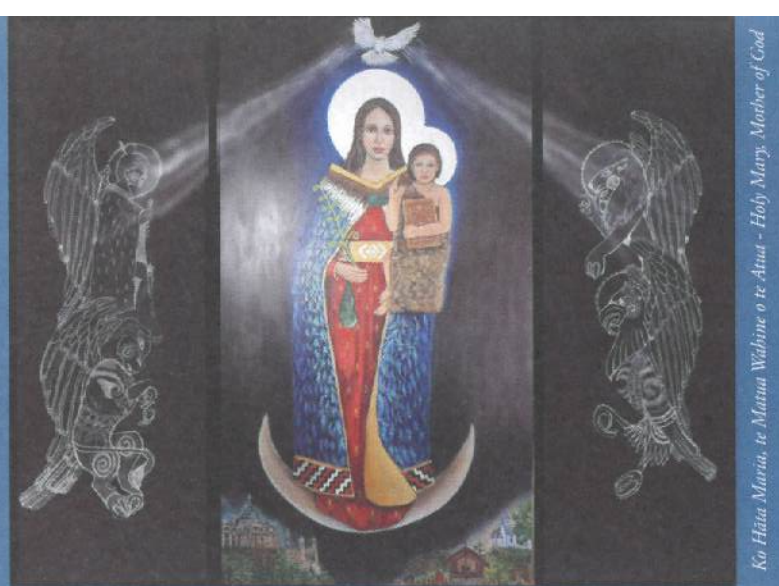


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6 April 2025, 5th Sunday of Lent

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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 Sat 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, 2nd and 4th Sundays each month

St Joseph's Church

Baptisms on 3rd Sunday of each month.
Please arrange through Parish Office.

Let the Person Without Sin Cast the First Stone

This is a wonderful Gospel, it teaches itself. Because we can all say in our hearts, "Yes we must forgive".

In today's Gospel of St John the Pharisees dragged in an adulterous woman to Jesus. She was a Jewess woman. They thought that Jesus would condemn her immediately. They thought he would give them permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong because Jesus came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Jesus are different from theirs. So instead of condemning her, Jesus restores her life and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her, "Go and sin no more".

Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities despite our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we contend with in our daily lives. His mission is to save us from all our sins and accusations. It is not to condemn us. Jesus therefore says, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full". Jn/10

Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus, "Neither do I condemn you." The complete forgiveness of Jesus is incredible. When He says these words to us, He means them. He means that he has taken care of our negative past. So, Jesus will always fill us with Joy, which He will complete for us soon through His death and resurrection.

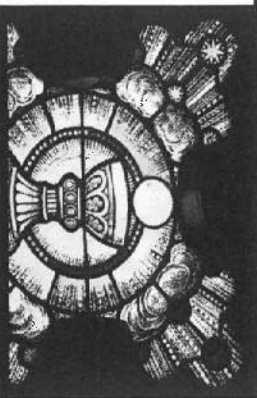
As we approach the glorious season of Easter, the Lord also says to us: "Go and sin no more." This is an injunction we must believe and put into practice. He promises us a better future and a share in His glory if we remain faithful to this command. Therefore we must constantly run to Jesus irrespective of our situation. This is because He is ever ready to forgive us of all charges against us. So, let us shout for joy: "What marvels the Lord has done for us. Indeed we are glad!"

We have many opportunities before Holy week to come to the Lord in the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation. Rite 2 will be celebrated at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 8th April at 7pm Let us take advantage of what is offered here at St. Mary of the Angels and St. Joseph's..

Sister Frances Gibbs — Pastoral Worker

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

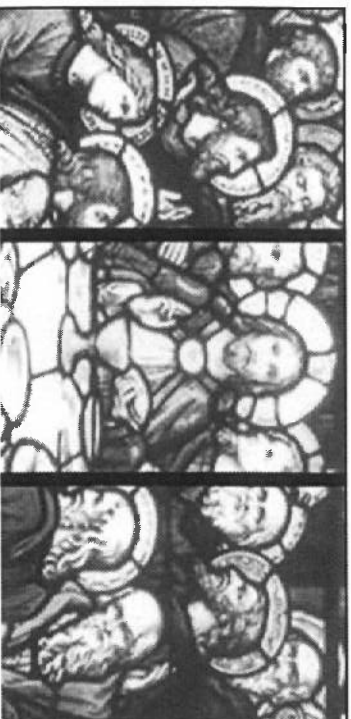
TUESDAY 8 APRIL
RITE 2 RECONCILIATION
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH—7PM



17 APRIL
COMBINED HOLY THURSDAY
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
7.30pm

RECONCILIATION
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
11am - 1pm
4pm - 5pm

18 APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
10am
RECONCILIATION
11am - 12pm
THE PASSION OF THE LORD
3pm
RECONCILIATION
5pm - 6pm
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
10am
THE PASSION OF THE LORD
3pm



19 APRIL
COMBINED
HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

7.30pm
RECONCILIATION
10am - 11am

20 APRIL
EASTER SUNDAY
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
MASS
7am, 9am, 11am, & 5pm
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
MASS
9.30am

EASTER MONDAY—
21 APRIL— PUBLIC HOLIDAY
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS
MASS
12.05pm

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalm: 21

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14- 23:56



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,831

Automatic Payments: \$4,536

Total: \$8,367

Rite 2 Reconciliation

Held on Tuesday 8 April at 7pm in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome.

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.

Copies are available from the Parish office or Sister Frances for \$20 each. All proceeds support the mission of the Sister of Our Lady of Compassion.

Thought for the Week

If you cannot do great things,
do small things in a great way

Responsorial Psalm 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the
Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

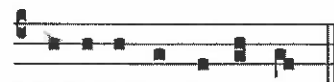
Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying the seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**



Ma-gni-fi-ca-vit Do-mi-nus fa-ce-re no-bis-cum:



facti sumus laetentes.

The Lord hath done these things for us: we are become joyful.

Food for Faith for Lent

Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ. Sign up to receive daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Paul Gini, Leo Brett Kelly, Francisca Sparnaay, Georgina Young

Anniversaries: Lucie Halberstan, Fr Mark Beban sm, Fr Jim Beban sm, Margaret Hyland, Gerard O'Brien

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.



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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

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.

Faith Rosaries

We sell rosaries in the Parish Office designed and hand made by Ngaire Greger from Faith Rosaries. If you are looking for a rosary as a gift or for yourself, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in.

St Mary of the Angel's Church Working Bee

Working Bee on Saturday 12 April, 9am to 10.45am.
We need volunteers to help tidy up at St Mary of the Angels church so we are ready for our Easter ceremonies. Please save the date and come along to help. Dusting equipment welcome!

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 Lent Communities 2025 for a link to download the programme. .

Chrism Mass

Held on Wednesday 16 April, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome

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

Passionist Family Group

Sacred Heart Church Greytown was visited by members of SMOA Passionist Family Groups last Saturday after having their annual overnight stay at the Magnificat in Featherston on Friday night. A special thanks to the Geoghegan Family for organising the event.



St Joseph's Working Bee - 9am Saturday 12 April

Please come along and help to-clean the church and tidy the grounds in readiness for Easter. Many hands make light work! Please bring garden tools - hedge trimmers would be especially welcome, as are vehicles to help take refuse to the dump. We'll take a pause for the usual magnificent morning tea so please bring a plate if you are able.

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



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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 8 April 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

Carparks for Rent

The few church carparks have come up for rent Monday-Friday for \$86.25 inc. GST. If you are interested, please contact Abby in the Parish Office—04 473 8074

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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