

The Angelus

St Mary of the Angels Parish
Including St Joseph's Church

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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

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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 interested.

15 August 2021, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way

The solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August, is New Zealand's National Patronal Feast. This Sunday it is being marked in a unique way. At a special mass here at St Mary of the Angels New Zealand will be rededicated to '*Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven*'.

The rededication will be a national celebration with representatives from New Zealand's six Catholic dioceses present with the Apostolic Nuncio and the New Zealand Bishops. The rededication will begin with a powhiri at 1.30pm, after which a multicultural mass, presided by Cardinal John Dew, will begin at 2.00pm.

The country was first dedicated to Mary as 'Our Lady Assumed into Heaven' by Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier when he celebrated the first mass in New Zealand at Totara Point in the Hokianga on the 13th of January 1838.

From his arrival Bishop Pompallier sought to foster a relationship with the Tangata Whenua. In responding to a Maori tradition for music the bishop offered a hymn, composed in their own language, and giving honour to Mary as a woman who was powerful in the eyes of God because she was chosen to give flesh to the Word. Bishop Pompallier's hymn is 'Mo Maria' which will be sung during the rededication liturgy and, hopefully, throughout all catholic churches in New Zealand on August 15th.

To celebrate the rededication, the bishops have commissioned a new artwork, from Christchurch based artist Damien Walker, to depict Mary in a way that connects her to Aotearoa. It will be presented in Wellington at St Mary of the Angels on the day of the rededication. A hikoi of the new artwork will take place around the country after the Mass at St Mary of the Angels.

The New Zealand bishops have also confirmed that St. Mary of the Angels will become the national shrine to Mary.

For you and I, the parish community of St Mary of the Angels here in Central Wellington, this day of rededication will mark a new beginning. The bishops are entrusting us with the responsibility to take care of the image of Mary from whom we are asking comfort and protection for ourselves and for all New Zealanders. We are being challenged to welcome and serve pilgrims from all over New Zealand and, perhaps, beyond who will come seeking in her and through her the way to the Source of all that is true, good and beautiful.

May this rededication of New Zealand also inspire us to rededicate ourselves to 'Te Ara a Maria' – Mary's way home to God.

Fr Kevin Mowbray—Parish Priest

This Week's Readings

First Reading: **Apocalypse** **11: 19; 12: 1-6,10**
I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians** **15: 20-26**
As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first and after him all who belong to him.

Gospel: **Luke** **1: 39-56**
The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: **Joshua** **24:1-2, 15-18**
Psalm: **33**
Second Reading: **Ephesians** **5:21-32**
Gospel: **John** **6:60-69**



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$3,235
Automatic Payments: \$4,475
Total: \$7,705

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre

"Revelation – the First and the Last": a spiritual theology course presented by Michael Young SM. Begins Thursday 9 September at 7.30pm and runs for 10 weeks. Cost: \$50.00. For more information and/or to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

Children's Mass at St Joseph's

The 9am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 29 August will be child-friendly. All children are welcome.

Responsorial Psalm 44

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loves ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your fathers house. **R.**

So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R**



Asti-tit re-gi-na a dextris tu- is in vesti-tu de-au-ra- to.

Oh taste and see how sweet the Lord is.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Fundraising Event

Journeying the Camino de Santiago with Cardinal John Dew, Wednesday, 8 September, 6pm

We are privileged to have Cardinal John as our inaugural guest speaker in the first of a fundraiser speaker series. Cardinal John will share his spiritual journey walking the magnificent Camino de Santiago. Come hear about his personal pilgrimage over dinner. Held on 8 September, 6pm at Aries Restaurant, 1/7 Tennyson Street, Wellington. Tickets are \$55 including full course dinner

Tickets on sale after Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass or contact Noeline Mathews at 04 499 9631 or email MCSHCaminoDinner@gmail.com

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Richard Wallace, Mose Tolova'a, Jacob Myhre, Mark Crewdson, Paul Sparnaay

Anniversaries: Kraft D'Souza, Vincent Rosario, Robert Teh, Pauline Hastings, Noel Galvin, Anna Zanotto, Rita Dewey, Kathleen McCready, Deys Reed, Noeline Ryan, Br Adrian Kennedy Sm, Bernard Lynch, Tom Fabish, Eliezer Viernes, Anthony Wood

Prayers for the Sick: Shan Fonseka, 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



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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PARISH CENTRE APPEAL

Prayer for Parish Centre Project

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, you made us in your own image and likeness.

