

For Your Diaries : 2016

9 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

10 December, Book Launch

All are invited to join Cardinal John Dew for a unique book launch at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington on Saturday 10 December at 7pm. The book, "There is a time for..." edited by Fr James Lyons, has over 40 contributors, encouraging prayer around everyday happenings, annoyances, successes, disappointments, losses, celebrations...

11 December, *Inspirare* Christmas Concert

7.30pm Sunday 11 December at St Andrews on the Terrace. Tickets available online through Eventfinder - \$25/\$30. Wellington's newest choral ensemble, will be presenting their second concert, "Tidings of Joy". Our holiday concert will feature Catherine Norton at the piano, 2 trumpets, carol sing-a-longs, and *Altissime*, a girls choir from Marsden Collegiate in Karori. Come and fill your hearts and souls with the magic and traditions of the holiday season as *Inspirare* presents "Tidings of Joy!"

14 December, Carols with the Angels

Our annual Carols with the Angels will be held on Wednesday 14th December, 7.30pm at St John's Presbyterian Church, corner Willis and Dixon St. Come and sing your favourite carols, with our friends the Salvation Army Band, and hear the Choir and Young Angel Voices.

15 December, Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Christmas Celebration

Wellington extends a warm invitation to everyone to join them for Mass and supper on Thursday 15th of December at 7:30pm in Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the Sacred Heart Cathedral). Please bring some food to share! Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart For more info contact John Taylor (04) 389-8915, 021-107-8538, jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz

16 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

17 December, Palliser Viols concert at Futuna Chapel

Palliser Viols are giving an end of year concert in Futuna Chapel on Saturday 17th December, at 4pm. The repertoire includes dances and fantasias by Philips, Ward, Dering, Jenkins, Lawes, Ferrabosco, & Brade for 5-part viol consort. The stunning acoustic and ambience of Futuna Chapel is perfect for the sound of viols. The concert will last for about an hour. Tickets at the door: \$25 (\$15 students)

23 December, Advent Meditations

A 20-minute following midday Mass in the Parish Hall.

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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

MASS TIMES

Sunday

7am St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
9am Sacred Heart Cathedral
12pm St John's Presbyterian Church
5pm St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

Monday to Friday

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
7:30am, 12:05pm & 5:15pm

Saturday

11am St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall
11am Mass 4th Saturday of each month

ADORATION

St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall

Monday to Friday 6:45am - 7:30am

Friday 11:00am - 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

St Mary of the Angels Presbytery

Monday to Thursday 11:30am - 12:00pm

12:30pm - 1:00pm

4:30pm - 5:00pm

Friday

11:00am - 12:00pm

12:30pm - 1:00pm

4:30pm - 5:00pm

Saturday

10:30am - 11:00am

4:00pm - 5:00pm

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4 December 2016, 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

Farewell - Jal Gayo

Today we farewell Anastasia Kim. Anastasia and her two young sons, Romano and Marcellino came to New Zealand primarily for the children's education. Anastasia joined the Korean community at St Mary of the Angels and was baptized, confirmed and received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter 2002. Her young sons were baptized at the same time.

During her time in New Zealand Anastasia has been a very loyal and committed member of the Parish. She attends the mid-day Mass on Sundays with other members of the Korean community and has been a very active member of the Korean community as a leader of one of the bible sharing groups. She has made a very significant contribution to our Parish over these past 14 years. We will greatly miss Anastasia as she returns to Korea.

We know she will come back because her sons, now educated and living independently will continue to live here. We look forward to seeing you often as she comes to visit them.

Thank you Anastasia for all you have done for the Parish. It is a reminder to us how blessed we are to have the Korean community and so many other cultures as part of our Parish community.

Seismic Strengthening Cook Book Fundraiser

Over the past year three of our parishioners have been compiling a cook book of favourite family recipes from within the parish. We are pleased to announce that the cook book - **Recipes for Restoration** - is back from the printers and ready to sell as a fundraiser for our seismic strengthening work.

