

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
Including St Joseph's, Mount Victoria

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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

12 September 2021, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Other Side of the Virus – An Opportunity to Awaken

Yes, there is fear; yes, there is sickness; yes, there is death. But ...

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise you can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet the sky is no longer thick with fumes but blue in colour.

They say that in the streets of Assisi people are singing to each other across the empty squares, Keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the family sounds around them.

They say that a hotel in the west of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting. All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way. All over the world people are waking up to a new reality: To how big we really are, to how little control we really have, to what really matters, to love.

So, we pray and we remember that, Yes, there is fear, but there does not have to be hate. Yes, there is isolation, but there does not have to be loneliness. Yes, there is sickness, but there does not have to be disease of the soul. Yes, there is even death, but there can always be rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now. Today: breathe, listen Behind the factory noises of your panic the birds are singing again. The sky is clearing and Spring is coming; and we are always encompassed by Love. Open the windows of your soul, And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square, Sing!

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(adapted from a reflection by Fr. Richard Hendrick OFM)*

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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

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday - Anointing Mass - 11am

ADORATION

Mon-Fri 6.30am - 7.20am

Friday 11am - Noon

RECONCILIATION

Mon-Thurs 11.30am - Noon

12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm

Friday 11am - 11.50pm

12.30pm - 1pm

4.30pm - 5pm

Saturday 10.30am - 10.55am

4pm - 5pm

St Joseph's Church

MASSES

Sunday 9am

Tuesday 8.30am

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be held only on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month at 2pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you are

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
I gave my body to those who struck me.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35
You are the Christ ... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm: 53
Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37



Last Week's Collection

Automatic Payments: \$5,410
Total: \$5,410

Church and Parish Office

Following instruction from the Archbishop there will be no Masses and all Churches in the Archdiocese will remain closed until 21 September when we receive further instruction. Funerals and Weddings can still be held with a maximum of 50 attendees. The office staff are in the office or working remotely however the church office will remain closed to visitors. If you need to contact any of the St Mary of the Angels please email office.manager@smoa.org.nz or phone 04 473 8074. If you need to contact St Josephs Church please email st.josephs.office@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 385 0915

Responsorial Psalm 114

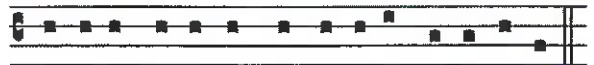
R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**



Pla-cebo Domi-no in re-gi- o- ne vi-vo-rem.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Food for Faith

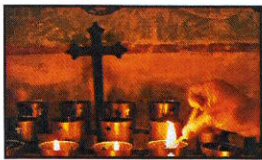
Fr John O'Connor from the National Liturgy Office has set up a website that includes daily reflections, prayer requests, podcasts and much more. Please visit www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Shan Fonseca, Simon Lai, Bernadette Hyland, Neil Williams, Margaret Reidy, Fr Don Morrison,

Anniversaries: Noeline Stewart, Francis Renouf, Peter Feenan, Gillian Lescher, Joan Lynch, Helen Havasi, Freda Fernie, Mary Dysart

Prayers for the Sick: Patricia O'Rourke, Noreen Kirwan, Peter Aldridge, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Shirley Mahony, Samara Jamed, Bill Carroll, Barbara Jones, Mary Buchanan, Bill McLaughlin, Robert Armstrong



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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Councillor

Nicola Young

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with a City Council issue*

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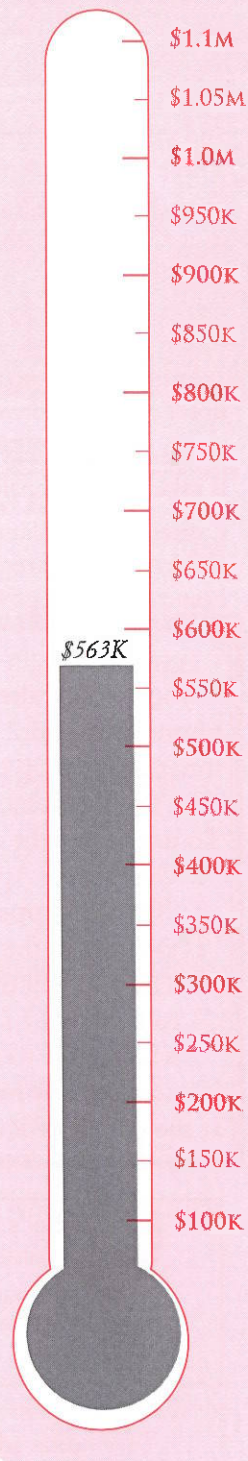
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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



Urgent Help Needed for People Coming From Afghanistan

As part of the planned resettlement of some Afghan families into NZ a group of the new arrivals will be settling in Wellington. The actual details of when the families will arrive have not been confirmed. In preparation for meeting the needs of the Wellington bound families, a call has gone out to all parish communities to help with finding suitable rental accommodation. Stable housing is a key way families can settle well in the Wellington region.

