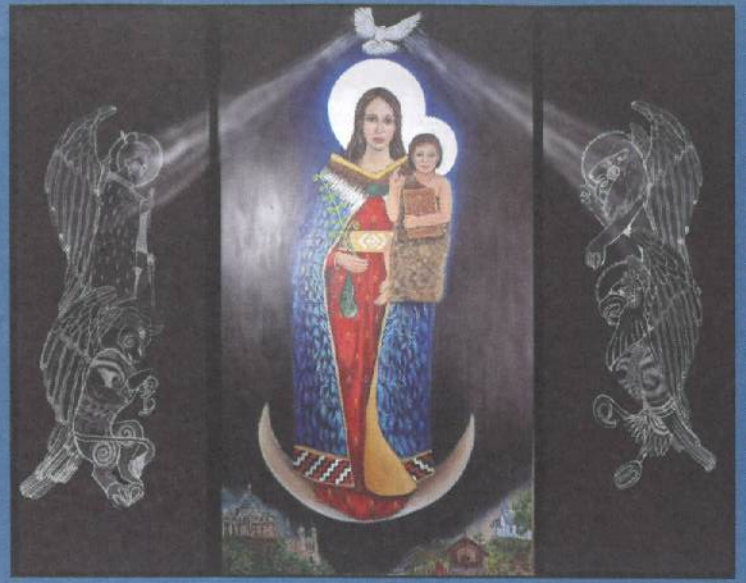


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Ko Haka Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Ariu - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 24 November 2024, Solemnity of Christ the King

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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 contrast between the image of kingship in our first reading this Sunday and the portrayal given to us in our gospel reading could not be more different.

In the first reading, the setting is one of majestic pomp and ceremony; a grand and solemn ritual in which “one of great age” confers sovereignty, glory and kingship on to another whose sovereignty will never pass away, and whose glory and kingship are held in great honour by servants from many races, nations and languages. Whereas, in our gospel reading, the man who claims to be king stands before Pilate, the Roman governor. The man is about to be sentenced as a criminal, considered a rebel against state and religion by his many accusers. The name of the man is Jesus.

This Jesus claims to “bear witness to the truth”. And we know Pilate’s response to that: “Truth? What is that!” More often than not, in human terms, truth is whatever the boss says it is! Remember Jotham’s fable (cf. Judges 9:8-15). The trees gathered to anoint for themselves a king. The trees first offered kingship to the olive tree, then to the fig tree, then to the vine; each giving reasons for their refusal. Finally, the trees offered to anoint the thorn bush as their king. In reply, the thorn bush said, “If you want to anoint me king come and shelter in my shade”.

In the context of faith, the king is the one who rules over our hearts. So we are to choose wisely where we are to find “truth”. If our truth is firmly anchored in Jesus, the man standing before Pilate, then – using the imagery from Jotham’s fable – we will have to come and shelter in his shade; and the truth he bears will indeed have a glorious destiny but not without the shadow and folly of the cross. Why? Because God’s wisdom never skirts the reality that, in this life, human beings cannot immunise themselves against suffering. Again, why? Because to truly love and serve another, we will know both joy and sorrow, contentment and regret.

So, we are to choose wisely where we are to find the truth. And, in a quirky way, truth is indeed what the boss says it is. We just have to be oh so careful who we kowtow to as boss, who we choose to be our king!

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:13-14  
*His sovereignty is eternal.*

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 1: 5-8  
*The ruler of the kings of the earth... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

**Gospel:** John 18: 33-37  
*You say that I am a king.*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
**Psalm:** 24  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,552  
Automatic Payments: \$5,363  
**Total: \$8,915**

### 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).

### Thought for the Week

Enthusiasm is common. Endurance is rare.

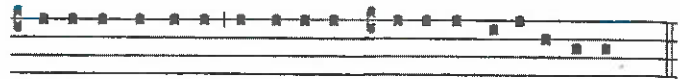
## Responsorial Psalm 92

**R. The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. **R.**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**



Domi-nus regna-vit, indu-tus est Domi-nus forti-tu-di-nem.

*The Lord hath resigned, the Lord is clothed with strength.*

### 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 26 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.

### St Joseph's Hibernian Members

A reminder of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on Tuesday 26 November at the hall under the SMOA presbytery from 5.15pm.

## Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Jeanette Papesch, George Goomes, Judith Tuckwell, Siufuga Apolo, Kathleen Roskam

**Anniversaries:** James O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Nora Johnson, Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley, Veronica Rigby

**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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### 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.

### **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

### **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.

### **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](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.

### **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.

### **Remembrance and Recommitment Ceremony (Rā Maumaharatanga) at Korokoro Cemetery**

You are welcome to join a peaceful hikoī starting beside the grave of famous chief Wi Tako at the Catholic Cemetery on the corner of Pito-one Street and Korokoro Road on Sunday 1 December 2024. Assemble at cemetery from 1:30pm. Our kaupapa will be to recall and pray for the tipuna interred in this important site and learn about our shared histories. It is also a reminder of the joint kaitiakitanga of this special place, cared for by Wi Tako's descendants, the Love whanau, parishioners from Te Wairua Tapu / Holy Spirit parish, and the Hutt City Council. Wi Tako was buried at Korokoro in 1887 from St Peter and Paul's church in Lower Hutt.

Following the service we will proceed – by foot or vehicle – for 15 minutes to Te Puni urupā in Te Puni Street, then another 15 minutes to Sacred Heart Church, 41 Britannia Street to share stories and a cuppa. Carparking adjacent to Korokoro cemetery. NB: please do not bring food on to the cemeteries, food will be provided at the church.

For details please contact Gerard Duignan 027 265 6085

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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).



### 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: [catholicocialservices.org.nz/donate](http://catholicocialservices.org.nz/donate)

### 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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