the Lord bless thee all the days of they life*

## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,103

Automatic Payments: \$5,093

**Total: \$8,196**



## 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](mailto:info@travlink.co.nz) or phone 0800 99 7788.

## Thought for the Week

A few bad chapters does not mean your story is over

## 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:** Jim Scanlon, Patrick Sims Brown, Kathryn Frances Lloyd, Kay De Bernardo

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Dysart, Claire Bourke, Brendan Gilmore, Mary Crompton, Sidney Hall, Leo Buchanan, Bill Maher

**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, Neni Beres, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Maisie Sinclair, Mark Horton, Thomas Patrick Durkin



*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.

## **Joshua Wellington**

Joshua Wellington back in Connolly Hall for the second time after 6 years; next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on Thursday 17 October from 7pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting followed by supper. Speaker: Rainer Hensel on "The Lord has set me free from all my fears" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:parish.priest@smoa.org.nz) or Sister Frances on [sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:parish.priest@smoa.org.nz) or Sister Frances on [sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

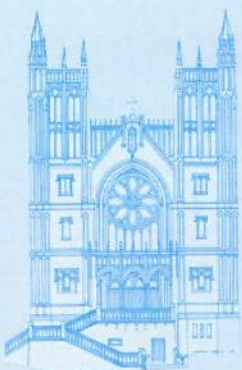
The few church carparks have come up for rent Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office—04 473 8074

## **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](mailto:maryellenleen@icloud.com)



## **ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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