Please contact Catholic Social Services if you can help with-

1. Rental housing
2. Household and/or pantry items
3. Basic furniture eg. beds, drawers, dining table

Please contact Paul Alsford at Catholic Social Services on 021 754 145 or email p.alsford@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz **Wellington South and St Mary of the Angels Parish Social Justice Group- initiative to help with the setting up of houses for Afghan families.** Once we have confirmed details of any new Afghan families who will be coming to Wellington as part of this re settlement programme our Wellington South/SMOA Social Justice Group will send out a list of specific household items still needed e.g. linen, bedding and kitchen items and food items that are being requested for the families. The intention being that parishioners who are willing to assist commit to providing a specific item from a designated list of detail goods for a household.

John Feeney/Susan Johnson-- Social Justice Group johnfeeney@gmail.com

St Joseph's Men's Book & Discussion Group Meeting

An email address required for newcomers to join our Zoom Link up. Tuesday September 14 at 7.30pm. Zoom meeting: Invitations sent to your email address before the start time. Book's, magazines, movies, websites etc offered and shared by members, visitors welcome. John Dalgety 027 338 3576

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen

Masses Being Livestreamed During Alert Level 4

Bishop Steve Lowe (Hamilton) is livestreaming Mass everyday at 9am, this can be accessed by visiting www.cdh.org.nz/livestream

The Christchurch Diocese is also livestreaming Mass at 9am everyday, this can be accessed by visiting their YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw

The Auckland Diocese prepares Sunday Mass and uploads this to their website the night before at 5.30pm. This is also available on Shine TV at 2.00pm Sunday—Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

Fr Tony from Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga intends to live-stream each Sunday at 10.30 am until we can gather again at LEVEL 1. The link to these Masses is <https://www.tributes.co.nz/ViewMyTribute.aspx?id=16621>. If you missed the Mass (or any future ones they are available if you chose the link 'LIVESTREAM'

Our Lady of Kapiti are livestreaming Mass on Sunday at 9.30am. This can be accessed by visiting their website at <https://kapiti-catholic.org.nz/kapiti/mass-times>

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

I would like to help preserve the St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre.

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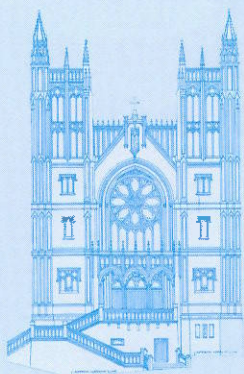
SMOA - Parish Centre Upgrade
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BNZ, Lambton Quay, Wellington
Please provide your name and address (or Parish Planned Giving/Envelope number) as reference. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

I would like to make a regular payment of \$ to be paid each month year for 2 years.

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Please return your completed slip following your donation to ensure we have your details to issue a receipt.



Te Wiki o te Whai Tika (Social Justice Week)

A Culture of Encounter

Exploring the themes of "Fratelli Tutti"

Called to be God's hands and feet.

Pope Francis warns us that the sense of belonging to a single human family is failing as the world continues to grapple with Covid 19, we must not dismiss the sense that we all have a common humanity.

Do we allow fears and uncertainties to condition our way of thinking? Encouraging us to be intolerant of others, not open to relating to others who are different to us, and putting up barriers, adopting "isms" such as racism, as a way of behaviour. These barriers get in the way of our encounters with others.

To develop a culture of encounter we have to first accept that we have put up these walls and then consciously work on breaking these walls down. Fraternal love means we care for everyone, no matter their age, religion, culture, or any kind of classification we give to 'others' there are no divisions if someone is suffering we become the Good Samaritan. The world will be a better place if we all care for the common family, and for the natural resources that support our common family and don't compete for resources that are scarce in developing countries.

There are many ways we can promote and live a culture of encounter. Pope Francis is asking us to consider the themes of "Fratelli Tutti."

Caritas New Zealand has some excellent resources for families to use with their children, their parents may want to search "Fratelli Tutti" and explore Pope Francis's writings over the next week.

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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A LEGACY OF FAITH



Remembering St Mary of the Angels in your will provides an ideal opportunity to make a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your Church for years to come.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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