

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
The National Shrine of New Zealand
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven
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17 Boulcott St, Wellington Central (04) 473 8074

St Joseph's Church
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Ko Hāua Maria, te Matua Whānau o te Aroaro - Holy Mary, Mother of God

6 July 2025, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

THE NUMBER, SEVENTY-TWO'

Why seventy-two disciples? Is that the number that Jesus actually sent out on mission, as Luke records in the Gospel reading of today? Was it a number that is only meant to indicate a lot were sent? Was that the number that volunteered when Jesus asked who was willing to preach the Good News? None of those questions helps us to understand the real reason for the number seventy-two. As always, when we see a number quoted in the Scriptures we can expect there to be a hidden meaning.

For the Jews of Jesus' time the number of disciples sent on mission represented the sum total of the pagan nations, believed to be seventy-two. So, what was being announced by this number is that the Good News was not meant just for the Jews, the Chosen People of God. The Good News is for every nation on earth. It is Good News for the whole world! The seventy-two disciples are a symbol of how the Word about Jesus Christ should never have limits put on it. It is meant to be shared with all people of all ages in all places. There is a dynamism built into the Word we receive each Sunday through Scripture and the Eucharist which should compel us to go out and go out again. Always to go out! A pope was once reported as saying to a missionary bishop, who asked him how he should develop his diocese, 'Go further on!'

Today's Gospel says a lot more than just urging us to 'go out, go further'. It offers some really sound advice about how we should preach the Good News in our day and age to our Kiwi contemporaries who normally don't like being lectured, especially about religion. Don't expect too much; be realistic – we are like 'lambs amongst wolves'. Trust in yourself, who you are – 'carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals'. Don't get into an argument with someone – 'Let your first words be, Peace to this house.' Judge whether people are ready to listen; if the time is not favourable then don't become a rude and maddening bore – 'we wipe off the very dust of your town'.

In a word, if we want to be effective missionaries at home, at school and university, in the workplace, always treat others as you would want them to treat you. Then, like the seventy-two you will 'come back rejoicing',

Fr. Kevin Mowbray sm
Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14
I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Your peace will rest upon him.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14,
Psalm: 68

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$4320
 Automatic Payments: \$4431.
Total: \$8751

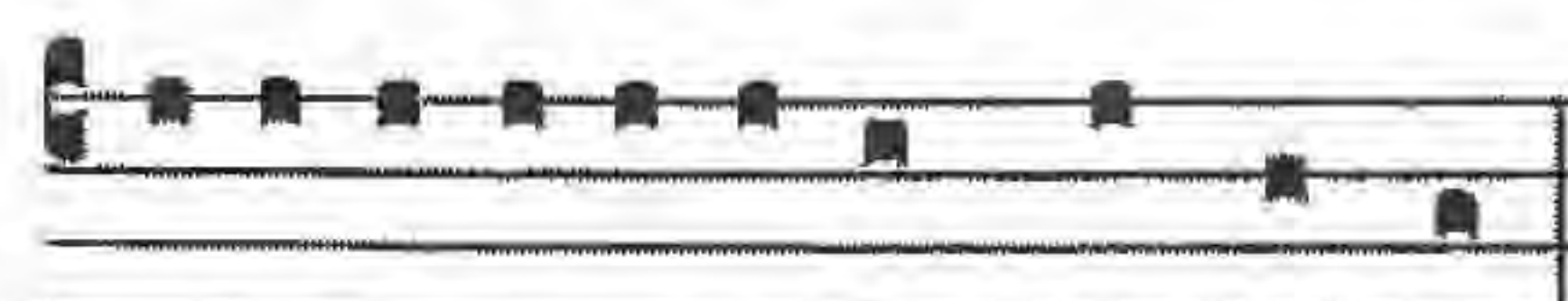
Thought for the Week

Nothing is particularly hard if you break it down into small jobs.

Responsorial Psalm 65

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise.
 Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R.**
 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
 shall sing to you, sing to your name!
 Come and see the works of God,
 tremendous his deeds among men.. **R.**
 He turned the sea into dry land,
 they passed through the river dry-shod.
 Let our joy then be in him;
 he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
 Come and hear, all who fear God.
 I will tell what he did for my soul.
 Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
 nor withhold his love from me. **R.**



*Jubilá-te Deo, om-nis ter-ra:
 Rejoice in the Lord all the earth.*

Mass Cancelled

Due to the shortage of priests, we regret to announce that the 12.05 pm **Wednesday** mass for July has been cancelled. There will be a liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.
 Thank you for your understanding

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Margarita Maria Gonzales-Borrero, Tadeusz Braczek, Paul Sparnaay, Ruth Garland, Fr Peter Wall, Maureen Ayling, Ngavaine Goodwin, Gillian Wills, Maria Blue, Fr Gerard Mills sm, Patricia Smyth

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, Yvonne D'Souza, Joan Wolland, Julia Choquette, João Pereira, Stephanie Butler, Pauline & Brian Wilkins, 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.

We're on Social Media and we'd love to connect with you!

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Reminder

On **Saturdays** during July till the 15th August in Preparation
for the Feast of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, there will
be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
From 10:30—11:00 am, followed by Mass.

All welcome to join us

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,

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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 15 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

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.

Joshua Wellington's

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 17th July from 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred heart Cathedral) followed by supper. Speaker: Jeff Drane SM on "What burdens you?" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gamil.com

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