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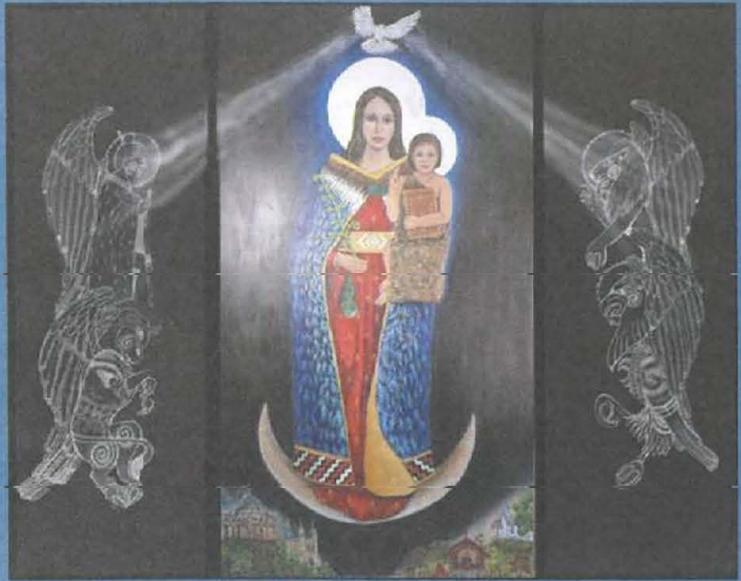
St Mary of the Angels Parish  
The National Shrine of New Zealand  
Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven  
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## St Mary of the Angels Church

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## St Joseph's Church

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Ko Itata Maria, te Matau Waihī o te Atua - Holy Mary, Mother of God

20 July 2025, 16th 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.

### Prayer and Hospitality

May you be strengthened by your personal time with the Master and may that move you to be more hospitable to those who cross your path and whatever comes your way.

Some people would see both a connection and an opposition in the Readings of today. The theme of hospitality is seen in the way that Abraham, (his wife and household) and Martha respond to their respective visitors. The contrasting attitudes of Martha and Mary as one serves, the other sits. In Colossians Paul mentions the driving force that enables him to see his sufferings as ways of serving the Lord and proclaiming the Good News. The person who is aware of what a relationship with God is about, will act in a hospitable caring way towards all. They will experience God's presence more fully.

The Gospel passage of Jesus being a guest in the house of Martha and Mary, we see that the two sisters have different responses to the presence of the Lord, Martha following the pattern of Sarah and Abraham, busying herself with the actions of hospitality. Mary takes a position of a disciple, sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to His Word. Both women do what they think is appropriate in having a relationship with Jesus' presence with them.

Three things that are mentioned in today's Readings: Hospitality, Suffering, and Sitting at the feet of the Master. There are times when we probably have experienced these in our life. It is important that we offer hospitality to others either in word or action. It may mean going out of our comfort zone. Hopefully others will experience God's love for them in their lives, and we, God's presence that God is with us. Like Paul we may too experience hardships, insults, abuses by those who do not want to hear the message. God is with us through it all.

Mary sat at the feet of Jesus listening to His word. We too are invited to spend time and prayer each day at the Master's feet. This is the energy of keeping us going whatever our call is in life. Time with the Master helps us to deal with suffering and the needs to serve others. We must listen to His Word and reflect how we can apply it to our day.

The Word of the Lord, taken, digested linked to our daily lives, is the food and drink we must partake each and every day. Then we truly will live in the presence of the Lord.

Sr Frances Gibbs CSB—Pastoral Worker

## This Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 18: 1-10  
*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1: 24-28  
*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints*

**Gospel:** Luke 10 38-42  
*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part..*

## Next Week's Readings

**First Reading:** Genesis 18:20-32

**Psalm:** 137

**Second Reading:** Colossians 2:12-14

**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

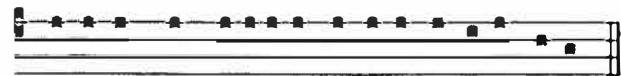
## Responsorial Psalm 14

**R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



Dómine, quis habitabit in tabernácu-lo tu-o?

*Lord who shall dwell in thy tabernacle?*



## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection:	\$3405
Automatic Payments:	\$2,878
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,283</b>

## Thought for the Week

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

## 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:** Barbara Kriebel, Bill Prior, Fr Bob Lee SM, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Veronica Nolan, Agnes Mora, James Healy, 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, Ron & Patricia Evans

  
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.

### 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](mailto:mlyoung@gmail.com) for a meeting before the programme starts. Registration closes on 28 August 2025.

### 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.



### 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

### Jubilee of Youth Mass

Come celebrate the Jubilee of Youth with the archdiocese at the Late Night Mass!  
Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8 pm on August 1st to celebrate the Eucharist together with Archbishop Paul. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer.

You are all warmly invited!

### 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 29 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](mailto:dlukose001@gmail.com)

## SMOA Church App

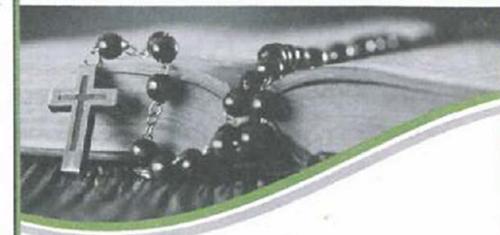
If you haven't already downloaded our new Parish App onto your smart phone, please do! On the app, you'll be able to view the newsletters, Mass times, upcoming events and more. You will also have the option to receive alert notifications, particularly if you are a part of a Parish group or ministry. 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.

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