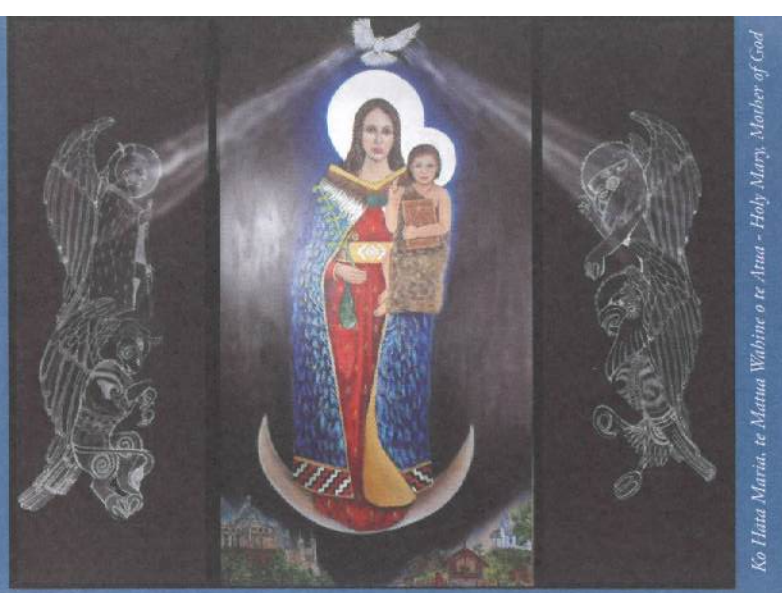


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Ko Huiā Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

17 November 2024, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Excerpts taken from the Pastoral Letter of the Bishops

*In all parishes today, 17th of November, our Bishops have asked that a letter be read out following upon the apology given in Parliament last week by the Prime Minister. The following are excerpts from that letter. I offer these **excerpts** for our reflection in the coming days.*

“Many of you have told us of the horror, grief and outrage you felt as you read the Royal Commission’s report and survivors’ accounts of abuse and the scale of that abuse. The sins and the crimes of our people – priests, religious and lay – working in Catholic settings fill us all with shame.

In this week of apology, we renew our sincere and unconditional apology to victims of abuse in the Catholic Church. We do so knowing that words alone can never replace what was stolen and can never fully restore that which was destroyed.

We cannot change the past, but we can shape our future. Survivors, and many of you, have demanded that the Church has an unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety of children, young people and others who are vulnerable in our Church community.

Again, many of you have asked that we work with survivors. We assure you of our ongoing commitment to do this. In meeting with and listening to survivors, we are learning much from them. We honour them for their courage.

We are continuing to reflect on the lessons of the Royal Commission. At the same time, we acknowledge the burden you feel as members of a Church within which so many people were harmed. You have told us how the impact of abuse has strained or broken relationships. You have shared how your faith has been tested by seeing people who claimed to serve God revealed as abusers.

The readings at Mass today speak of “shame and everlasting disgrace”. But they also speak of the hope we share, a fruit of our faith in God. Starting from the place of shame and disgrace, but emboldened by hope, we as the faith community must continue working to ensure that history does not repeat itself.

Over the past three decades we have made significant changes to our procedures and protocols. We have become more aware of the warning signs of abuse. We know that some earlier responses and solutions were ill-advised and had devastating consequences. We recognise that the police are best placed to investigate criminal allegations. We are striving to create better opportunities to assist those who have been harmed. We have learnt that safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.”

If you wish to talk about this letter with one of the priests I would encourage you to do so.

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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: Daniel 12: 1-13

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm: 92

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Gospel: John 18: 33-37



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,841

Automatic Payments: \$3,433

Total: \$7,274

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 730pm. 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.

Thought for the Week

The mind can't delete what the heart won't let go of.

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Catherine O'Regan, Brendan Kirwan

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, 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.



Responsorial Psalm 15

**R. Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.**

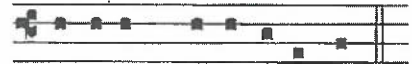
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**



Conserva me Domi-ne,



quo-ni- am spe-ra-vi in te.

Preserve me O lord, or I have put my trust in Thee.

Hiko to Parliament in support of Te Tiriti o Waitangi:

On Tuesday, 19 November, a hiko will travel through central Wellington to Parliament to voice concern about current legislative proposals around the Treaty. A short prayer time will be held before the hiko at the portrait of Mary Mother of God, at St Mary of the Angels church to pray for the good of Aotearoa New Zealand. The artwork includes an image of Te Tii marae, a reference to Bishop Pompallier's presence at Waitangi in 1840. Prayer will be led by Mons. Gerard Burns, 8.30-8.45am. Hiko leaves Waitangi Park at 9am. All welcome.

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Annual Donation of Good to St Vincent de Paul Christmas Shop

It is that time of year again where the Passionist Family Groups will be collecting donations of items for the SVP Christmas Shop in Newtown.

This is a fantastic way to help spread joy and blessings to all at Christmas time. The shop has been run for a number of years and of recent times the Passionist Family Groups of St Mary of the Angels has got involved in helping collect items so SVP can keep their shelves stocked for those in need. Any items, gifts (unwrapped ages 0-16yrs) wrapping paper, Christmas decorations, cello tape, non perishable food items etc will be most welcome. Baskets will be available in the foyer from next weekend for the next two weekends.

Everything will be delivered to the Christmas Shop on Monday December the 2nd.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Mary-Ellen Leen

Parish Coordinator

Passionist Family Groups

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 for more info or questions.

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 next session on TUESDAY 19 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

Columban Calendars

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

St Vincent de Paul

A sincere thank-you to those who have donated supplies into the St Vincent de Paul food basket or have made monetary contributions by means of the QR code on the statue at the rear of St Mary of the Angels church. If you would like to help those in need through personal contact, why not join our Vinnies group. The next meeting is on Tuesday 19 November in the Mahony Room of the Presbytery at 6pm. Together we can put our faith into action.

Praying in Advent

Advent is a time of waiting and longing for Christ. Fr Frank Bird will lead a workshop sharing reflective practices of lectio divina, centering prayer, and praying with the Sunday Readings as a way of entering the season of Advent. Participants will receive a little reflection booklet to support their prayer journey to Christmas. St Joseph's. Wednesday 27 November, 6.30 to 8.00pm.

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.



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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.



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 or Sister Frances on sisterfrancesgibbs@hotmail.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.

If you need any help setting this up, please do not hesitate to contact Abby at the parish office.



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