

5 DECEMBER 2010 : 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

Revised Roman Missal

We have now been using the new responses at Mass for the past week. It will take us some time to get used to the new wording. There have been a few comments about the translation but that is something we can do nothing about. It is a matter of accepting the new changes and getting on with integrating them into our liturgy. We need to have generous hearts because any change is always challenging.

Christmas Function

It is usual at this time of the year to have a small function to thank all of you who have been so generous with ministries in our Parish during the year. However, because of the disruption caused by the earthquake strengthening and refurbishment of the Presbytery, the function will be held just prior to Easter 2011

Thank you

A sincere thanks to those who attended the Advent Carol Service last Sunday evening when we hosted St John's Presbyterian Church. It was a magnificent occasion and the two choirs were outstanding. Special thanks to those who arranged the supper and get together after the Service. It is always a grace filled time when we gather to pray with other Christian Churches in our City.

Fr Barry Scannell

Parish Priest

Wednesday 15 December 7.30 pm Carols with the Angels

At St. Mary of the Angels. This annual event is jointly organised by the Friends of St. Mary of the Angels Charitable Trust and the St. Mary of the Angels' Choir. Veteran broadcaster Ian Johnstone is again generously contributing his skills as host. The Wellington Citadel Salvation Army Band also returns and our Maxwell Fernie Organ will of course be a major feature. The programme will include Fr. Chris Skinner SM singing carols from his Christmas Carols collection and items from the St. Mary of the Angels' Choir (including our new 'Young Angel Voices' junior choir).

There will be a collection during the evening going towards meeting the costs of our presbytery building's earthquake strengthening and refurbishment.

During the evening children will be invited to come forward to place small gifts under the Christmas tree. Adults are also invited to place a gift if they do not have children present. Gifts should notate on the outside whether for a boy or girl and the age range of the gift. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will distribute these gifts to needy families in the wider community.

'Carols with the Angels' is open to everyone and promises to be an enjoyable and spiritual Christmas event. Seats are available on a first come basis so please be early. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this wonderful Christmas occasion.

Praying Advent for Christmas

You are invited to contemplate the
Mystery of Christ in Song and Silence
Through the *O Antiphons* and *Marian Hymns*
Of the Church's ancient Advent Liturgy

**Thursdays of Advent (Dec. 9, 16, 23)
12.30 to 12.50pm** (after 12.05 Mass)

Singing will be led by the choir of St Mary of the Angels

Every Sunday 12.30pm Traditional Latin Mass at St Mary of the Angels. Enquiries: Neil 021 896924

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Nora Johnston, Kerry O'Connor, Josiane Tuyuarts

Anniversaries: Pierrine Salducci, Nora Runton, James Ambrose, Sarah Pachayamal

Prayers for the Sick: Patricia Smyth, Ron Blair, Cecilia Dickson, Da Van Luyn, Oinah Macpherson, Maria Kasperowicz, Dulcie Campbell, David Campbell, Mary Egan, Des Cartright, Paul Carr, Jan Tuinman, Carolyne Collins, Anna Zonotti, Marion Hyland, Helen Havasi, Nomaza Sidima-Jacob, Paul Rajan, Peter Schmidt, Mary Jarvis, Angela Hong, Peter Tawhaki, Imelda Reeve, Stephanie Carr, Paul Giles, Vicki McPhee, Kathleen Roskam, Alexandra Southeran, Marianna Grinskis, Jameson Sinclair.