

1ST AUGUST 2010 : 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Claudio Monteverdi 'Vespers 400'

400 years ago there was published a collection of sacred music dedicated to '*Sanctissimae Virgini*' – 'the most Holy Virgin'. Composed by Claudio Monteverdi, the so-called 'Father of Opera', it has become known as the 'Vespers of 1610'. On this 400th anniversary what better venue could there be than our Church of St Mary of the Angels to celebrate a live performance of this unique work of Monteverdi.

The Psalms for Vespers together with Sacred Concertos make up the work. They will be sung by the 10 solo voices of Baroque Voices accompanied by an 18-piece orchestra made of instruments specified by Monteverdi. Some will look familiar: the violins, recorders and trombones. The most unusual sound will be that of the 'cornetto', a wooden instrument fingered like a recorder but with a mouthpiece like a trumpet. It has a wonderful sound and we will bring players from Auckland and Melbourne who have mastered it. There will be two pipe organs in the Sanctuary from where the performance will take place and two 'theorbos' – gigantic lutes with necks elongated to accommodate bass strings of a metre and a half in length. Our choir will sing the plainsong antiphons to the psalms

There are very few opportunities to hear a live performance of this piece or this kind of orchestral sound so we expect large crowds. The work will be performed on Saturday 14 August and Sunday 15 August at 7.00pm. If you want to know more there is a display at the Public Library where some of the instruments can be seen and there is a website with more information: www.vespers400.org.nz Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

Recently Deceased. John Sayers

Anniversaries Patrick Franklin,
James Baird, Zita Outtrim, Patricia Goulter,
Lee Pledger, Colleen Ruakera, Jim Williams,
Maria Streefland, Gertrude Healy, Ted Healy,
Alan Wilson, Nazaria De La Cruz, Barry Kiely.

Special Intentions 2

Prayers for the Sick Oinah Macpherson,
Patricia Smyth, Cecilia Dickson, Da Van Luyn,
Des Cartright, Ron Blair, Dulcie Campbell,
Anna Zonotti, Joan O'Neill, Carolyne Collins,
Nomaza Sidima-Jacob, Kath Cosgrave,

Pat Smith, Peter Tawhaki, Angela Hong, Paul Rajan,
Maria Kasperowicz, Mary Egan, Marie McWilliams,
Mary Jarvis, Bill Prior, Peter Schmidt, Jan Tuinman.

Our Place in the Future Church

A one day workshop presented by the Fr Neil Darragh, to be held at Connolly Hall, Guildford Tee on **Sunday 5 September** from 11am to 4.30pm. Tea and coffee provided. For information and enrolments contact Sr Judith McGinley OP 477 0751.

Baptism

We welcome into the Catholic Community
Eva Elizabeth McEwan
daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey McEwan who will be baptised in our Church today. We assure her and her family of our prayers.

Social Justice Winter Dialogue Series 2010 Cultural Diversity

The Social Justice Group of the Wellington Central Cluster has arranged a winter lecture series linked to the theme of cultural diversity which has been selected by Caritas for their social justice week in September 2010. The series is being hosted at St Joseph's Church, Ellice Street, Mt Victoria from 7.30pm-9pm. Each session involves an address of around 30 minutes followed by the opportunity for questions and discussion and concludes with supper.

The speaker at the third session on **Wednesday, 18 August 2010**, will be Henare Walmsley, kaumātua of Te Kainga, which cares for and looks after the needs of Māori Catholics in the Wellington Archdiocese. He will speak about the unique aspects of Te Kainga, its waiata, rituals and protocols. All are welcome. A koha on the night to support refugee children who have psychological and therapeutic needs would be appreciated. For any queries phone Marie on 3849891 or email marie.kearney@hotmail.com

Lost & Found

We have a selection of hats scarves, reading glasses etc in our Lost & Found box. To enquire please contact the Parish Office on 473 8074.