

# The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish  
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Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven  
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Ko Hāta Maria, te Mātua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

16 March 2025, 2nd Sunday of Lent

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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.

## Joy at the Transfiguration

Peter said to Jesus, "Master it is good for us to be here: let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter was excited more so than ever before. It might be better to say he was overwhelmed! Why was this the case? Because he had just been given the small glimpse of the glory and splendour of God!

This is the transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up to a high mountain together. These three Apostles had no idea what was coming. Most likely on the way they were complaining interiorly, why they had to go up to the mountain. The mountain is a symbol of our upward journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it is an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life. They were on this difficult climb up the mountain and suddenly they stopped in shock and awe. They saw in their eyes Jesus changed in a glorious way, His clothing whiter than any white they had ever seen. And Moses and Elijah, the great Law-giver and great Prophet conversing with Jesus.

We might ask, what was going on in Peter's head? What was he experiencing? But a small glimpse of the glory and splendour of God. Jesus till this moment had kept his divinity veiled, lifted the veil ever so slightly. The lifting of the veil, His divinity shone brighter than anything this world could ever contain. Peter, James and John did not know what to think. Peter called out that he wanted to build three tents one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah!

Why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. They would need to remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it. Because at the summit is a glory so great that no hardships they would endure would prove to be too big. God wants to give us that message through them. He wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during our journey.

Let us take advantage of the experience of Peter, James and John, and be consoled by God's glory and never forget that this is the ultimate promise He gives to us all who persevere.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

**Gospel:** Luke 9: 28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*


### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

**Psalm:** 102

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

**Gospel:** Luke 13: 1-9



**Last Sunday's Collection**  
 Sunday Collection: \$4,471  
 Automatic Payments: \$4,091  
**Total: \$8,562**

### Community Gathering to Celebrate St Joseph - Sunday 23 March

As St Joseph's Feast Day falls on a Wednesday this year, we'll instead have a community gathering after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's on 23 March to celebrate this. We'll gather in the garden for prayer and then enjoy a BBQ brunch. Please bring a plate to share - a salad or something for dessert. Thanks to the Passionist Family Groups who are providing the sausage sizzle.

### Thought for the Week

Life is a one time offer. Use it well.

### Mass has been offered for:

**Recently Deceased:** Francisca Sparnaay, Georgina Young

**Anniversaries:** Ann-Marie Sowry, Patricia Slattery, Baldo Sutich, Margaret McNeill, Wanda Wheeler, Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney

**Prayers for the Sick:** Terry Pohlen, Kirwan sisters, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam



Finlayson, 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, Catherine Ravenhall

*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 26

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**



Dómi-nus il-lumi-ná-ti-o me-a, et sa-lus me-a.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

### St Vincent de Paul

Would you like to put your faith into action by helping needy people in the community through personal contact? If so, please join us. The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on March 18 at 6pm. New members are 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.

Four 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.

### **Planned Giving**

Donation envelopes for the new financial year are available for you to collect at the back of the church, listed by surname in alphabetical order. Please check that the number on your envelopes is the same as on your label. If any details are incorrect please contact the Parish Office on Monday 04 473 8074.

Please let us know if you would like to join our planned giving programme, or if you would like to opt to donate by internet banking instead of donation envelopes this year. End of financial year tax receipts will be available by the end of April.

### **St Brigid's School Food Festival**

Come and celebrate the vibrant cultures within our school community. Held at St Brigid's School, Johnsonville on Friday 28 March from 5-7pm.

### **24 Hours for the Lord**

This year we will be celebrating the worldwide initiative known as '24 Hours for the Lord' at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation celebrated in dioceses around the world on the eve of the 4th Sunday of Lent.

Our '24 Hours for the Lord' will begin with an Opening Liturgy at 5:30pm on Friday 28th March, continue through the night and end with the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday 29th March.

All are welcome to join the St Joseph's Church community from 4pm-5pm on Saturday 29 March.

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ,  
our brother,  
and the flame of love enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your kingdom.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the  
treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

### **Mass Cancellations**

Due to the lack of Priests there will be no weekday 5.15pm Masses from 3 March to 21 March. Evening Masses will resume on Monday 24 March.

### **One in our Midst**

A new book by Fr James Lyons, features titles of Mary in the Litany of Loreto and the national shrine Te Ara a Maria.

He will be here for the 11am Mass next Sunday 23 March with copies for sale at \$25 each. All proceeds support the mission of the Sister of Our Lady of Compassion.

### **Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme.**

Parish Group meeting Mondays in lent. 7.30pm in St Joseph's church, Mt Victoria. If you would like to follow the programme at home, please visit [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) Lent Communities 2025 for a link to download the programme.

### **Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent!**

Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on Wednesdays. Find out more at [www.FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife](http://www.FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife)



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## Passionist Family Group

You're all invited to a:

- 1) A classic night away on Fri the 21st of March featuring a shared meal, roaring fire and laughter. and/or
- 2) A tour/look, cuppa and shared lunch at Sacred Heart church in Greytown on Saturday the 22nd (at approx. 11am).

Everyone is invited to join for the Friday night and/or come to Greytown on Saturday.

Sacred Heart is now privately owned and recently restored. It has been retained as a church and is used by local Christian groups and for weddings. (Luckily for us the owner is my sister.) It will make a perfect all-weather venue for us to enjoy some fresh bread from a local baker (or whatever we all bring) and we'll put on a cuppa as well.

Contact Emmett for more info or to register— [emmettandaimce@gmail.com](mailto:emmettandaimce@gmail.com)

## 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 11 March 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 [dhlukose001@gmail.com](mailto:dhlukose001@gmail.com)

## Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 20 March 2025 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). If Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

## Divine Retreat Centre NZ Wellington Unit

The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Sunil Nagothu SVD will be leading a midday Lenten retreat at **St. Martin De Porres Church in Avalon on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2.00 PM.** We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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