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18 May 2025, 5th Sunday of Easter

A New Commandment; Love One Another

Being a follower of Jesus Christ is a willingness to love. We have heard “love one another as I have loved you.” These words of Our Lord, given not as a suggestion or an option, or something to embrace if we want to, but a challenge to put into practice each day till our final breath.

The teaching of Jesus is not a philosophy or a theory, but a way of life, a way of love, manifested in words and deeds. “Love one another as I have loved you.” It is the basic teaching of Jesus, and that is our work, challenging as it might be, even a cause of suffering and death.

The words and deeds of Jesus teach a path other than violence, hatred and revenge, and we are called to imitate the example of Jesus in our daily lives. We might ask ourselves; how did Jesus love? Without counting the cost, even as it led to suffering and death on the cross.

Jesus lived and died for others and never ignored the cries of the poor and needy. He cured the sick, gave sight to the blind, raised the dead, pardoned sinners. Jesus willingly shared in the sufferings and joys of people around him. His guiding principle was, “Do not judge and you will not be judged.”

Jesus could understand and hope in others, even if there might be cause for discouragement or despair. Through self giving love He shared our human condition completely even to the extreme for suffering and dying for those he loved. The love of Jesus is a constant and generous gift of self. Before giving his life on the cross, Jesus gave his Body and Blood at the Last Supper as a perpetual gift to those who were able to believe in him and embrace His teaching and example of, “no greater love than to give one’s life for one’s friends”, realized perfectly in his existence.”

The call for each of us is to imitate Christ day by day. It is not easy to know what to do in given circumstances of life, let alone to put it into practice. We are promised the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, alive and active in the Church, in her Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, and in our lives, assisting us in our struggle to do good. Even when we fail sometimes or often, we are not to give up on our efforts.

Today’s Gospel message is certainly applicable in our times and lives. The Lord invites us to forget ourselves and be totally dedicated to God and others without counting the cost. May the Lord enlighten our minds and hearts to be on fire for the things of God, today and always.

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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.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27
They assembled the church and gave account of all that God had done with them.

Second Reading: Revelations 21:1-5
He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: John 13:31-35
I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalm: 66

Second Reading: Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14: 23-29



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,964
Automatic Payments: \$3,661
Total: \$7,625

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

Life is simple. It's just not easy.

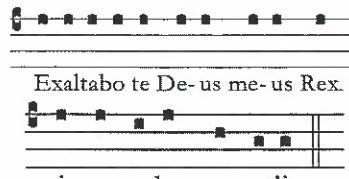
Responsorial Psalm 144

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. R.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. R.



I will extol thee O God my King, for ever and ever

Finding Your Call

Trying to find your purpose and where God may be leading you? Click the QR code to find support, free downloads, and practical ideas to help you listen to God's call in your life.



Compassion Soup Kitchen Fundraiser

You're invited to a fundraiser screening of Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning. Held on Tuesday 27 May, 6pm (arrive from 5.30pm) at the Lighthouse Cuba Street. To book tickets please contact Yvonne Fisher on 027 479 9467 or Amanda on 04 385 9299

Mass has been offered for:

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

Anniversaries: Brian Flynn, Michael Cenek, Margaret Fogarty, Mary Davidson, Maxwell Fernie, Paul Guerin

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, 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.

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.

St Vincent de Paul

Would you like to put your faith into action by helping needy people in the community through personal contact? If so, please join us. The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room of the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on May 20 at 6pm. New members are very 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

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 / 0223949899.

St Joseph's Men's Book Group

St Josephs men's book group meets in the Bill Pearce room on Tuesday 20 May at 7:30pm. New members are welcome.

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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St Mary of the Angels is registered with the Charities Commission. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt issued.

XLT Youth Worship Friday 23 May

JOIN US for an evening of Relevant Worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Food and Fellowship!
All college students and young adults are welcome!
Friday 23rd May at 7pm at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.
Follow our page on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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

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

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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