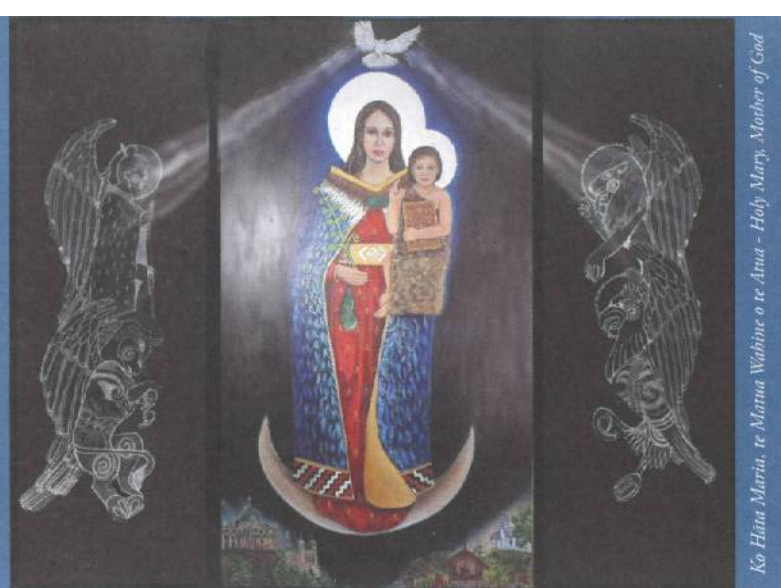


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27 April 2025, 2nd Sunday of Easter

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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.

We Too Must Believe

"We have seen the Lord!" The risen Christ had already appeared to the disciples in the absence of Thomas. He had shown the wounds of His passion and imparted to them his peace. In anticipation of Pentecost he had given them the Holy Spirit- The Spirit by their means would effect the work of salvation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that He has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too Jesus sends His Disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when He gives His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to His disciples also highlights the connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others this is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas the apostle was a forthright and honest man which we see in the various parts of the Gospel. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we might doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to His disciple. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after His death is indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed and are able to say "My Lord and my God".

Thank you to all who participated in the Holy Week Ceremonies. There were many people involved in the various Liturgies leading up to Easter Sunday from St Joe's and St Mary of the Angels. A lot of work and commitment is involved in the preparation and the actual Ceremonies. A very sincere thank you to all for making our Easter Celebrations so prayerful and joyful.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5: 12-16
The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Second Reading: Revelations 1: 9-13, 17-19
I was dead and now I am to live forever and ever.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Revelations 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-19



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$6,408

Automatic Payments: \$3,702

Total: \$10,110

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

Try not to become a person of success
 but rather try to become a person of value

Responsorial Psalm 117

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes.

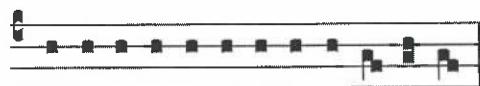
This day was made by the Lord;
 we rejoice and are glad. **R**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
 is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
 the Lord God is our light. **R**



Alle-lu-ia. Alle-lu-ia. Alle-lu-ia.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 7 RCIA candidates on joining the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)! This is a significant step in your spiritual journey and a time of celebration for you and the community. You are now fully welcomed into the Church, joining a fellowship of believers and embracing the sacraments.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, Lady Joan Gillies, Paul Gini, Leo Brett Kelly

Anniversaries: Ches Tomaszuk, Jean Auld, Lnton Eskrigge, John Keating, Jung Jieun, Ian Jones, Stewart Dickson, Mark Fitzgerald, David Butler

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, John Price

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.

Hours of Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Thorndon on Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June
from 10am – 2pm. Please register as per the poster at-
tachment or call 0225178988.

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.

Mass for St Joseph the Worker

St Josephs Church Mt Victoria 9.30am Sunday 4 May.
Come and join in this Jubilee Year Mass and reflect on
the importance and value of work and the needs of all
workers. Catholic teaching encourages us to take actions
that support and respect the dignity human person, the
common good and the importance of work. There will be
a 15 minute workshop after mass for those who would
like to consider actions St Joseph's can take.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for
vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Tuesday
29 April, 7:30pm - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in
Hill Street, Wellington. 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

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Sunday. If there are any errors or you need to update your
details, please contact me in the Parish Office and I will be
happy to help. Please email office.manager@smoa.org.nz
or phone 04 473 8074.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to our Parish.

Thank You

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

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 speak-
ing on "Power to do good in Jesus' name". If you want
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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 6 May 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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