

For Your Diaries : 2016

10 April, Legion of Mary Annual Acies

The Annual Acies (Consecration Service) in honour of our Blessed Lady will take place at 2pm today, Sunday 10 April, at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. All Catholics and Auxiliary members are invited to attend this moving ceremony. The preacher will be Fr Francis De'Souza.

16 April, Bach Choir Concert

The title of the Bach Choir's first concert for 2016 comes from Parry's anthem "Hear my words, ye people", a work for choir, soloists and organ which finishes with his own hymn tune "Laudate Dominum" (O praise ye the Lord). The programme also includes music by Purcell, Mozart and James Whitbourn. 7pm Saturday 16 April St Peter's on Willis St. Tickets \$30/\$20 or \$10 tertiary students with ID. Eventfinder/choir members door sales. www.bachchoirwellington.org.nz

16 April, Copyright Workshop for Liturgical Ministry and Finance

10am-11.30am Saturday 16 April at Plimmerton Parish Hall. A workshop for musicians, liturgy teams, PowerPoint editors and those administering payment for copyright licensing. The presentation will present an initiative that may offer all a way to solve the copyright nightmare and provide access to a range of resources for musicians.

16-17 April, St Francis de Sales Church Golden Jubilee Celebration

10am Saturday 16 April - Memorial Mass with Fr Paul Shannahan SM, whose first appointment was to St Francis de Sales in 1965, to pray for deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives and friends. All are welcome! 10am Sunday 17 April - Thanksgiving Mass with Cardinal John Dew - 50 years to the day the Church building was blessed and opened by Archbishop McKeefry. All are welcome! For more info please phone 383 8625 or email office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

17 April, Eco Theology book launch

We are delighted to invite anyone from the parish to attend the launch of 'Living in the planet earth: Faith communities and ecology' edited by Fr Neil Darragh and published by Accent. Some prominent Wellington writers will be in attendance. Guest speaker Professor Jonathan Boston. The launch will take place at 8pm Sunday 17 April, following the 7pm Mass at the Wellington Catholic Cathedral in Hill St. Drinks and finger food provided. Contact Catherine Gibbs c.gibbs@tci.ac.nz for more information.

24 April, St Vincent de Paul Book Fair

Come along to the St Vincent de Paul Book Fair on Sunday 24th April, 9am - 3pm. St Anne's Hall, Emmett St, Newtown. Grab yourself a bargain while supporting the local community. All proceeds go towards funding the St Vincent de Paul welfare programme.

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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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10 April 2016, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

Be Merciful

Included in the Angelus today is a Pastoral Letter from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops on the 'Year of Mercy'. I commend this letter to each of you for reflection and prayer as we respond to Pope Francis's call to be a 'Church of Mercy'.

On Friday Pope Francis released his document on the 'Synod on the Family'. As you know Cardinal John was part of a small group at the Synod who were tasked with writing a document about the Synod'. Cardinal John writes:

'One day when the ten of us were working, the door opened and Pope Francis walked in, unannounced, and with no security staff. He sat down and said'.

"I am deeply worried about the family, give me something I can use, something to encourage families with."

Cardinal John continues: 'I am sure his document will be very encouraging and I am sure it will be a pastoral letter, focused on the realities of family life in very diverse situations. It will be a reflection on the Year of Mercy'.

Tax Receipts

Planned Giving receipts for the 2015-2016 Financial Year are available for collection at all Masses today. Receipts are filed alphabetically by surname. Receipts will also be available for collection from the Parish Office throughout the week, and again at all Masses next Sunday. All uncollected receipts will be posted on Friday 22nd April 2016 - please contact the Parish Office if your postal details have recently changed.

Receipts will also be issued for those parishioners who are contributing to the Seismic Strengthening of the Church using the automatic payment method. If you have any queries please ring our accountant Jeanette Temelo. She works in the Parish Office on Mondays and Fridays.

Seismic Strengthening Tax Receipts

Thank you to all who have donated to the Seismic Strengthening work for the Church. Some donors made direct debit donations into the Seismic Strengthening account, however, we do not have your address details. If you have not received a receipt for taxation purposes for any donation you have made via direct debit could you please contact the Parish Office.

