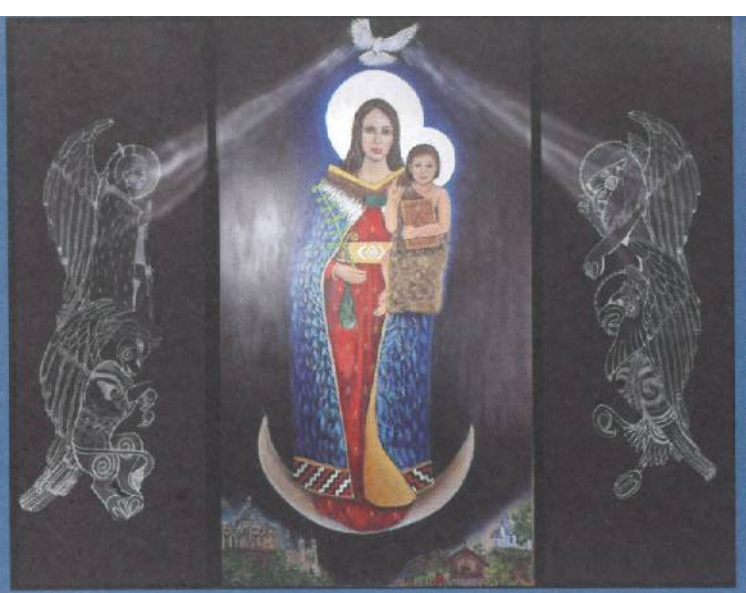


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1 December 2024, 1st Sunday of Advent—Year C

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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.

The Season of Advent

The atmosphere around the city is quietly changing. And the atmosphere in St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's is changing also. It begins with a change in colour. For many months green has been the colour of the vestments, the tabernacle veil and the hanging on the lectern. Now, on the first Sunday of Advent, the colour changes to purple. We Catholics use purple to remind ourselves to be watchful, to repent, to do penance. Many of us might remember this song still heard occasionally during this time of year:

"You better watch out,
You better not cry,
You better not pout,
I'm telling you why,
Santa Claus is coming to town!"

Yes, someone is coming to town. But someone far more important than Santa Claus! The infant Jesus, the Son of God, is soon to be born! The words of the prophet Isaiah express what the colour purple signifies, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

This change in atmosphere is further accentuated by the blessing, through prayer and holy water, of the Advent wreath and the Jesse Tree in the sanctuary.

The Advent wreath is made of evergreen branches and four candles. The vibrant green colour of the branches remind us of the hope for renewed life we believe the birth of Jesus promises us. The circular shape signifies that this renewed life will be for eternity. The first of the four candles is lit on the first Sunday until all four are lit on the last Sunday – the light grows every Sunday increasingly pushing out the darkness.

The Jesse Tree is named after the father of King David. Symbols are gradually added to the tree representing persons who reflect the patient longing of the Chosen People of Israel for the coming of their Saviour. The persons represented are ancestors of Jesus, either in faith or in bloodline, such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Jesse, David, Solomon, Joseph and Mary.

So, the season of Advent, through sign and symbol, blends together a penitential spirit much like Lent, a joyful spirit as we await the birth of Jesus and a spirit of preparation – preparing for the second and final coming of Jesus as Lord.

The Advent season teaches us to wait for God who will come to us in unexpected ways.

Fr Kevin Mowbray sm—Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalm: 125

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Responsorial Psalm 24

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

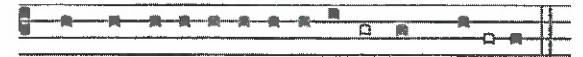
The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R**



Ad te Dómi-ne le-vá-vi á-ni-mam me-am.

To thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

Korean Catholic Community's 30th Anniversary

On 8 December the Korean community celebrate their 30th Anniversary in the St Mary of the Angels parish. We are blessed to have community members actively involved in parish activities and ministries including extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeting, collecting, liturgy committee, and the community choir. We give thanks and pray for the community as they celebrate this special event.

St Mary of the Angels Working Bee - 8.30am-10am Saturday 7 December

Please come along and help tidy our Church ready for Christmas. If possible, bring cloths or rags for cleaning.

