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St Joseph's Church

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To Maria Mater de Mariae. Wishing a happy 1st May, Mary, Mother of God

29 June 2025, Saints Peter and Paul

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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.

St. Peter and Paul.

Today we are celebrating the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul Apostles. We might say the pillars of the Church. Here are a couple of reflections to consider: **St. Peter** becoming a true friend of Jesus. Not long after Jesus had risen from the dead He asked Peter, " Do you love me?" Not only once, but three times. Peter's response being, "Yes I love you Lord". Peter and Jesus were friends, in spite of Peter's flaws! Peter was always trying to do whatever Jesus asked of him. During the three years that Peter spent with Jesus, he was taught, tested, and sifted, through it all he became a true friend of Jesus. Jesus questioned Peter's love three times! why? At the Last Supper, Peter announced that he was prepared to die for Jesus. A few hours later he failed the test. Denying Jesus, Peter damaged his reputation amongst the Apostles. Peter himself was filled with guilt and shame. Jesus now was bringing Peter reconciliation, peace and joy. We can be friends of Jesus. We can be people that He calls His own. We may need to be taught and tested, stretched and refined, transformed and recreated. Like any close friendship, the rewards outweigh the challenge.

St. Paul: In the Acts of the Apostles , Paul, the zealous persecutor of the Church became a zealous missionary. Paul's encounter with the Lord on the road to Damascus worked a profound transformation in his life. In various accounts St Luke is giving a classic definition of conversion. Conversion means "knocked off one's high horse," leads to a change in life. Paul's transformation was not a conversion in the classic sense of turning away from idolatry. He was a devout Jew, and worshipped the one true God.

Paul did experience a transformation: God had predestined Paul, set him apart before he was born, and called him to proclaim the Gospel among the Gentiles. When Paul describes this experience, he doesn't refer to it as a conversion, but as a call. This experience changed Paul. Paul's encounter with the Lord reveals a wider meaning of conversion. It is not only a call away from sin. Conversion is a call to mission, as a homemaker, an executive, a labourer, a parent.

Whatever our situation, God has called us and empowered us to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.. We are not only called to change our lives, but to proclaim the gospel and bring others into the light of Christ as well. Conversion is a response to God's activity in our lives It is an acknowledgement of our sinfulness, and our deep need of God. Conversion means trusting in God and going wherever He leads us. We are truly converted when we pray as Jesus prayed, "Thy will be done". Luke.22:42

Sr Frances Gibbs csm— Pastoral Worker

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod'

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm: 65

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm 33

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears

I will bless the Lord at all times,

His praise always on my lips

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;

from all my terrors he set me free. R

Look towards him and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. R

The angel of the Lord is encamped

around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him. R.

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4,328



Parish Office

Abby the Parish Manager is on maternity leave from July and returning in a limited capacity from 18 August until the return to full time early next year. Mary Crewdson will be checking the Parish emails and the Parish Office will be open by appointment only, or when Sister Frances is in the office. If you need to visit the Parish Office during this time, please call or email the office to make arrangements.

Thought for the Week

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I'll try again tomorrow"

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Wysocki sm

Anniversaries: Claire Schima, Mario Pilotti, Michael Schima, Gavin Auld, Catherine O'Hara, Raymond O'Brien, James Maguire, John Sayers, Ron Finlayson

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 Price, Sarah Schicker, Ron and Patricia Evans, Fr Joe Savesi sm, Irene Reeve

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.

We're on Social Media —

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Jim Meachen Bequest

A special thank you to Jim Meachen RIP who made a generous bequest to the St Mary of the Angel's Charitable Trust. We are always grateful for such gifts as they enable the community to safeguard the Church and its surrounds for future generations.

Carparking

A friendly reminder that the Presbytery carpark is not available to Parishioners. This carpark is for staff, tradespeople and visitors who have been invited to park here. Often if people park here without permission staff are needing to find parks elsewhere or are blocked in. If you have not been invited to use this carpark then please refrain from parking here.



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.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme will commence again on the 4th of September for anyone who is interested in joining our Catholic Community. This programme runs from September to April and involves weekly group meetings to learn about and discuss our Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in joining this programme please make contact with Fr Michael on mlyoung@gmail.com for a meeting before the programme starts. Registration closes on 28 August 2025.

Collection St. Peter's Pence: a gesture to support the Pope in His mission.

On June 29—which this year falls on the last Sunday of June—the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, on the occasion, the traditional **Peter's Pence** collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

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 1 July 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)

Anyone who is interested and has enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology should view this vacancy on Seek

To be considered, please submit a CV and cover letter the following via the Seek link below: Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa

Hutt Hospital, Health New Zealand -Te Whatu Ora, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley Closes: 4pm, 1 July 2025 <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/84857286?ref=cm-ui>

Preference Forms

If you are requiring a preference form for Catholic schooling you must contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

SMOA Church App

If you haven't already downloaded our 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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