

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

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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

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.

31 October 2021, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

A magazine I came across reported how the director of a funeral parlour asked his clients. "If you are allowed to bring along a small suitcase when you die, what would you put into it?" All kind of answers came up, Wedding ring, trophy, photos of the family, a few odds and ends. When asked the funeral director he answered, Surely the most precious thing in life. Which what would that be? The scribe wanted to know exactly that: Which is the first of all the commandments?" Which thing matters most?

The wisest teacher and counsellor, Jesus, gives an answer that is clear, precise and firm. "First love God, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; second, love your neighbour as yourself. Nothing is greater than these." The scribe feels that Jesus has articulated what is deepest in his own heart. "You are right. Approved." Would I also agree wholeheartedly with Jesus?

Jesus was not the only Jewish teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. These commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish understanding. Jesus response to his questioners proposed and integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish law. Love of God finds expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus teaching that the commandments to love God and neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the temple. With this dialogue Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. St. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

Indeed the scribe gets his priorities right. For him, the top priority, the guiding principle and ideal in life, is loving God with all his heart and loving his neighbour as himself. When we practice that, the reign of God is becoming a reality in our world today. There is no greater commandment than these.

Finally this is our way we find amid so many duties to God and neighbour." if you are obliged to go to prayer when your neighbour asks for herb tea, first give him the herb tea!

Just remember, you never see a hearse with a trailer! Or a shroud with a pocket!!

All Souls day Tuesday 2nd Nov. Remember to pray for the Holy Souls. Masses. 7.30am. 12.05pm.

Sister Frances Gibbs—Pastoral Worker

Synod Workshop

St Mary of the Angels Parish will be holding a Synod Workshop at St Joseph's Church on 20 November at 2pm until 4pm. If you would like to attend please register by contacting the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email office.manager@smoa.org.nz. You can find information on the Synod by visiting the Archdiocese website on the Synod www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28

This one because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm: 145

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection: \$2,210

Automatic Payments: \$2,685

Total: \$4,895

All Souls Mass at St Joseph's Church

The All Souls Mass at St Joseph's will be held on Tuesday 2 November at 8.30am.

Covid Alert Level 2

While we are at Alert Level 2 ALL Masses and Reconciliation times, except the 5.15pm Weekday Mass, are running as per the normal timetable, with no restrictions to numbers.

The following is still in place:

- ◆ Communion under one kind only, therefore no Precious Blood is to be distributed
- ◆ No physical contact at the Sign of Peace
- ◆ Communion on the hand only

Mass has been offered for:

Recently deceased: Brendan Gilmore, Shan Fonseka, Simon Lai

Anniversaries: Stephen Reidy

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



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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Responsorial Psalm 17

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
he has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**



Di-li-gam te Domi-ne forti-tudo me-a.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength

All Saints & All Souls Mass at St Mary of the Angels Church

If you are interested in attending the Midday Mass for All Saints (1 November) and/or the All Souls Mass (2 November) please register your attendance through the Parish Office so we can keep to Alert Level 2 Restrictions.

Global Synod—The Time is Now!

Pope Francis wants to hear from you! The diocesan phase of the global Synod has begun, and we have until Sunday 12 December 2021 to make our voices heard. Get together with friends and family, reach out to those who no longer feel connected to the Church and invite them to take part. Pope Francis really wants to hear from them too. Individual submissions are welcome. Visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod or contact your parish office for reflection materials, questions and ways you can respond.

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Sunday Masses

We have been given the all clear to go ahead with Sunday Masses by using a registration system provided by the Archdiocese to keep numbers to 100 maximum. Please visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/mass-registrations/ and complete the form to register for the Mass of your choice. Registrations are open from 9am Wednesday to 12pm Friday. If your preferred Mass is full this system allows you to see other Masses with spaces available in the area. If you do not have access to the Archdiocese website or are having trouble you can call the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 to book.

Guided Tour of the Early Catholic Section at Kaori Cemetery

Held on 2 November 2021 at 1.30pm-2.30pm. \$10 per person (children under 12 free). Places can be booked by emailing friendsofkaroricemeterytours@gmail.com or just turn up on the day. Gather at the wooden shelter building to start the tour – 100 meters inside the main gate. For further information see www.friendsofkaroricemetery.co.nz

Music Coordinator/ Leader

Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral Parish, Wellington, seeks applications for the new part time, position of Music Coordinator/ Leader. This is a part-time, 15 hours per week, fixed term 10-month contract. Written application, enclosing a Curriculum Vitae, position description, and enquiries to Debbie Matheson, the Parish Leader, at d.matheson@wn.catholic.org.nz. Applications close 30 November 2021.

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Held by Zoom on Sundays at 3pm.
Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260
Passcode: hra2h3

St Mary of the Angels Carpark

The carpark at St Mary of the Angels is now closed to Parishioners from Monday to Friday. The Church carpark will be available to Parishioners during the day on Saturdays and Sundays.

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

Sunday Masses Being Livestreamed

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.

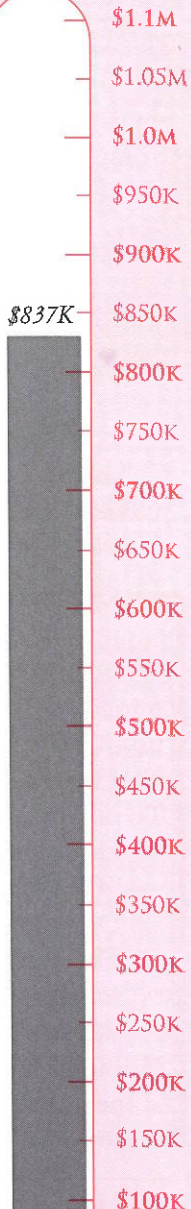
Fr Tony from Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga intends to live-stream each Sunday at 10.30 am until we can gather again at LEVEL 1. The link to these Masses is <https://www.tributes.co.nz/ViewMyTribute.aspx?id=16621>. If you missed the Mass (or any future ones they are available if you chose the link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

Solemn Vespers for the Feast of All Saints

St Mary of the Angels will celebrate the ancient Feast of All Saints with First Vespers on **Sunday October 31** at 7.30pm in the church. The choir will sing the Latin Gregorian antiphons, psalms, hymn and canticle for the day, with the Magnificat, in a setting by Palestrina. Please join us for this beautiful and solemn liturgy.

PARISH CENTRE APPEAL



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH CENTRE FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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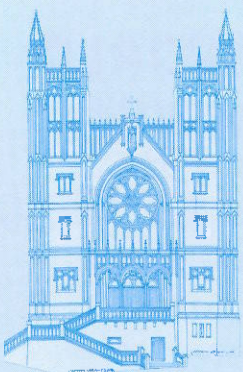
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LifeTeen Wellington

We are LifeTeen Wellington, a youth group based in Newtown. We will be taking a group of young people to our yearly summer camp in January 2022, we will spend camp with other groups all around New Zealand. This year camp is based in Hamilton. If anyone in the community wants to sponsor one or multiple of our teens to get to camp please let me know.

If you are interested in sponsoring us or have any questions, you can get in contact with me on 0223790577 or lifeteenwellington@gmail.com

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are available to purchase from the Parish Office during the week for \$12

Hearts Aflame Needs Your Support

Hearts Aflame is a national Catholic event for young adults that has been running for 30 years. At Hearts, people are drawn into a deeper relationship with Christ through the Sacraments, formation, and community. Many participants describe it as life-changing. With the 30th anniversary coming up, the Hearts Aflame Planning Team invites parishioners to support this event. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the website at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/donate. Above all, prayer is always appreciated!

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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