Carols with the Angels

Our annual *Carols with the Angels* concert will be held on **Wednesday 18 December** at 7pm here at St Mary of the Angels Church. Please join us for this special event in our parish, which will feature the Salvation Army Brass Band, St Mary of the Angels Choir, Wellington Young Voices, organists David Trott and James Young, and your favourite carols. Free entry with a collection.

5.15pm Mass, 6 December

Due to the Mass for Life being held at 6pm, there will be no 5.15pm Mass on Friday 6 December.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Roskam

Anniversaries: Marjorie Feitsma, Fred Scoon, William Jenkins, Frances Haughey

Prayers for the Sick: 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, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, John Ellis, John Price

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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Treaty Principles Bill Submissions

About 28 people attended a workshop "Stand up for Te Tiriti: Christian perspectives on the Treaty Principles Bill" last Tuesday evening at St Joseph's Church. After a video and discussions on the Articles and Principles of Te Tiriti and the meaning of the proposed rewrite of the Principles, attendees were invited to make their own submission to the Select Committee.

Anyone can make a submission up until 7 Jan 25. To do so go to bit.ly/treatyprinciplesbill or commongrace.nz/treatyaction (includes prompts to consider when making your submission) or complete a paper form (copies at the back of St Anne's Church).

There are more resources about Te Tiriti on the Archdiocesan website under "Helpful videos and articles" at: https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/hikoj-mo-te-tiriti/

Ngā mihi to St Joseph's Church Community for hosting this event.

Annual Donation of Good to St Vincent de Paul Christmas Shop

With all the toys being delivered to the Christmas shop on December 2m you are still able to make donations via: St Vincent de Paul Society Wellington
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Reference: TOYS

For more information please visit:

vinnies-wellington.org.nz/christmas

The Jesse Tree

During Advent we reflect on how God was revealed to people in Old Testament times before the coming of Jesus. Matthew's Gospel (1:1-17) links the Old and New Testaments. He sets out the genealogy or whakapapa of Jesus' earthly family through which history, knowledge, philosophies and spiritualities were handed down until the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse tree is a visual reminder of this. The name comes from Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 11:1) that the Messiah or Saviour would come from among Jesse's descendants. The symbols on the tree are based on centuries of Christian tradition. They are explained further in the Parish App.

We will add 4 symbols each week of Advent beginning with the Creation (Earth), Adam and Eve (tree), Noah's Ark, and Abraham and Sarah (stars).

Advent Series Bible Study

The Genesis to Jesus teams brings you the "Advent Series" bible study – a series designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the special Advent period while deepening their understanding of our rich faith. 4 video sessions in all, held every second Tuesday with the first session on TUESDAY 12 December from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson @ dlukose001@gmail.com

Columban Calendars

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

Combined Advent Service

Our local tradition is celebrate our unity at the start of Advent by joining together for combined worship and sharing our spiritual journey. St Peter's Willis St Anglican Church is hosting our annual Combined Advent Service Sunday 1st December at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

National March for Life 2024

National March for Life. You're invited to 'love them both' by attending the NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on **Saturday 7 December**. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a **celebration of life** which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Parliament Grounds from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment. The March will go out from Parliament Grounds at 2pm and return again - all activities conclude by 4pm. Learn more at www.marchforlife.nz

Mass for Life

Mass for Life. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on **Friday 6 December**, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels (17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central). Eucharistic Adoration will follow after Mass for one hour, to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information, please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents (phone Simon 021 400 729)

Food for Faith for Advent

Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz to prepare for Christmas receiving daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor's Food For Faith website.

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Holy Smoke Candles

We have two new candles available in the office, Christmas Angels and Christmas trees. The Angels are \$15 for small, \$20 for large and, the Christmas trees are \$20. We still have Our Lady candles and Nativity candles available. Please purchase from the SMOA office or order online by emailing holySmokecandlesnz@gmail.com.



Catholic BnB

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics . To purchase a book of details of hosts (\$15) , contact Marie Anderson, 027 280 0611 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Divine Retreat Centre NZ Wellington Unit

The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Marlon Maylon SVD will be leading a midday Advent retreat at **Sacred Heart Church in Petone on Saturday 7 December, from 11am to 1.30pm**. We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass as we get ready for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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