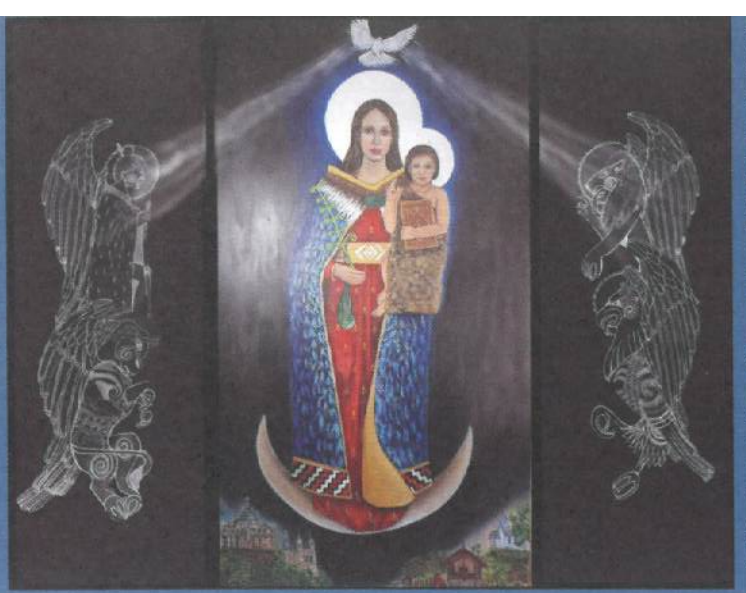


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Ko Hīta Maria, te Mānua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

9 February 2025, 5th 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.

In his book, *The Idea of the Holy*, Rudolf Otto describes the two contrasting arousals that accompany powerful experiences of the holy or the sacred, namely, fascination and terror. Or, in more prosaic terms, awe and fear.

In our first reading, the call of Isaiah is described in terms of a show of awesome power: a vision that is both fascinating and terrifying. Isaiah is mesmerised by the one seated on the throne, the train that filled the sanctuary and the seraphs on guard; but the earthquake-like shaking, the smoke and the voice crying out fills Isaiah with terror: "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost". In our gospel reading, the call of Peter and the first disciples comes after a miracle – a net full of fish; that, for Peter, is an experience which both fascinated and terrified him. He is fascinated by the huge catch of fish but suddenly realises his own wretchedness: "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man".

We are disciples of Jesus. Have we ever had profound experiences of Jesus' presence in our lives; experiences that have both fascinated and terrified us at the same time? The answer will probably depend on whether knowing him has really made a difference to our lives. The key consequence from such experiences is *change*; that we are transformed by these experiences. They give us a deeply personal appreciation of the Lord's presence; encounters that are difficult to explain but powerfully felt. These are moments we should cherish. We can look back on them and realise how the hand of the Lord had been at work in us. On further reflection, these profoundly transforming encounters with the Lord are moments of deep conversion and/or of profound revelation.

These experiences cannot be engineered. They are pure gifts from God. They are encounters that are surprising and unexpected; and, more often than not, with hindsight they reveal the wonder of the Lord's presence and intervention in our lives, nourishing and strengthening our witness that he is truly risen and is at work in us through his Spirit. Giving witness to Christ is our way of being fishers for Christ; our way of catching others for Christ even if, at times, we may feel bewildered, perhaps even terrified, but oh so human all the same!

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8
Here am I! Send me.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11
They left everything and followed him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Psalm 1

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Reading Luke 6:17, 20-26



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,651

Automatic Payments: \$5,423

Total: \$9,074

Joshua Wellington

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to everyone to a *MASS* followed by a light supper on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. **Celebrant:** Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain. Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

St Joseph's Mens Book Group

Held on Tuesday 11 February at 7.30pm in the Bill Pearce Room.

Thought for the Week

Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Georgina Young, Amy McLaughlin, Pauline Mowbray

Anniversaries: Carol Armstrong, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Grady, Dorothea Walker, Fr Noel Delaney sm, Keith Clapham, Dennis Maccagna, Peter Tawhiki, Ross Meads

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, 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, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, John Ellis, Mary Lucy



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 23

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners,
not sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law say and night. **R**

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**



Confi-tebor ti-bi Domi-ne in-to-to corde me-o.

