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The National Shrine of New Zealand
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
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St Mary of the Angels Church

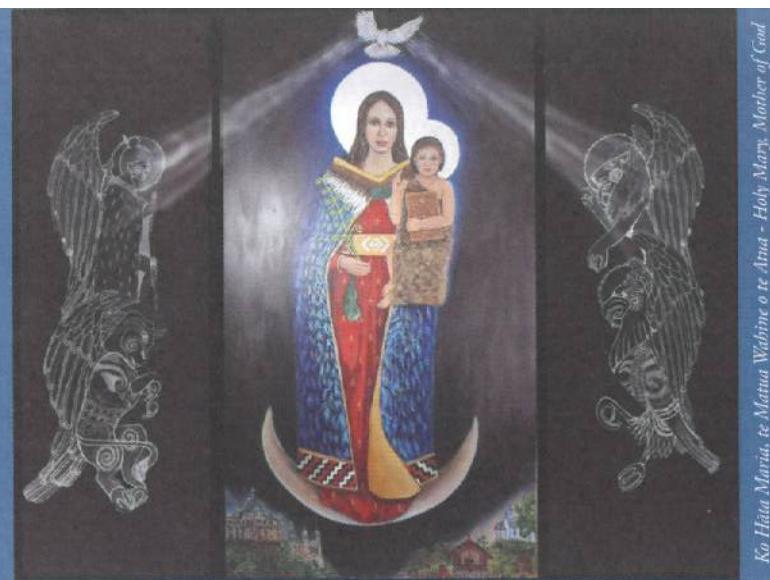
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Ko Hāia Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

4 May 2025, 3rd 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.

Your Parish Needs You!

Poor Wellington! It continues to be battered! Most recently it was battered by Nature. Gale force winds caused flights and ferry crossings to be cancelled, slips on the Remutaka Hill, sea waves to lash the coastal roads. So severe, in fact were the winds that the MetService warning was upgraded, for some time, to red, the highest warning possible.

But the city has been battered in recent times in other ways as well. Covid caused not only our bodies but also our minds, our work, our family connections to be battered. Then a wave of restructuring battered the government departments increasing unemployment in a sector which is part of the bed rock of our local economic life.

Winds the parish can survive. But the parish can't survive without you. Covid, restructuring, the normal movement of people out of the city have all lessened the number of parishioners serving as readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, even committee members. Today I would like you to consider becoming more active in the life of the parish. I would especially like the younger members of our parish - high school and university students, young workers - to consider this call to volunteer. You don't have to be retired to volunteer. After all, Jesus was only about 33 years old when he died on the cross for us! And some of his apostles would have been younger than that!

A practical example: many have been asking about the possibility of sharing in the chalice at communion time. This is simply not possible at the moment. Not for health reasons related to Covid but for practical reasons. We do not have enough Ministers of the Eucharist! At each mass we normally have the priest and four ministers of the Eucharist distributing the consecrated hosts. To facilitate a dignified yet expeditious distribution of host and chalice we would need another four ministers besides the four already mentioned. In other words, about eight ministers per mass. To repeat: we just don't have enough parishioners volunteering for such ministry.

All you have to do to volunteer is to make yourself known to one of the priests or to Sr. Frances after mass, or contact Abby in the office by phone or email, and we will gladly help you learn your role.

To adapt the words of President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your parish can do for you, rather ask what you can for your parish!"

Thank you for considering this plea and offering to serve as a minister or work on a committee in your parish.

Fr. Kevin Mowbray sm—Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

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

We are the witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: Revelations 5: 11-14

The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm: 99

Second Reading: Revelations 7:9, 14-17

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Responsorial Psalm 29

R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. R



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$5,049

Automatic Payments: \$4,711

Total: \$9,760

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

Thought for the Week

The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

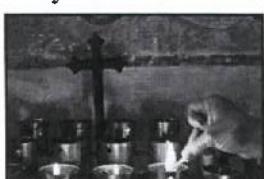
In his message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis wrote: *"A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service."* Please pray for our seminarians Kinh, Emilio, Gerson, Dyester and Kham, and for all those discerning the call to priesthood and religious life. Pray too that more young people will generously say yes to God's call. **Vocations are fostered within faith communities. So who can you encourage? Pray for them | Invite them to consider priesthood or religious life | Affirm their gifts and qualities | Encourage them to be open to God's call.**

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Pope Francis, Bishop Owen Dolan, John Dalgety, Lady Joan Gillies

Anniversaries: George Bright, Terry Chamberlain, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Joseph Hermon, Mariette Hopman, Christopher Eastwood, Anasetasia Churchward

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

Women Alive Retreat

Come join us for Women Alive - a retreat for women.

Anastasia Rebello a lay catholic minister from the Archdiocese of Mumbai will lead the retreat. Anastasia is a wife and mum of four. Before her God experience, she was a fashion designer and businesswoman. Since that experience, she has committed her life to serving others and helping them deepen their faith. She has led several retreats across the world for lay and religious. She started Women Alive 11 years ago to help Catholic women deepen their faith.

The retreat will be a day of teaching, testimonies, adoration and healing prayers. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please carry your own lunch.

The retreat is FREE! Contact Sarah for further information/to register:

pintosarahann@gmail.com / 0223949899.

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.

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

Life in the Spirit Seminar

A very special invitation To fall in love with God is the greatest romance ; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest Human Achievement. – St. Augustine of Hippo. The life in the Spirit Seminar invites us to gather and prepare for a very personal “Pentecost” and experience a new release and revitalization of the Spirit’s presence. Join with us every Wednesday evening from the 13th of May to 24 June 2025 in Connolly Hall, Sacred Heart Cathedral and able to experience the abundant life that Jesus offers in the Gospel. Please register by 7 May 2025 at mcsh.prayergroup@gmail.com

Praying for the Conclave

New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at www.catholic.org.nz

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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

Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain (Part Time 0.6FTE)

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa - Hutt Hospital, Health New Zealand -Te Whatu Ora, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa has a new vacancy, which can be viewed on Seek.

Anyone who is interested should have enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology. Please only apply via the Seek website.

To be considered, please submit the following:

- CV
- Cover letter

Application form

All applications must be in by 4pm, Wednesday 21st May 2025

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/83926805?ref=cm-ui>

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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