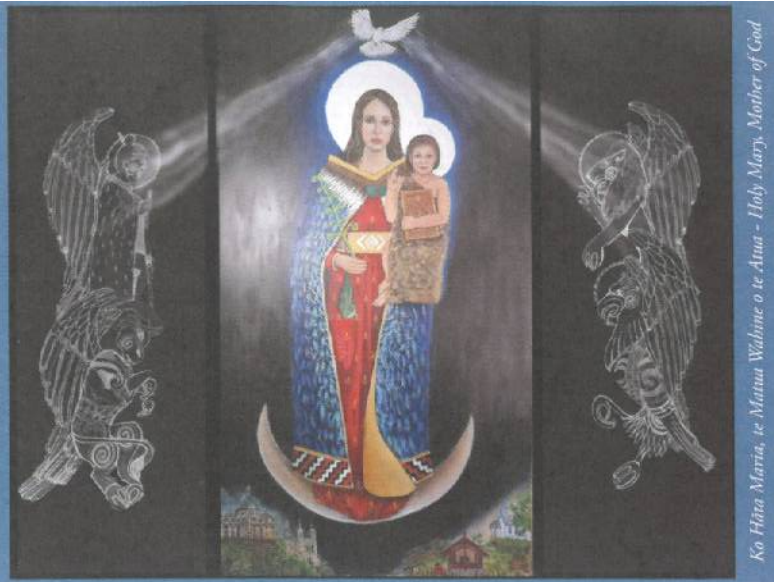


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Ko Hata Maria, te Matua Wāhine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

## 11 May 2025, 4th 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.

In our first reading today Paul and Barnabas change their “opus operandi” (mode of operation), by-passing preaching the Good News first to their Jewish compatriots to one of delivering the Gospel message directly to the Gentiles (non-Jews). From our vantage point centuries later, it is easy to overlook the enormous upheaval this provoked in the early Church’s understanding of what it means to profess faith in Jesus.

What we do know from the Acts of the Apostles is that the rapid growth of the faith among the Gentiles precipitated a major crisis in the Church’s sense of identity and composition. The apostles and elders at the Council of Jerusalem may have decided “not to make things more difficult for pagans to turn to God” (cf. Acts 15:19), but we also know from Acts that Paul had to face persistent hostility and reproach from the more hard-line Jewish converts long after the ruling was made by the Council.

One would think that the gospel today would silence any such divisive bickering when the Lord says, “The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice”. Sadly, however, divisions over what it means to belong and what it means to listen to the Lord’s voice continue to rankle believers irrespective of the decisions made by the various Councils of the Church. A scandal for some, a matter of probity for others. Whether understood in terms of scandal or of principle, resulting divisions affect the way we judge others, especially when such divisions are reduced to an “us and them” mentality in which the one demonises the other.

The fragmentation of our world today into various “camps” at variance with each other probably exacerbates or exposes the differing voices in the Church clamouring not only to be heard, but each perhaps wanting to drown out the other. In such confusing and conflicting times, we may only be able to raise the timid standard of hope found in the words of our second reading: “I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language...standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb”. A timid standard because of our own fragility and limitations, but a hope nevertheless that is vouchsafe in the victory of the Lamb, who alone can make whole what is broken and make new what has become all too cynical.

Fr Michael Young sm—Assistant Priest

### This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

**Second Reading:** Revelations 7:9, 14-17

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

### Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 14:21-27

**Psalm:** 144

**Second Reading:** Revelations 21:1-5

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35



### Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,483

Automatic Payments: \$4,332

**Total: \$7,815**

### Priest Email Scam Warning

There have been a few reports of Fr Kevin Mowbray and other Priests name being used and emailing Parishioners to ask for gift cards. This is a scam and please do not engage with the scammer.

Fr Kevin, our Assistant Priests and staff will never ask you for gift cards or to purchase anything for them. If ever in doubt if communications are from, please feel free to contact the office on 04 473 8074 and Abby can help you distinguish if it is genuine or not.

### Thought for the Week

Growth is the only evidence of life.

### Mass has been offered for:

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

**Anniversaries:** Fr Augustine Hill sm, Pua Magasiva, Oinah MacPherson, Mary Egan, John Smith

**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.*

### Responsorial Psalm 99

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R**



Popu-lus e-i-us. et oves nascent-ae e-i-us.

*We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

### St Joseph's Men's Book Group

St Josephs men's book group meets in the Bill Pearce room on Tuesday 13 May at 7:30pm. New members are welcome.

### 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.

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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.

### **What's in a Name?**

Robert Prevost has been elected the first North American leader of the Catholic Church, taking the name Pope Leo XIV. Though American Pope Leo worked for many years in Peru as a missionary.

Pope Leo XIV's choice of name signals a commitment to social justice. Pope Leo XIII, who was head of the Catholic Church from 1878 to 1903, laid the foundation for modern Catholic social thought, most famously with his 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, which addressed workers' rights and capitalism at the dawn of the industrial age.

Significantly, he presided over one of the most revolutionary reforms Francis made, when he added three women to the voting bloc that decides which bishop nominations to forward to the pope.

Perhaps he appealed to his brother cardinals because of his quiet style and support for Francis, as well as his commitment to social justice issues.

### **Joshua Wellington**

Come and join other men at Joshua this coming Thursday 15 May from 7pm for 7:30pm start. Note: Venue change for this month only – St Joseph's Mt Victoria 152 Brougham Street.

Speaker: postponed from April; Michael Powell on "Power to do good in Jesus' name"

**Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### 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

### **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! Held on Saturday 24 May at Our Lady of Kapiti Parish. Contact Sarah for further information/to register:  
[pintosarahann@gmail.com](mailto:pintosarahann@gmail.com)/0223949899.

### **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



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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 20 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](mailto:dlukose001@gmail.com)

### St Patrick's College Open Day Tours

For those interested in enrolling their son at St Pat's for 2026, Open Days will be held on: Tuesday 27 May between 10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, and Thursday 29 May between 10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. These tours are informative, inclusive and enlightening and give families a live snapshot of a day in the life of our College. Online bookings are now available by signing up via a google sign-up form on the college website - [www.stpats.school.nz](http://www.stpats.school.nz) Online Enrolments are now open, so go to the Enrolment Tab if you would like to enrol for 2026 now. Alternatively you can download the Enrolment Form and complete the appropriate forms and return them via hand or post to the College or send through email to [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) Alternatively, please get in touch with the College directly at 939 3070 for further enrolment information.

### 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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