You gave us wisdom and understanding, grateful hearts and creative minds.

We pray that our Parish Centre will be strengthened against the peril of earthquake through the generosity of parishioners, the community of Wellington and people throughout New Zealand.

We ask, Lord, that you abundantly bless those who have already donated funds, skill and expertise to this project.

May St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre be a symbol of a unified community that will gather to praise and thank you.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.

Rededication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven

On Sunday, the 15th of August, the Rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary, Mother of God, assumed into Heaven will be held at St Mary of the Angels Church. All our Bishops and the Apostolic Nuncio will join together at St Mary of the Angels to celebrate this unique event. The ceremony will start at 1.30pm with a blessing of the image of Mary, especially commissioned for the rededication, followed by a mass. The image will then go on a Hikoi around Aotearoa New Zealand for at least some months visiting all the dioceses before returning permanently to St Mary of the Angels, the newly designated National Shrine. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part in these celebrations. Mark this date in your diaries!

St Vincent de Paul

How would you like to join Vinnies and serve Christ by helping the needy? The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul City Conference group is on Tuesday August 17 at St Joseph's Church, Brougham Street, Mt Victoria at 6pm. New members are most welcome.

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

Retreat for Fathers

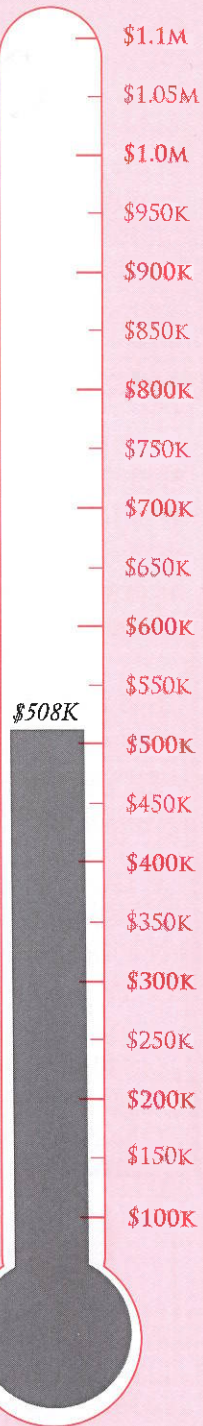
A day of reflection based on Pope Francis' letter *Patris Corde* in the year of St Joseph. Speaker: Chris Duthie-Jung, director of Church Mission, Archdiocese of Wellington. Held on Father's Day weekend, Saturday 4 September from 10am-3:30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine St, Island Bay. To register contact Family Ministry by Friday 27 August 2021— l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

Joshua Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and small group activity on Thursday 19 August 2021 at 7.30pm, (note: fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start). At 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. Intro then sharing in small groups on the theme "Bloom where you're planted". Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Night Carer Required

68 year old Catholic lady requires night carer for personal care/light duties. Accommodation available if required. Phone: 027 85 90 774



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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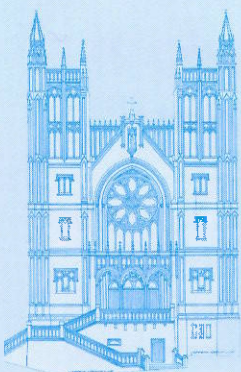
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Chris Skinner Events

Chris Skinner returns with Spring Concert in September



After a highly successful concert last year, Fr Chris Skinner SM a New Zealand Marist Priest, composer and singer returns with yet another concert on Sunday, 26 September, to be held at St Mary's College Hall, Thorndon, Wellington. Many of us have been blessed by Father Chris' music, influenced greatly by his faith, his love of Scripture and sense of God in the beauty of creation. Come and be uplifted by an afternoon of inspirational music. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the restoration of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington. Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021. Time: 2pm-3pm. Venue: St Mary's College School Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington. Tickets: \$30.00 ea. Email 26sept21concert@gmail.com or ring Josie on 021 066 8538 or the Cathedral Parish Office (04) 496 1700.

A Musical Evening with Fr Chris Skinner

Supported by St Catherine's College students, at 7pm on Sunday 22 August at St Joseph's Church, Ellice St, Mt Victoria. \$20 cash at door or go on line to www.trybooking.co.nz/HZW. Booking fee is 30 cents. Fr Chris's CDs will be available to purchase www.chrisskinner.org.nz

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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