I will praise thee O Lord with my whole heart.

Projector Operators Needed

We are in need of volunteers to operate the laptop at the 9am Sunday Mass at St Mary of the Angels. Full training will be provided. If you are available please contact Abby in the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or office.manager@smoa.org.nz

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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.

FOUNDATIONS Parenting Course

During February and March 2025 there will be a 4 session parenting programme to help parents to go deeper into some of the issues we face as parents and to discuss as couples and then in a group setting. This is open to all parents with preschool - year 13 children. To join us for these four consecutive Tuesday night sessions starting on Tuesday 11 February 7pm - 8pm at St Peter and Paul's Church Hall, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt . Please register by emailing Monica at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com or call her on 021 2991138. Total cost per couple for the programme is \$20. This will cover babysitting (provided on-site) and supper.

Te Ara o te Tūmanako - The Way of Hope

Every 25 years the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope". Bishop Steve Lowe will be leading a jubilee pilgrimage this year, departing 29 September for 17 nights with Harvest Journeys. The pilgrimage "Our Way of Hope" will begin in Lyon, the mother Church for the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and journey to Rome. On the way pilgrims will meet pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church, and who will inspire hope as the group prepares to pass through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and receive the Jubilee blessing.

Passionist Family Groups Planning 2025

Sunday 23 February after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church. Please come along with some ideas and a month you're happy to organise. Any queries contact Mary-Ellen Leen 0273336440 or maryellenleen@icloud.com

Jubilee of Married Couples and St Valentine's Day Mass

Married and engaged couples are warmly invited to this special celebration of marriage. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Friday 14th February at 6pm**, with refreshments to follow. Come and join us for Mass with plenty of time for a dinner reservation afterwards.

Children's Day - 2 March

To celebrate Children's Day, the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 2 March will be child friendly. We hope to see lots of children there.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders Ordination to the Priesthood

Inviting all to attend the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders when Deacon Matthew White will be Ordained to the Priesthood. Held on Saturday 22 February, 11am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington.

Passionist Family Group

We received a whiteboard full of gratitude and thanks from some of the 50 families, including 148 children that the Passionist Family Groups and members of our Parish helped in December in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul. Many thanks to everyone and we look forward to doing it again in December this year."

Catholicism Series Bible Study

The Genesis to Jesus team brings you the "Catholicism Series" - a series designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of key Catholic topics like Mariam, Lent, Angels & Saints, Catholic Art & Architecture and more while deepening their understanding of our rich faith. 10 Video sessions in all, held every second Tuesday with the first session on Tuesday 11th February from 6-7pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall. Koha appreciated; light supper provided. If you need more information, please contact Donaldson at drukose001@gmail.com



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Fundraising for missionary work in Pakistan, Tanzania, and Sudan

We invite you to join us at the annual Mission Fair of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver on Saturday, 22nd February, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Convent grounds, 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay to raise funds for missionary work in Pakistan, Tanzania, and Sudan.

Saleable goods for the fair and donations are greatly appreciated (toys, cakes, jams, costume jewellery, etc. except electronic goods).

Please contact Sister Reena John or Sister Elcy for any queries, (04) 383 8401, Email: peterclaver@xtra.co.nz

Situation Vacant on the Church Mission Team:

We're looking for a *Young Church Ministry Coordinator* to join our Archdiocesan team. The position involves development and nurturing of youth and young adult ministry and the regular support of our college youth ministers (YC Tuakana). The position is part-time (negotiable) and full details can be found on the Seek website (search 'Young Church Ministry').

Guardians Needed

Each day our church is looked after by Guardians who take it in turn to spend an hour in the church ensuring that the many visitors feel welcome and that they respect our sacred place. If you would like to consider being a part of this important service to the parish community please contact the parish office on office.manager@smoa.org.nz or 04 473 8074.

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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