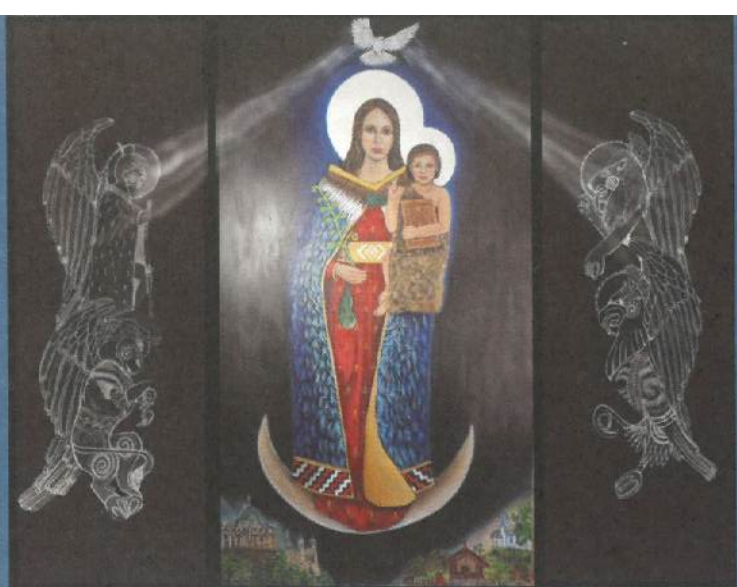


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Ko Hīta Maria, te Māua Whānui o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

3 November 2024, 31st 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

“You must love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. You must love your neighbour as yourself”. To do this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice. Why more important? Because to love God, neighbour and self is to bring into harmony the threefold relationship that makes each of us truly and fully human, created as we are in the image and likeness of God.

God became human in the Person of Jesus Christ to show us what it is to be truly and fully human at rights with God, neighbour and self. This threefold relationship that makes each of us truly and fully human is the imprint of the Blessed Trinity in us. Patterned on the life of Christ, each of our lives is a work in progress aimed at harmonising this threefold unity of God, neighbour and self.

All that damages or destroys this threefold harmony damages and destroys our humanness. No amount of preaching about holocaust or sacrifice is effective if what is offered does not reveal a genuine desire and purposeful motivation to develop a healthy relationship with God, neighbour and self. We damage or destroy our relationship with God, neighbour and self if we give lip-service to God, if we are condemning of others, or if we screw up our self-worth by constantly playing the victim. Our gospel reading this Sunday ends with the words, “And after that no one dared to question him any more”. When Jesus reveals what makes us human, to question him further would only expose attempts to justify our own hypocrisies.

According to our second reading this Sunday, Jesus is the ideal high priest: holy, innocent and uncontaminated. He does not have to offer sacrifices every day because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. He is the ideal high priest because he offers the whole of himself as one fully at rights with God, neighbour and self. For us, who are the priesthood of the baptised, Jesus is the template on whom we are to model ourselves to become the offering which is most desired by God, namely, that each of us become fully human in that threefold relationship of God, neighbour and self which perfectly mirrors the

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28

This one because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm: 145

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Responsorial Psalm 17

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
he has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**



Di-li-gam te Domi-ne forti-tudo me-a.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength

Children' Liturgy at St Joseph's

During school terms, we offer children's liturgy in the Bill Pearce Room during the Liturgy of the Word part of the Mass. Children's liturgy aims to provide an experience of the liturgy of the word and in particular the gospel of the day, that is meaningful and engaging for children.

Children of primary school and pre-school age are welcome, although we ask that pre-school children are accompanied by a parent or older sibling.

Mass of Remembrance

The Mass of Remembrance to celebrate all who have died this year and our relatives and friends who have passed on will be held on Saturday 9 November at 11am. All are welcome.



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,972

Automatic Payments: \$5,008

Total: \$7,980

Columban Calendars

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

Refugee Family Reunification

Lovely couple just arrived in New Zealand looking for one bedroom flat to rent. Please contact Amanda Calder, Refugee Family Reunification Trust, if you can help—acalder@xtra.co.nz, 027 443 2391

Thought for the Week

You were born to stand out; stop trying to fit in.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Malcolm Whyte, Siufuga Apolo, Kay De Bernardo, Kathleen Roskam

Anniversaries: Paul Churchward, Leslie Thomas Jones, Marion Hyland, Fr Barry O'Connor, Romola Sullivan

Prayers for the Sick: Jeanette Papesch, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam



Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Saturino Vioria, 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

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,
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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.

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 5th November 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

Piping in the Spring, Organ Concert

Paul Rosoman, international concert organist, is giving an organ concert at St Luke’s Church in Wadestown. Held on Sunday 3 November from 2-4pm. This will be a top class music event will be followed by a beautiful afternoon tea. Tickets available through Eventfinda.

World Day of the Poor 2024: Let’s Make a Difference Together

On Sunday, 17 November, we’ll celebrate the 8th annual World Day of the Poor, a chance for all of us to reflect on how we can stand in solidarity with those in need. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is committed to empowering communities and tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. We work with partners around the world to create real change and help vulnerable communities live with human dignity. As World Day of the Poor 2024 approaches, we encourage everyone to consider what they can do—big or small—to make a difference. Whether through prayer, support, or action, together we can build a more just and compassionate world. Find out more about how you can help eliminate poverty on the Caritas website.

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

Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for more volunteers for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the 5pm Mass. 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.

Bach Choir Concert

The Bach Choir of Wellington invites you to their final concert of 2024 featuring Chiesa Ensemble and presenting a selection of Baroque masterpieces by Vivaldi (Gloria), Bach (Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland)p and Corelli (Christmas Concerto). We are joined by Wellington soloists Rowena Simpson (soprano), Maaikie Christie-Beekman (soprano) and Theodore Moolenaar (tenor). Tickets available on Eventfinda \$40/35 school children free, or at the door. The concert is on Saturday 9 November, 2pm at St Mary of the Angels

Catholic Social Services HOPE 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. I hope you love these candles as much as I do.—Mary Walsh



Christian Meditation Community Day

Glimpses of God Through the Kitchen Window, facilitated by Raymond Eberhard. Join us for a reflective session where we experience the profound moments of awakening that arise in everyday life. Saturday 9 November starting at 10:00am with a cuppa, finishing by 3:00pm. Lyon Room, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay. Bring your lunch, hot drinks will be provided. Koha to cover the cost of the day.

All welcome, whether new to meditation or experienced! Any queries: contact Anne Cave 022-097-2939, annecave@gmail.com

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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