Father Barry Scannell sm (Parish Priest)

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading Apocalypse 5:11-14
The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel Reading John 21:1-19
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 99

Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

Gospel Reading John 10:27-30

Responsorial Psalm 29

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you how love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**



Exaltabo te Domi-ne, quo-ni- am susce-pis-ti me.

I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou has upheld me.

Confirmation Programme for Adults

The St Mary of the Angels Confirmation for Adults Programme begins this **Tuesday 12th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall**. If you have not been Confirmed, or know someone who would like to be, please register your interest with the Parish Office this week.

Registration forms are available at all Masses today and from the Parish Office during the week. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or to a member of the Pastoral Team. For more information please contact Fr Joe Saveasi (dennys4life@hotmail.com) or one of the Pastoral Team.

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.

Grandparents' Ministry

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society!" - Pope Francis

Are you a grandparent? Have you ever wondered how you can help pass on the faith to your grandchildren in our world today? The Centre for Marriage and Family would like to invite you to a ministry to promote the role of grandparents and to support and value them in its mission of Passing on the Faith and to Keep Prayer at the Heart of Family Life. There will be a meeting on **Thursday, April 28, 7:30pm** at 29 Guadeloupe Crescent Grenada Village, Wellington.

We hope for your prayers and/or presence as we look towards forming this new ministry to help pass on the faith to future generations of New Zealanders through the ministry of grandparents.

St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group (SMAYACs)

If you are a new or returning student or young adult to Wellington, you are very welcome to join the St Mary of the Angels Young Adults Group.

Upcoming Events:

15 April, 5.15pm: TGIF! - Mass at SMOA Parish Hall followed by dinner out.

21 April, 6pm: Prayer Group - SMOA Parish Hall

24 April, 6.30pm: Theology on Tap - Hotel Bristol, 131 Cuba St. Speaker: Peter Yung (Family Life International)

May & June: Life in the Spirit Seminar Series Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May, & 1st, 8th June (six weeks total). St Thomas More Church in Wilton. A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus.

St Mary of the Angels Choir

The St Mary of the Angels Choir is seeking new members. The choir sings Gregorian chant and polyphony at the 12pm Mass each Sunday. If you would like to join the choir please contact Robert Oliver: phone 934 2296 or email robert.oliver@paradise.net.nz or say hello to one of the friendly choir members after Mass. There is no audition!

Mary Potter Hospice Collection Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for people who are interested in volunteering as collectors during our annual appeal on Friday 20th, and Saturday 21st of May 2016.

Mary Potter Hospice provide free palliative to people living with life limiting conditions and their families, across Wellington, Porirua and the Kapiti Coast.

People who give their time to Hospice are vital – without our generous volunteers them we cannot maintain our excellent level of care. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Brooke Singer 04 381 0465 Brooke.Singer@marypotter.org.nz or register online at www.marypotter.org.nz/support-us/events/annual-street-collection/

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$4,877



Planned Giving

If you are not part of the Planned Giving programme you are very welcome to contribute to the Parish in this way. A tax rebate of 33.3% may be claimed on all your contributions.

There are two ways to contribute to the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme;

- Direct Credit
- Planned Giving Envelopes

We really need the generosity of all parishioners at this time of real financial challenge. For more information or to become a Planned Giver please contact the Parish Office.

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Clint Ell, Delia Williams

Anniversaries: Beverley Ashton, Denis Boyd, Deidre Sweeney, Fr Michael Tomasi sm, Joan Smart, Mavis Henderson-Newport, Anita Rae, Fr Mark Beban sm, Fr Jim Beban sm, Margaret Hyland, Gerard O'Brien, Birja Nand, Leo Connolly

Prayers for the Sick: Kerry Duncan, Greta Fernie, Maureen Ayling, Denis O'Neill, Im Seon Ao, Paul Barber, Bill Prior, Richard Wright, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, Maureen McDonald, John Foden, Joanna Veltman, Imelda Reeve, Jan Tuinman, Kathleen Phelan, Jeanette Parker

Please remember in your prayers, these and the other sick of the Parish. If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

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