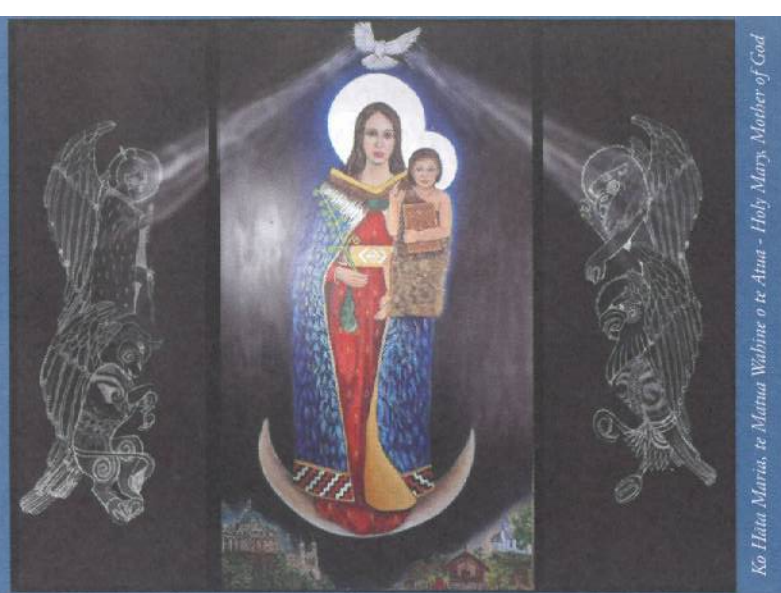


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Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

13 April 2025, Palm Sunday

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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.

Holy Week

The Season of Lent closes with Holy Week which we begin today with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is the most solemn week of the year for all Christians.

During this Holy Week we follow in the footsteps of Jesus through the liturgies we celebrate. We begin today, Palm Sunday, with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; on Thursday we remember his last supper; on Friday we accompany him to Calvary, his place of crucifixion; and, finally, on Saturday we await the dawn when he was risen from the dead.

Of all these liturgies Good Friday, for so long, has been the most popular. But many of our contemporaries question our Faith precisely because of what happened on Good Friday. They ask, how can we believe in a God who deliberately sends his only Son into the world to die on a cross? To them that is very cruel and evil!

We must be quite clear. God the Father did send his Son into the world - but not to die on a cross! He sent him to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom - a Kingdom unlike any other since it is a Kingdom of love, the very life shared by the Father and the Son through the Spirit who binds them into One. When Jesus proclaimed this Kingdom of Love he began to arouse opposition from those religious leaders who thought they knew God better than him. They accused him of blasphemy. This because he claimed to have such a deep relationship with God that he was entitled to call him 'Abba' (i.e. Daddy), a relationship he wanted to share with us. To claim such intimacy with God was scandalous to those religious leaders. In spite of their mounting threats Jesus was unwilling to deny the truth about his love for his Father. He was prepared to suffer anything - even execution on a cross - in order to remain faithful to this love he experienced and shared. In turn, he trusted that his Father would be faithful to his love for him. And he was, for the Father raised Jesus from the dead through the power of his Spirit, the power of love.

To those, then, who may question our faith our response should simply be: on the cross we do not see the work of an evil God but, rather, the truth about love of God and the cost of such love. As Scripture says, 'Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends'.

This is what we celebrate in all our liturgies in Holy Week.

Fr. Kevin Mowbray sm, Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel: Luke 22:14- 23:56
Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm 21

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him:
let him release him' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They ear holes in my hands and my feet,
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**



De- us me- us. De- us me- us. *ma-re me de-re-liqui-sti?*

O my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

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

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

It's OK to be sad after making the right decision.

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Lucie Halberstam, Dorothy Cook, Katherine Butler, Sandra Southon, Nance Mills, Clare Dwyer, James Davidson, June Eagle

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.

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.

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 Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room at the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on Tuesday April 15 at 6pm. We are a Catholic faith based charity, inspired by the Gospels, and dedicated to helping those in need through personal contact. If this appeals to you please join us. New members are very welcome.

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended both working bees on Saturday to prepare both churches for the upcoming Easter Liturgies.

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

Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025

The theme for the Lent appeal in 2025 is Restoring hope: Your compassion in action / Kia puawai te Tūmanako. Caritas' mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development, is of vital importance to us all. The Bishops' Lent Appeal is the best way to directly fund Caritas' work – supporting vulnerable communities around the world. For the Catholic community, Caritas is how we help our brothers and sisters in need, upholding their human dignity through local partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching. Pick up your envelopes from the Church today

Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 24 April 2025 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). Michael Powell will be speaking on "Power to do good in Jesus' name". If you want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 4477 280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Chrism Mass

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



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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 22 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.

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