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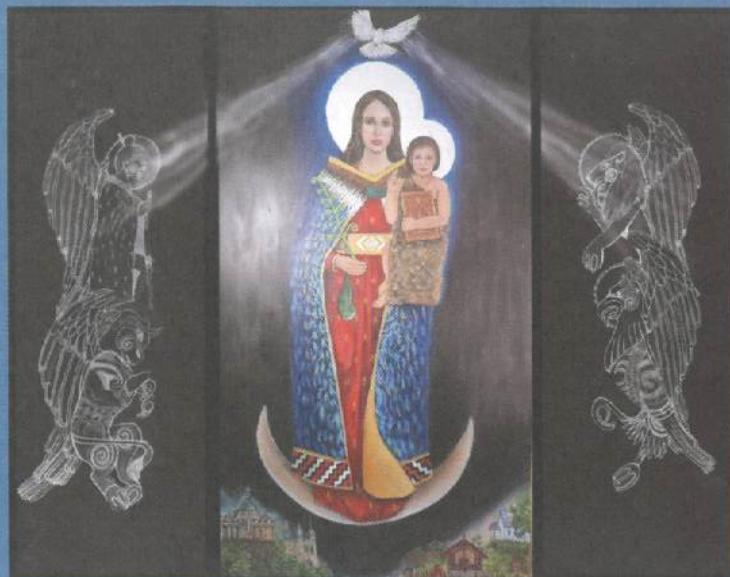
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Kō Hāia Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

15 June 2025, The Most Holy Trinity

The Feast of The Holy Trinity One God, Three Persons - Father, Son and Spirit

This feast is not the time to try and explain how three goes into one! The Trinity is not something that we can understand and figure out with our brain. We most certainly won't find the explanation to the Trinity by 'googling' it!

The Trinity is a mystery that we are to experience with our hearts not with our heads. It is not a puzzle or a riddle that we are expected to answer or solve. When we use the word 'mystery' to describe the Trinity, we are talking about a reality that is endlessly rich and profound. We can always understand more and more about how this picture of God rules and shapes our lives. God is everywhere and at all times the Father who creates and loves us, the Son who liberates and saves us and the Holy Spirit who encourages and strengthens us. The Trinity is simply a community of life and love that we are invited to share in.

When we look at the news on television or read the newspaper, we are often presented with images of violence, segregation and building walls. We are confronted with individuals and, indeed, some countries loudly and blindly defending their rights at the expense of dialogue and cooperation with other individuals and nations. Sadly, there is division where they could be unity, there is aggression where there could be understanding, and there is suspicion where there could be trust and mutual respect.

The Trinity offers us a model of belonging and sharing as a community. It challenges our individualism, our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks us to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families, at school and university, at work, in our neighbourhood and our parish community.

When we begin our prayers, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling on the power and presence of the Trinity. When we pray 'Glory be to the Father and to the Son ...', we do the same. Perhaps today - and in future - we could say these prayers more slowly so that we can reflect upon who our God is and how we are called to be like Him.

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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: Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Psalm: 15

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,926

Automatic Payments: \$4,011

Total: \$7,937

Parish Office

Abby the Parish Manager is going on maternity leave from 4 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

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience.

We are spiritual beings having a human experience.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Peter Toye, John Ellis, Neni Beres

Anniversaries: Robert Taylor, Jack McGuire, Christina Sheppard, Wilma Giles, George Swensson, Patrick Smyth, Trevor Hyde

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 Brian Wysocki sm, Fr Joe Savesi sm

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 8

R. O Lord our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? R.

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. R.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. R.



Quam admi-ra-bi-le est nomen tu-um in u-ni-versa terra.

How admirable is thy name in all the earth.

St Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of the City Conference group of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) will be held in the Mahony Room at the St. Mary of the Angels Presbytery on Tuesday June 17 at 6pm. We are a Catholic faith based charity, inspired by the Gospels and dedicated to helping those in need through personal contact. If this appeals to you, please join us. New members are very welcome.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Tuesday 24th June, 7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome!

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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 — and we'd love to connect with you!

Want to stay updated with everything happening in our parish?

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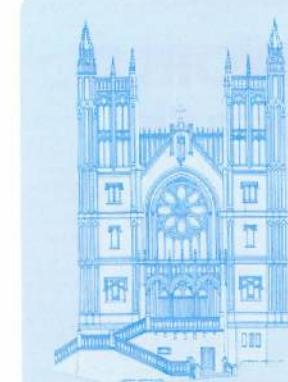


Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be Commissioned at all St Mary of the Angel's Church Corpus Christi Masses on Sunday 22 June 2025.

Corpus Christi Vigil

You are invited to join us for 12-hour Adoration in St Mary of the Angels Hall, from 7pm on Saturday 21 June to 7am on Sunday 22 June, concluding with mass at 7am. To volunteer for holy hour, sign up using the provided QR code or the logbook at the back of the SMOA Church. For further enquires, contact smayacs@gmail.com



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

I would like to help preserve St Mary of the Angels and St Joseph's Churches.

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Matariki Mass

There will only be the one Mass on Matariki, Friday 20 June at 12.05pm.

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St Mary of the Angels Parish

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SMOA - Parish Account

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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.

Matariki Celebration - Thursday 19 June 2025

Matariki is a time of companionship, thanksgiving and remembrance and will be celebrated with a social gathering at St Joseph's on Thursday 19 June. Please join us at 6pm for "bring your own" kai and enjoy them in the fellowship of others. We will conclude with a beautiful candlelight liturgy.

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 17 June 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

Joshua Wellington

Come and join other men at Joshua's next meeting on Thursday 19 June from 7pm for 7:30pm start. Venue is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Two activities – Steve Ready reflecting on "Christ's Truth and Forgiveness" followed by Ken's quiz on Genesis chapters 1 to 14. Want to know more? Ring David Monastru 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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 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.

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