Recipes for Restoration will be available at all Masses this week. The basic cost of the book is \$30. This price covers the cost of printing and makes a small contribution to the seismic strengthening fund. However, we invite you to pay what you can for the book with the assurance that all funds go toward the seismic strengthening.

This book is a 'must have' for every parishioner's kitchen, and a great gift for others for Christmas.

We need parishioners to help sell these books. Please consider taking some copies and asking your friends to buy them and that way you will be helping with the restoration of the Church.

Father Barry Scannell s.m. (Parish Priest)

This Week's Readings

First Reading Is 11:1-10
He judges the poor with justice.

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9
Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Is 35:1-6. 10

Psalm 145

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

Responsorial Psalm 71

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace fore ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all the nations bless his name. **R**



Or-i- e-tur in di- ebus e-jus justi-ti- a-



et abundanti- a pa-cis.

In his days shall justice spring up, and abundance of peace.

Columban Calendars

2017 Columban Calendars are available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$12 each. All proceeds go toward supporting St Columban's Mission Society.

Prayer for Seismic Strengthening Work

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 beautiful Church 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 Church be a symbol of a unified community that will gather to praise and thank you.

Mary our Mother, pray for us.

Carols with the Angels

7.30pm Wednesday 14 December

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Friday Advent Mediations

After midday Mass each Friday throughout this Advent season, singers from our choir will lead a 20-minute meditation with prayers and chant. This prayerful time of reflection proclaims the Great 'O' Antiphons, the prophet Isaiah's foretelling of the coming of Christ. All are most welcome.



St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group (SMAYACs)

The SMAYACs welcome all students and young adults in the Parish to join them in their upcoming events:

Thursday 15th December - Prayer Group: following 5.15pm Mass in SMOA Parish Hall. Afterward we go downtown for something to eat. For more info contact: smayacs@gmail.com or search for St Mary of the Angels Young Adults on Facebook.

30 December - 8 January, Hearts Aflame Summer Camp: A ten day Catholic summer school that is open to young adults aged 18 to 35. It is a place of learning about the Catholic faith, with daily lectures and teaching sessions on official Church teaching and Catholic spirituality. Previous Hearts Aflame summer schools have covered: moral theology, philosophy, apologetics, sexuality, pro-life issues, prayer, Scripture, Church history, marriage, vocations, Theology of the Body, Eucharistic theology, lives of the Saints, Divine Mercy, bio-ethics, true feminism, the role of the laity, covenantal theology, liturgy – Visit heartsaflame.org.nz for more info and to register.

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Palliser Viols is: Lisa Beech, Sophia Acheson, treble viols; Jane Brown, Robert Oliver, tenor viols; Imogen Granwal, bass viol.

The Christmas and Holiday timetable will be available at all Masses next week. Please take a copy so that you will know when and where Masses are over the holiday period, or visit our website: www.smoa.org.nz

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,413



St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards

St Mary of the Angels Christmas Cards are now available for purchase either after Mass on Sunday or from the Parish Office.

A6 \$15 for a pack of 12
DLE \$15 for a pack of 12

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Fletcher, Mgr John Broadbent, Sr Maureen McBride RNDM, Catherine Heatley, Jozef Glowazc

Anniversaries: Su-Yen Bok, Zilla Gini, James O'Neill, Joan O'Shea, Grace Smith, Nora Johnson, Melva Gould, Michael McMullen, Fr Peter Kiley sm, Veronica Rigby, Marjorie Fietsma, Fred Scood, William Jenkins, Frances Haughey, James Coyle

Prayers for the Sick: Melda Townsley, Don Hayes, Jenni Rowell, Jeanette Parker, Teresa Jeong, Dr Peter Brooke, Patricia McGreevy, Clem Cull, Fr Fred Bliss sm, Maureen Ayling, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Maureen McDonald, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Ron McDonald, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan, John Mora, Maria Kim.

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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