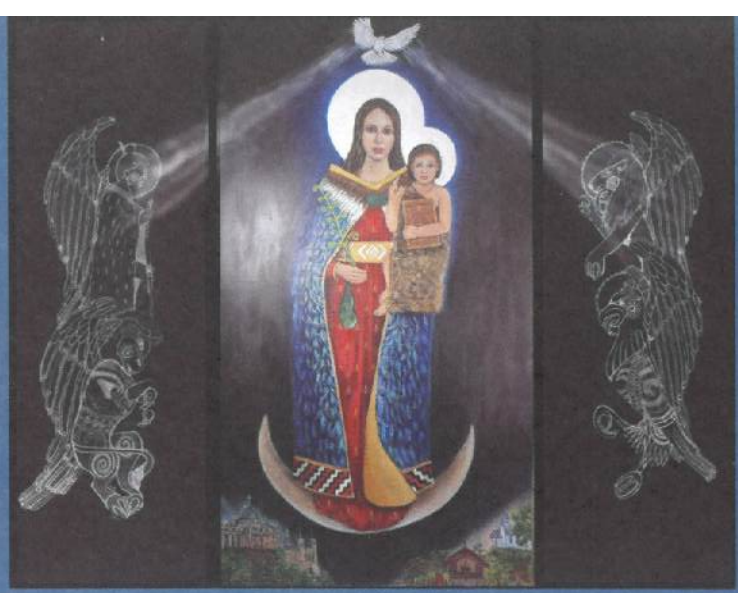


# The Angelus

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Ko Hāta Maria, te Mātua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 10 November 2024, 32nd 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

### St Joseph's Church

Baptisms on 3rd Sunday of each month.  
Please arrange through Parish Office.

Today's Gospel centres very much on the Widow's mite, the giving of all she had. The humble widow offered to God all she had, her two small coins. In the Eucharist Jesus really gives himself to us together with all we need to live on. Whose side do we want to be on, the Scribes who gave very little of what they had, or the poor Widow who was content to give to God all she possessed?

Giving which is real giving has a real recklessness in it. The woman may have kept one coin to herself, she gave all! We may feel that we have little to give in the way of material gifts or personal gifts; But there is our Time and Energy we can give and share. This is what so many generous people do in the various ministries they are involved in.

Here in our parish we have so many opportunities, for there are many ministries we can choose. One that I feel should be looked at is, there are a lot of very lonely people living in flats or in their own homes. Not to forget the many Rest Homes that are scattered throughout Wellington. Coming into Christmas and the holiday period is extremely very lonely time for many people as they have no family or relatives visiting. The days are long some people never see people from one day to another. So often they just want someone to call in have a chat and see a friendly face. Very often these people have very little, but what they share is truly wonderful. You leave their homes or rest homes feeling truly blest for all they have shared. The Staff in our Rest Homes are usually short staffed and under a lot of pressure, therefore they are unable to give extra time to many individual people, I know they appreciate when someone calls in, even bringing a pet with them to cheer the residents.

What can we do with this Gospel this weekend? What are our actions? Sometimes we do believe that we can only give away money. Actually there are many more things we can give away. We are encouraged to share our time, our care, our thoughtfulness and our talents with one another. We experience this so clearly in our lives with these current circumstances where people need our physical presence more than money. Our talents can be shared and will be appreciated within our communities where we live our faith. We do all in Christ.

Let us reflect on the image of the widow who gave away everything she had, inspiring us so that whatever we can do for one another or give away for one another, we are giving our Time and Energy.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 17:10-16  
*The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28  
*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44  
*The poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Daniel 12: 1-13  
**Psalm:** 15  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18  
**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,523  
Automatic Payments: \$5,213  
**Total: \$9,736**

### St Joseph's Men's Book Group

Held on Tuesday 12 November at 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce room, St Joseph's Church.

### 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](mailto:acalder@xtra.co.nz), 027 443 2391

### Thought for the Week

If you don't behave as you believe,  
you will end by believing as you behave

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** George Goomes, Judith Tuckwell, Malcolm Whyte, Siufuga Apolo, Kay De Bernardo, Kathleen Roskam

**Anniversaries:** Peter O'Meeghan, Denise Sutich, Walter Parris, Terence Christie, Joan Welch

**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, 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.*

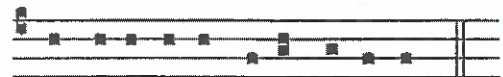
## Responsorial Psalm 145

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



Lauda a-ni-ma me-a Domi-num.

*Praise the Lord, o my soul*

### Taize Chant

Held on Sunday 10 November at 7pm in the Chapel, St Josephs Church.

### Common Grace Workshop on The Treaty Principles Bill

St Joseph's Church Community and Wellington South Parish are jointly hosting a workshop on the Treaty Principles Bill. This will be held at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, on 26th November at 7.30pm. The aim is to help Christians of all backgrounds understand what the bill proposes, why many people are deeply concerned, and how they can have their say. There will be information on how to write submissions. Everyone is very welcome.

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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.

### **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.

#### **Young Adults Retreat**

Fr Frank Bird SM will lead a Young Adults weekend retreat on the theme "Who am I and what should I do?". Cost is \$55 for one night (\$85 with food) . Saturday 30 November to Sunday 1 December. Email [smayacs@gmail.com](mailto:smayacs@gmail.com) for more info or questions.

#### **Mass with the new Apostolic Nuncio**

The new Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and the Pacific, Archbishop Gábor Pintér, will formally present his letter of introduction to the President of the New Zealand Bishops Conference in the presence of New Zealand's other bishops at the 7pm Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, on Sunday 10 November. The Nuncio will be the main presider at the Mass. All are welcome.

### **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](mailto:dlukose001@gmail.com)

### **Columban Calendars**

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

### **Catholic Social Services HOPE Appeal**

1 – 30 November 2024. Bringing hope to our communities since the 1960s through social work, parenting programmes, hospital chaplaincy, prison chaplaincy, community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and donate your time, talents or treasure: [catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate](http://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate)

### **Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's**

During school terms, children's liturgy is offered at St Joseph's 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 as the liturgists are not able to provide the very close supervision that pre-schoolers might need. All children's liturgists must comply with the safeguarding requirements of the Catholic church in New Zealand (that is, they are police vetted and adhere to a code of conduct) and new liturgists are always welcome. If this is a Ministry that interests you, please have a chat with Anna or Trish.

### **Mount Street Cemetery Tour**

Held on Sunday 19 November at 11.15am, meeting outside VUWSA building, Kelburn Parade, Kelburn. Let John Dalgety know after Mass on Sunday 10 November if you are interested.



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

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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](mailto:holysmokecandlesnz@gmail.com).



## St Joseph's Working Bee - 9am Saturday 30 November

Please come along and help to spring-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Christmas. Many hands make light work! We would be particularly grateful for as many trailers, utes, trucks and station wagons as possible to help take garden refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able to. (If it is wet, we will postpone to 7 December).

## 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)

## 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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