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13 July 2025, 15th 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.*

God's Law or Word is neither beyond our strength nor beyond our reach. It is on our lips and in our hearts. Notice the link between mouth and heart. We profess with our lips what is rooted in the heart. Jesus himself declared as much when he said that it is not what goes into the mouth that makes people unclean. It is what comes out of the mouth from the heart that makes people unclean (cf. Matthew 15:11-20).

Jesus, however, goes even further: we are to practise what we preach. We are to *practise* what we *preach* arising from what is *rooted* in our hearts. By patterning our lives on Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, our witness will reflect the "grace and truth" of Christ (cf. John 1:14): where grace refers to the living and active presence of God, and truth to the truth about God and the truth about righteousness, which describes the integral and wholesome threefold relationship we are to have with God, with neighbour by which we will come to know our true selves. To safeguard this grace and truth requires discernment and conversion of heart. This will ensure what is clean does not become sullied through culpability or complacency.

In his parable, by showcasing the Samaritan as the only one who came to the aid of the battered Jew, Jesus is saying that in practising what we preach our neighbour is not just those we share some affinity with but applies to anyone in need whom we can help. Nor should our aid be constrained by political, cultural, or religious prejudices. Such prejudices only cloud the heart, contaminating the Law or Word of God rooted therein.

Jesus is the incarnation of God's Law, the human face of the unseen God. By his life, death and resurrection he has reconciled all things to God. If we profess faith in him, our faith is to show itself in good works (cf. James 2:26). These good works are the fruits of our love and service; fruits that continue to make Christ's reconciliation visible and tangible here and now, without ever forgetting the image of the "good" Samaritan, who reminds us that the fruits of our love and service are never directed only to those we know, or are related to, or have an affinity for, but to all who enter our circle of care

Michael Young S.M.

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Who is my neighbour?

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10

Psalm: 14

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28

Responsorial Psalm 68

R. Turn to the lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,

with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love I kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. R.

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.

I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. R.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. R.

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. R.



Justi-ti- a Domi-ni rectae,- laeti-fi-cantes corda-

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts.

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$4,426
Automatic Payments:	\$4,431
Total:	\$8,857



Thought for the Week

Fear is a reaction; courage is a decision.

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: Mervyn O'Connor, Shelley Forrest

Anniversaries: Patricia McDonnell, Katie Lynch, David Lemon, Rt Hon Bill Young, Peter Hansen, Peter Schmidt, Maureen Swensson, Maria Streefland, Toni Brennan, Patricia Mary Engel

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, Rowan Mooney

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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society—meeting

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 July 15 at 6pm. New members are very welcome.

Concert in the church

There will be a concert in the church, "The Bach
Choir" on Saturday, 19th July from 1—4 pm

Cancellation of Reconciliation

Next Saturday 19th July Reconciliation will be cancelled
in the afternoon at 4 pm

St Mary of the Angels

Parish Donations

To make a donation to St Mary of the
Angels Parish please scan the QR code
and follow the link to our website.



Congratulations

To Abby (office manager) and Paora on the birth
of their son Mikaere on 29th June.
All doing well.



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ONGOING MAINTENANCE APPEAL

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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 Connelly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) followed by supper.

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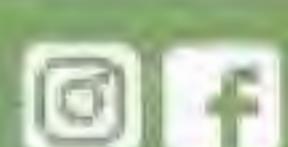
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