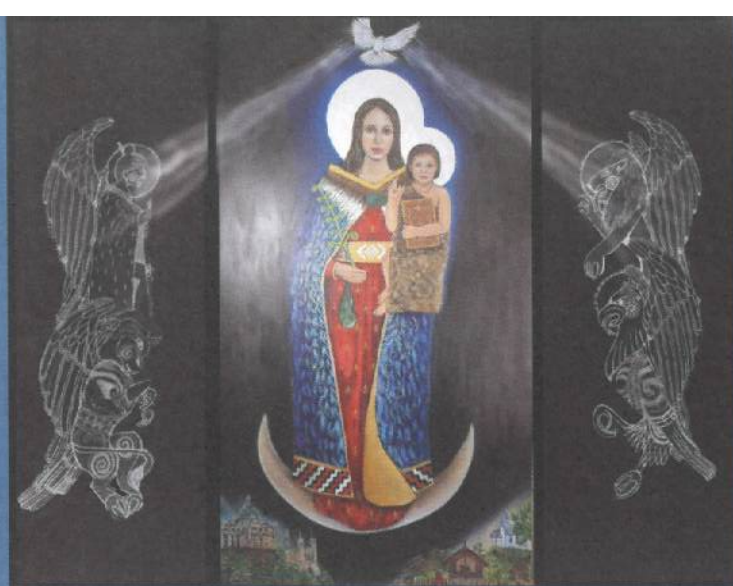


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Ko Hira Maria, te Matua Whānau o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

16 February 2025, 6th 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.

The Beatitudes and Woes of Luke

Luke's four Beatitudes and four corresponding woes, which we listen to in the Gospel reading for today, are very blunt and so extremely provocative. Appearing to congratulate the poor for being poor, the hungry for being hungry, the weeping and the reviled for being in the condition they are in is, at first glance, completely outrageous! Should we be outraged? Not if we realise that in the biblical tradition the words 'blessed' and the 'poor' do not mean what we may immediately think they mean.

Describing a person as 'blessed' in the bible is to say that they are in a fortunate or advantageous position in view of the coming action of God. Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger and so forth. He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages are not advantages when we keep in mind the coming action of God. The great advantage, contrary to what we think, is to have a lack that the God of overflowing generosity can fill, to be vulnerable which attracts God's impulse to save.

And to be described as one of the 'Poor' in Jesus' day was to be named as one of the faithful who wait trustingly for the salvation of the Lord. Think of Simeon and Anna in the temple. Powerless, they wait, with deep spiritual longing for a salvation they cannot give themselves. In this perspective the poor, the hungry, the weeping and the reviled can include the afflicted in general, whatever the cause or the nature of the affliction they suffer - in a word, all whose emptiness and destitution provide scope for the generosity of God

To understand the Beatitudes and Woes properly then we must keep in mind the context in which Jesus announces them to his disciples. Along with his disciples Jesus is standing in front of a large crowd who lack a great deal in all aspects of their lives, who are truly vulnerable - the afflicted masses who have come to hear Him and be healed of their diseases. This is the community Jesus is reaching out to - precisely because they are vulnerable! Their vulnerability allows God to reveal who He truly is, what He is really like. Being vulnerable allows God to express his power.

Standing before our God as afflicted, vulnerable people, as we do at the beginning of each mass, allows Him to share his power with us and through us. And so, we can go out to others, in his power, and announce the Good News of God's overflowing generosity.

Fr Kevin Mowbray sm—Parish Priest

Sad? Tired? Frustrated? Prayer is not enough!



Catholics everywhere need to remain informed and educated about what is happening around us. Jesus taught us that we need to seek both holiness and justice. For example, he said "the laborer is worthy of his hire". Today that translates into "a just days' pay for a just days' work".

This Jubilee Year St Mary of the Angel's is offering you an opportunity to be a person who seeks justice. Hardship and poverty are being addressed slowly by a Christian movement called "Living Wage Aotearoa".

Next Sunday, 23rd February, after the 9am, 11am, and 5pm St Mary of the Angels Masses, we are offering a 15-minute workshop on 'Living Wage Aotearoa' in the Parish Hall.

Attendees of the workshop will be informed about and will learn more about the Christian call to holiness and justice through the 'Living Wage Aotearoa'.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26
Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm: 102
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49
Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,072
Automatic Payments: \$4,403
Total: \$8,475

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

Thought for the Week

Unless you learn to face your own shadows
you will continue to see them in others.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Ellis Meachen, Georgina Young, Amy McLaughlin, Pauline Mowbray

Anniversaries: Carol Armstrong, Miriam Menzies, Grace Smith, Nomaza Sidima-Jacob, Fr Ken Scully sm, Rt Hon sir Ian McKay, Imelda Reeve, Thomas Duignan

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Pat Mahony, Saturino Viloria, 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 Psalm I

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 company of scorners,
nor sits in the company of sinners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day 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.**



Be- a-tus vir cu-jus est nomen Domi-ni spes e-jus.

Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord.

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.

E-Waste Collection

Saturday 22 February 9am – 2pm at St Catherine’s
College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per
item. 0274171500.

Anointing Mass

The Anointing Mass is being held on the 4th Saturday of
the month, Saturday 15 February at 11am.

CathNews New Zealand

The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed
CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports
Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing
news and other content of interest. It draws from material
that has already been published and includes original con-
tent. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is
by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday
and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand
website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

Gene Technology Bill

The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering
changes to legislation related to gene technology and
genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a
Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council
have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of
science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions
on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February
17. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

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

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.

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

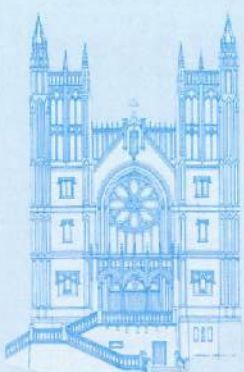
Inviting all to attend the celebration of the Sacrament of
Holy Orders when Deacon Matthew White will be Or-
dained to the Priesthood. Held on Saturday 22 February,
11am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart,
Wellington.

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 next session on
Tuesday 25 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 dlukose001@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').

Carparks for Rent

The few church carparks have come up for rent Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office—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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